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BOE Will Hold Three Meetings Monday Evening

Cunningham USD #332
Board of Education Meeting
Monday, September 12, 2022
6:40 p.m.
AGENDA
Call to Order
Approval of Agenda (AI)
Guest Recognition
Review of Mills in excess of Revenue Neutral Rate
Approve RNR Resolution (AI)
Adjournment

Cunningham USD #332
Board of Education Meeting
Monday, September 12, 2022
6:50 p.m.
AGENDA
Call to Order
Approval of Agenda (AI)
Guest Recognition
Budget hearing.
Adjournment

Cunningham USD #332
Board of Education Meeting
Monday, September 12, 2022
7:00 p.m.
AGENDA
Call to Order
Approval of Agenda (AI)
Guest Recognition
Approval of the minutes of the August 8, 2022 regular meeting. (AI)
Approval of financial reports and payment of bills (AI)
Randy Ford- Audit Report Reports
Superintendent report – Robert Reed
Principal report- Cody Dunlap
Special Ed report – Travis Thimesch
Executive Session for Nonelected personnel.
Old Business
Bond Project
New Business (AI)
Resolution to adopt LOB Budget
Adopt the Budget for 2022-2023
Approve positions.
Other
Adjournment



Junior High Cheer Squad:
Front and center: **Andi Young**
Middle row standing: **Kourtni Fischer, Nora Huff, Macy Neufeld**
Top row: **Maelyn Jump, Sage Thimesch, Katie Ogg**
photo by Nicole Kerschen

Takeaways from August City Council Meeting

The meeting was held in the Community Center. The council approved the agenda and the minutes from July's meeting.

They passed the Resolution for the Revenue Neutral Rate and the budget.

The auditor was there and said she could find no violations in the budget. Expenditures were under budget, and the city needs to be aware of income from the utilities. *(Sorry, the editor wasn't catching all the information on that. I just remember her saying something about watching the utilities.)*

Don Hellar spoke to the council about the need for financial assistance with the new insurance rates for the Community Center. The value of the building increased significantly, which caused the insurance rates to jump by almost three times what they have been. Strong's Insurance would want to see a non-alcoholic beverage contract in place for community center usage.

Pride wants to plant a Christmas tree at Dafforn Park. More information was needed.

SCTelcom representatives were there to let the council know what they have learned since the last meeting. There is a great deal of interest by the people of Cunningham for this telecommunication company to come to town, however they need more interest in the northeast part of town, which is currently their target area.

Harold Stark gave his fire department report. Volunteer firefighters, Max Wegerer and Tyler Beat were there as

well. Mr. Stark reported that the department had been called to five fires since the last council meeting in July: one for mutual aid for Reno County; one for a downed power line; one for a brush fire; one for mutual aid for a Kingman structure fire, and one other request from Kingman.

Equipment has been repaired. Namely radios, headlights, and batteries.

The Council discussed a hearing requested by Cunningham Auto Service. They decided to have Judge Mathas hear the case as a representative for the local government.

The council agreed to have manhole 45 terminated as it is an unused sewer line. This is the line that went to the old Wilson place *(where the current parking lot is located.)*

The council approved the football lease with the school.

Jackie Ruckle gave an update on city clean up. Fences not meeting code are coming down, but there are new complaints about trash and debris in yards and yards in need of mowing.

Molly gave an update on the swimming pool. The swim classes offered this summer were a great hit, and she has applied for a grant to get more equipment for classes in the future.

Molly also gave a review of the planning and zoning meeting in August. *(I tried to take notes, but got lost somewhere. I remember car ports, front porches and fences.)*

The approved and official minutes of the council will be in the paper on the 29th of this month.

Kansas Total August Tax Receipts \$23.5 Million More Than August 2021

TOPEKA – Governor Laura Kelly announced today that Kansas' August total tax receipts were \$652.5 million. Those receipts were \$11.2 million more than the estimate and \$23.5 million, or 3.7%, more than August 2021.

"It is because of strong revenues and fiscal responsibility that we have been able to cut property and grocery taxes, strengthen infrastructure, fund law enforcement, and fully fund public education," said Governor Laura Kelly. "For the 25th consecutive month, we have met or exceeded the revenue estimate, showing that we are providing businesses a stable economic environment to grow and succeed."

Individual income tax collections were \$307.3 million, or 2.4%, more than the estimate. Corporate income

tax collections were \$15.5 million, or 3.1%, more than the estimate.

August retail sales tax collections were \$239.6 million, or 1.9%, greater than the estimate. This amount is also \$13.1 million, or 5.8%, greater than August 2021. Compensating use tax collections were \$63.3 million, which is \$1.7 million less than the estimate, but 8.2%, or \$4.8 million, greater than August 2021. When viewed in the aggregate, sales and compensating use tax receipts are \$17.9 million, or 6.3%, greater than August 2021.

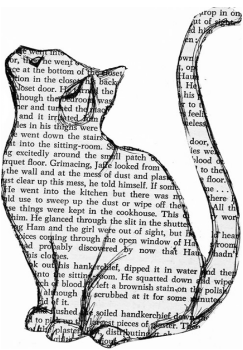
To view the tax receipts spreadsheet for August visit this site:

https://governor.kansas.gov/wp-content/uploads/2022/09/02_August_Revenue_FY2023_09-01-2022_Final-1.pdf



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Meanderings

Readers of Meanderings, I had planned on one more story about challenged books. I'm just too tired this evening. I hadn't started my column until now and it is 11:31 p.m. I am not going to have this done by midnight...I don't reckon. And trying to reprise a story from 20 years ago, may take more thinking than this tired old brain can do. Warning: Whatever you read in this column this week, stays in this column because I am dead tired. The rest of

the paper is done. Pages 7 -14 have been sent on to the printer, and as soon as I get this done, I'll be sending pages 1 -6.

Yesterday this paper was coming together so perfectly. I had everything downloaded that I wanted to put in and was a couple of extra pieces in case I needed some filler. I was just waiting on a few things: sheriff's report, photos of ball games, sports write-ups, maybe something from one of the classes at school.

Well, it is the first edition since sports contests started and it will take some time to get into a routine. Other things come up in our lives and worrying about a newspaper deadline isn't really a life event to fuss about. So I made do. And we will all like it.

I spent part of the day Saturday at the Zenda celebration. I have taken

up a hobby of sorts and decided to see what I could sell at the craft fair there.

Over the last couple of months I've been spending a few hours with Louise Armstrong learning about card crafting. i.e. making greeting cards. Louise is very creative with the cards she sells at Fitzsimmons Insurance, and I asked her to teach me a few tricks. Now I'm addicted, and she's my dealer.

I currently have three addictions: reading, newspapering and card making. It is a good thing I've never tried drugs I appear to be a person who takes to addictions easily.

I did better at the Zenda craft fair than I thought I would. I am encouraged, anyway, to try the Kingman Fall Festival craft fair. I got paper work and money sent in, and I plan on being there. I am scheduled

to work at the library that morning, but I'm hoping another volunteer will help me out by working for me.

If you are in need of greeting card here in Cunningham, visit Fitzsimmons Insurance and buy some of Louise's cards. If you are in Pratt and shopping, stop at Karen (Beat) Hampton's Market 54 on Main and buy a card or two (one of mine, please).

If you are in Kingman, you can stop by Mercantile on Main and purchase my cards there. My little cards aren't as cheap as Dollar Store cards, but they are unique and made with care. I've yet to make any two the same. There are similarities/themes, but every card is different.

After spending the morning sitting with Renee Adelhardt at our craft fair booths, I went to

the parade down Zenda's Main Street and I took many, many photos. It was exhausting work. I am too old to stand in the heat for more than an hour with a camera and take photos.

I wanted to visit the library sale, but I was too tired after the parade. I didn't even get a bite to eat as I just wanted to go home, take a shower and a nap and call it a day.

So I wrapped things up a bit after 1 in the afternoon,

Of course, I couldn't get all the photos on the pages of The Courier, but there are many on pages 6 and 7. I didn't put any script with them, as I don't know everyone in the photos, and writing would have taken up a bunch of room and there would have been fewer photos. Everyone loves pictures in the newspaper.

I figure the folks in Zenda will know every-

one in the photos, and those not from Zenda will find plenty to talk about with the old cars and tractors and trucks and...

It really was a time well spent there Saturday morning.

I will look forward to the next celebration in 5 years.

Always reading whatever I want, And currently reading, "Greenwitch" By Susan Cooper Roberta

"When we are tired, we are attacked by ideas we conquered long ago." — Friedrich Nietzsche

"If you wake up tired, you've been chasing dreams. If you go to bed tired, your making your dreams happen."

— Benny Bellamacina, The King of Rhyme

Tallgrass and Tumbleweeds by Gaille Pike

Dear Readers, This week, I gained a new appreciation of our national treasure, the Dwight D. Eisenhower National System of Interstate and Defense Highways. Had we stuck to the backroads I prefer, this venture would not have been possible. It was our Interstate Highway System that allowed my partner and I to accomplish so much in so little time in places

so far apart, successfully completing project goals, punctually meeting with prospective clients, and enjoying the company of friends. I am glad the interstate stretches around Dallas and Houston are not my daily commute. But I tell you what, I discovered 1.6 miles I adored in Louisiana, on Interstate 210. If I lived there, I'd take the Lake Charles Bypass whether I needed to or not.

And that's because it is a thrilling drive into the sky to cross the Israel LaFleur Bridge.

Miscommunication abounds when discussing this bridge because Lake Charles has an older, steeper (and reportedly scarily unsafe) one. And even once you clarify you are talking about the I-210 bridge, many consider crossing it no big deal. Here's why: when approached from the Southeast, this bridge arcs so gently to its 140 feet apex that you barely notice your vehicle is rising above the water. But when you meet the Israel LaFleur Bridge from the Northwest, that sucker

takes your breath away as it goes straight rocket up. I wanted to touch that bright blue out my window but there were two reasons I did not. The air outside my car was already crazy Louisiana late-August hot and humid and given that my vehicle was one of more than 42,000 that cross this bridge every day, it seemed best to keep both hands on the wheel.

Crossing the Israel LaFleur Bridge marked the start of my 32 hours in Lake Charles. I expected to enjoy my first visit to Louisiana. But I never anticipated that my experiences in and around this city would affect me

so deeply. Though the vistas were foreign, calm flooded me. I am at a loss to describe my reaction to this locale other than to say my soul felt at home. But more than this storm-battered milieu (Lake Charles and the surrounding area hold a record of four nationally declared disasters in one year.) my brief time in Lake Charles moved me because this city's resilient residents embraced me as if I were family. And when internet had no information on my sky bridge's namesake, it was to two of these new kin I turned. The I-210 bridge bears Israel LaFleur's name because, for years

(and to the chagrin of local, state and federal politicians) this Cajun French speaking, Army Surplus Store owner in the neighboring town of Sulfur tirelessly insisted there was a need for a second bridge and a way to get back and forth without going through the downtown. He was 68 years old when his bridge opened in 1962. Wearing his iconic WWII Army surplus green tennis shoes, I like to think Israel LaFleur was the first to drive into the sky.

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

A column by Dorothy Rosby

Editor's note: I received this last Thursday, too late for last week's edition. It's still will make you smile.

Celebrating Work Easier than Doing It

Labor Day is always celebrated the first Monday in September. That's because, even back in the 1800s when Congress made it a federal holiday, everyone wanted to sleep in on Monday mornings.

After you finally wake up this Labor Day I invite to join me in thinking about work. Don't do any. Just think about it. Think about the jobs you've had and all they've taught you. Think about how

what you've done for a living has formed you into the unique person you are. After that think about going back to bed. You've earned the rest.

I spent the majority of my working life as a public relations professional for a wonderful nonprofit. But like many people my first jobs were in the restaurant business, first as a dishwasher and then as a server. There are few better jobs for teaching one about human behavior than waiting tables. People are cranky when they're tired and hungry. And they get crankier when you forget to put their order in or bring them a chicken dinner when they ordered a ribeye.

But as a teenager the

hardest part for me was that people got hungry so darned early in the morning. And when you wait tables the size of your income depends entirely on how friendly, efficient and awake you are all day, every day. I happen to know that when you're tired yourself, it's hard to be friendly to people who haven't had their coffee yet.

I also learned about a faith and forgiveness working at a restaurant. Every Sunday morning the church crowd rushed in, everyone hoping to enjoy one of the restaurant's famous caramel rolls. I don't recall the exact order now, but let's say the Lutherans dismissed first. That left the Congregationalists praying, "Oh Lord, let there be caramel rolls left." Often there were not, partly because the Catholics usually had services on Saturday night and the agnostics had no schedule at all. Watching the ensuing chaos, I learned

how hard it is to practice brotherly love and forgiveness when one sits through a church service dreaming of caramel rolls and gets beat out by another denomination.

After I left the restaurant I worked for a short stint at a drive-in where I learned that when you get to eat your mistakes, you tend to make more of them.

I was working at a hardware store the day Elvis died. Other days too. I just remember that day more clearly than the rest. I do know the majority of my time was spent dusting which was lucky because I knew nothing about hardware. I'm proud to say that by the time I left for college I'd learned a few things; for example, a ten-penny nail doesn't cost ten pennies and it's a "joist," not a "joyce."

My only other retail job was in a state park gift shop where I worked one summer while I was in college. The main les-

son one learns in retail is that when someone says, "The customer is always right," what they really mean is, "The customer is the one with the money and if we want it, we need to treat him as though he's always right whether he is or not."

The following summer I cleaned cabins in Yellowstone National Park and I learned to appreciate people who do the job for longer than three months. Cleaning up after other people is hard work. It requires attention to detail and commitment to quality and no one even notices unless you do it badly. Plus when you're a housekeeper there are all those beds and you can't even nap.

It was also while I was in college that I began my career in radio, first as a news person. My boss called me after one of my first newscasts to tell me that before my next one I'd better change my name to Ann. He didn't think anyone would take me seriously as Dorothy (and your little dog too!). I'm not sure anyone took me seriously as Ann either, especially changing my name mid-shift like that.

Eventually I became an announcer so it no longer mattered if anyone took me seriously. I spent the next ten years playing requests, giving the weather and sitting through countless sports

broadcasts. While living in a small town in Iowa I worked for a daytime station which broadcast every sporting event the local students participated in. The broadcasts were carried over phone lines exactly like regular calls except that when a game was coming in the receiver was still in its cradle and the buttons on the phone didn't light up. Even a thinking person could forget the phone was in use. And I wasn't always thinking.

One night after two back-to-back basketball games, I signed off the station late and went home, only to be awakened by the phone at 5:30 a.m. My boss had discovered that I'd never disconnected the phone line. The station had been making a long-distance phone call for... oh...about fifteen hours. Fortunately I didn't lose my job, but I'm still paying off the phone bill. Thank goodness for weekend rates.

In my current profession as a writer I've come to see the value in all of my work experiences, both the good and the bad. To misuse an old saying, that which doesn't kill you gives you something else to write about.

Excerpt from 'Tis the Season to Feel Inadequate, Holidays, Special Occasions and Other Times Our Celebrations Get Out of Hand by Dorothy Rosby, coming in November 2022.

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Thursday, Sept. 8th

JV VB at Fairfield/
Stafford

JV FB at Fairfield/
Stafford

Friday, Sept. 9th

HS FB vs Natoma
at HOME

5:00 SCTelcom
Free BBQ

Saturday, Sept 10th

HS VB Sylvan-
Lucas Tournament
at Sylvan Grove

HS Cross Country
at Skyline

Monday, Sept. 12th

State Fair Band Day

Board of
Education Meeting

Tuesday,

September 13th

Balfour meets
with Seniors
and Sophomores

HS VB vs. South Barber
and Fairfield at HOME

Thursday,

September 15th

JH VB vs Attica
at HOME

HS Cross Country
at St. John

JH FB vs Attica
at HOME

Friday,

September 16th

7:00 p.m.
HS FB vs Chase
at Home

HOME COMING

K-State Aging Expert Urges Kansans to Put Advance Health Directive in Place

Document can help assure end-of-life decisions are followed

By Pat Melgares, K-State Research and Extension news service

MANHATTAN, Kan. – No one, young or old, likes to have “the conversation.”

But Erin Yelland, the interim director of the Center on Aging at Kansas State University, says it’s critical that families talk openly about end-of-life decisions.

“It’s difficult,” Yelland said. “Research shows that end-of-life conversations are fairly rare within families. Often, families are left to assume what a person might have wanted, and during a time of grief, those can be especially challenging decisions.”

An advance health care directive is a legal document that tells a doctor the patient’s wishes for health care in the case the patient is unable to voice their opinions. Yelland notes that approximately 3 in 4 American adults don’t have advance health care directives in place.

“As a cognitively healthy adult, you have the right to be informed of your medical care and decide your treatment,” Yelland said. “But what happens when you are unable to voice your own decisions... if you’re temporarily or permanently incapacitated?”

“That’s where advance health care planning comes in: It allows you to voice your wishes in your future health care needs in the event that you are unable to do so.”

Kansas law allows residents to fill out a simple form that records a name, address and phone number in order to establish a durable power of attorney – or someone who can make health care

decisions on your behalf. Kansans must sign the form and have at least one witness to their signature. The form does not need to be notarized.

The form is available online from the K-State Research and Extension bookstore in the publication, Advance Health Care Planning in Kansas; or through local extension offices in Kansas.

Once the form is completed, Yelland suggests making several copies and keeping them in accessible places, as well as copies for the person named as durable power of attorney, a physician, local hospital, family and friends, and “basically anyone who you would think might show up to the hospital if something were to happen to you,” Yelland said.

The forms are recommended for anyone over age 18 in Kansas. “Advance health care planning can start when you’re 18 years old,” Yelland said. “Accidents, tragedies, life events can happen at any point.”

Once the form is complete, Yelland said it’s still important to communicate your wishes to anyone who might have a say in your health care.

“You also need to talk to your health care agent, or the person you’ll appoint in your durable power of attorney to speak for you in the event that something would happen,” she said. “This person needs to be aware of what your wishes are. And perhaps their wishes may not be what your wishes are. But you need to be sure that person will be willing to support you on your behalf and do what you would like.”

Forms should be reviewed and amended – if necessary – every year. If moving to another state (or routinely spend a significant amount of time outside of Kansas), you’ll likely have to fill out a form that is approved by that state.

More information on issues related to aging is available online from K-State’s Center on Aging.

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

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Zenda Public Library

Monday
8:30 a.m.- 12:30 p.m.
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Fri. : 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
Sat. : 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
620-532-3061



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Friday: 10:00 - 6:00
Saturday: 10:00 - 2:00
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I snapped this photo of a young lad playing on the merry-go-round in Zenda Park on Saturday. It was a hot day, but a bit of breeze kept it from being miserably so. Everyone seemed to have enjoyed themselves.

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"The great thing about getting older is that you don't lose all the other ages you've been."
— Madeleine L'Engle

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Upcoming Auctions

Consignment Auction
Saturday, September 10
Hamm Auction Building



152 +/- Acres Pratt County, KS Land
LAND AUCTION

Monday, Sept. 12, 2022,

Time: 1:30 pm

Online, in Person, and by Phone
SALE WILL BE HELD AT:
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State Rd 61, Pratt, KS 67124
Seller: Gary Watson, Robyn
Beers & Justin Esser



160 +/- Acres Edwards
County, KS Land
LAND AUCTION

Wed., September 14, 2022,

Time: 10:30 am

Online, in Person, and by Phone
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Seller: Rita Cole

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YEARS AGO IN
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1927

Sept. 9 – Cunningham Grade School opened Tuesday morning with an enrollment of one hundred and thirty one scholars.

1932

Sept. 9 – Cunningham Rural High School opened Monday morning with a total enrollment of seventy students.

The Waterworks Bond Election will be held Friday (today), Voting place is in the Lakin Implement Company Building and the polls are open from 8:00 to 6:00 o'clock. It is a "Yes" or "No" proposition on whether Cunningham shall have city water or not.

1937

Sept. 10 – Wetherall Brothers have Folgers Coffee advertised at 29c per pound; house dresses for 98c; and work shirts, 75c.

Victor Renner, Raymond Shrum, Dean Morton, and Junior Schafer returned home this week from a two week's jaunt to St. Louis, Missouri, and through Arkansas. They made the trip in a Model T Ford.

1942

Sept. 11 – A total of fifty thousand pounds of iron, steel, and other metals have been collected in the local salvage drive.

1947

Sept. 12 – This year the Cunningham grade school opened with one of the largest enrollments in recent years. The total enrollment to date is 139 students and there is a possibility that four more students will attend there.

There are now two school buses to furnish transportation, one going to the southeast route and one to the southwest. The buses are driven by Carl Poland and Wilbur Muck. Mr. Eisenbise also furnishes transportation for students living in the north part of the district.

The north side of the Gano Elevator office building is being remodeled for occupancy for the new elevator manager who will replace Marvin Bahling, whose plans are not yet definite but told the Editor Wednesday that he was going to farm to get away from work, after 21 years of service in the elevator business.

1952

Sept. 12 – Wedding vows were repeated by Miss Colene Fitzsimmons and Mr. Burnard Simonson at an impressive double ring ceremony at the Methodist Church in Cairo, Sunday afternoon, at 3:00 o'clock.

Dedication ceremonies of the new Sacred Heart School will be held Sunday afternoon at 3:00 o'clock. Present for the ceremonies will be The Most Reverend Mark K. Carroll, Bishop of the Catholic Diocese of Wichita.

The recently completed school building and auditorium was approximately eighteen months in construction, and was built by parish labor to a large extent. Architects were Fagen and Kirsch of Wichita. Estimated cost of the structure was \$70,000, but

Sacred Heart Parish built it for about half the estimated amount.

Another Cairo landmark has disappeared this summer with the razing of the Santa Fe Depot, an important part of community life in the early days.

1957

Sept. 12 – A week from tomorrow afternoon, (Friday, September 20) at 3:00 o'clock, a football team representing Cunningham Rural High School will take the field against an opposing team for the first time in over 25 years. The local team will play a practice game next Friday afternoon at Medicine Lodge with the Medicine Lodge High School Freshmen, in preparation for their first regularly scheduled game with the Harper High School B Team, Tuesday evening, September 24, at 7:45 o'clock in Harper.

Coach Donald Lamb and Assistant Coach Weldon Allen have a squad of 30 boys working out at the present time, and are hurriedly teaching the boys the fundamentals and rudiments of the game of football.

Jack Baber is the first boy in the history of the Boy Scouts in Cunningham to receive the Life Scout award, one of the most coveted awards in Scouting.

- Arkansas Dressed Fryers, each, 69c
- Mother's Oats, large box, 49c
- Post Toasties, large box, 29c
- Aunt Jemina Pancake Flour, 16-ounce box, 19c
- Frozen Sliced Strawberries, 4 boxes, 89c
- Sno-Fresh Frozen, Corn or Peas, 2 pkgs., 31c
- Banquet Meat Pot Pies, 4 for 89c
- Hauser's Market

1962

Sept. 13 – Alan Dafforn left last Friday evening for Cambridge, Mass., where he will be a freshman student at Harvard University this school year. Other students leaving for college this week include Joe Baber for Kansas State University at Manhattan, Jerry Hazlett and Leroy Schnittker for Kansas State Teachers College at Emporia, Nancy Kaster and Robert Jones for Kansas University at Lawrence, and Linda Yarbber for Wichita University. Mary Leiter will leave Sunday for Delaware, Ohio, to begin her sophomore year at Ohio Wesleyan University.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Meyers and sons Chris and Eric, moved into their new home in the southwest part of town last Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Max Lagree and family moved to Stafford last week-end, where he will be employed by the Skelly Oil Company.

1967

Sept. 14 – The 1967 high school football season will kick-off here tomorrow night (Friday) when the Cunningham Wildcats host the Nashville-Zenda Thunderbirds in an inter-district and Golden Plains League game.

Wildcat Coach Jim Webster says he expects a good season despite losing All-Leaguers Danny Meyers and Duane Schnittker off last year's team that was unbeaten in seven games.

Cunningham has its biggest squad in several years, with 26 boys.

In appreciation for your fine patronage during our past four years in Cunningham, we cordially invite

you to enjoy free coffee and doughnuts with us, Friday afternoon, September 15, from 2:00 to 5:00 o'clock. Virginia's Café – Virginia, Billy and Bonnie

DeWeese's IGA

- Fryers, 29c lb.
- Rainbow Peaches, 5 no. 2 ½ cans, \$1
- Mary Baker Cookies, 4 pkgs., \$1
- Thompson's white seedless grapes, 2 lbs., 25c
- TV biscuits, can, 7c
- IGA whole kernel or cream-style corn, 5 no. 303 cans, \$1
- Rainbow cut green beans, 8 no. 303 cans, \$1

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Reporter: Florine Kampling

1977

September 15- The Cunningham Wildcat Girls' volleyball team started the season with their first win. We played Nashville-Zenda at Zenda Tuesday night.

Little Miss Stacy Page of Hutchinson is staying with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Eldon Page.

September meeting of the Cunningham 4-H Club was called to order by Linda Sterneker. Roll call was "Ribbons Received at the Fairs." There were four members, two new members, five leaders, and three guests present. Donice Kitson and Vickie Becker were welcomed as new members.

Hilltop Happenings:

Glenda Thornhill and Mary Ann Ruckle had the birthday party this month. YWCA refreshments were served.

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Correction!



1957 Cunningham high school cheerleaders.

*Back: Ricky Rathbun (NOT Dale Boswell), Don Hoagland
Front l - r: Caren Fitzsimmons, Deanna Vermilion, Jeanne Seacat.*

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Consider this...

by Mike Johnson

Groundhog Day!

Ever feel like you were beating your head against the wall of the same recurring problems?

In the romantic comedy, Groundhog Day, Bill Murray plays a self-centered, egotistical TV weatherman. He's exasperated to discover that no matter what he does, he can't escape from his least-favorite day - the

annual Punxsutawney Groundhog Day celebration. This same day becomes his own personal hell, repeating itself, day after grueling day.

Murray grasps for every alternative. Since no one else notices the day keeps repeating, he's on his own. At first he pretends it isn't happening. Then he asks others for help - no luck. Finally, he stops trying to escape the cycle, and looks for ways to tolerate it. He overdoses on human pleasures - eating, drinking, women and money. But

that soon gets old and he finds himself wishing for something he can't have - the affection of a woman who thinks he's a jerk. So after learning what qualities she wants in a man, he spends the endless succession of Groundhog Days working on himself until he's met all of her outward qualifications. But because he's still a jerk on the inside - she still isn't interested.

Most will enjoy the movie for its comedy - Bill Murray is perfect in the role - but the underlying message is far more

valuable.

Many of us are locked into our own endlessly repeating Groundhog Days. Clinging to wrong thinking creates the very problems we fight so hard to change. We fail to realize that changing external situations - a house, a job, a spouse - do nothing to remove us from the source of our problems - something flawed inside ourselves. Even though Bill Murray becomes a concert pianist, an accomplished ice sculptor and fluent at French, the woman of his affections

still wasn't attracted because inside he remained a jerk.

We are very similar. We'll go to great extremes to change anything and everything to avoid changing ourselves. Until we change the root of the problem - our own thoughts and values - we'll continue to encounter the same problems over and over again - trapped in our own personal Groundhog Days.

After Bill Murray had exhausted every other possible external action without results, he finally

cast aside his jerky ego, and changed positively on the inside. Then, not only did he get the girl, but his endless succession of Groundhog Days came to an end as well.

There's a beautiful simplicity to the movie's underlying message. We cast the shadows we see in our lives. Once we stop throwing them, they disappear - and we get to move forward with our lives.

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Wally Funk became the oldest person to visit space. She's 82 years young!

Better late than never. Probably the last thing Wally Funk wants to hear. She just flew into space at age 82 after completing her spaceflight training in the 1960s.

Age doesn't seem to discriminate when it comes to dreams. Bill Hatfield was the oldest person to sail around the world single-handedly at age 81. Yuichiro Miura is the oldest person to summit Mount Everest. He did it at age 80. And Leroy "Satchel" Paige played his last major league baseball game at

age 59.

Wally Funk and 12 other women, known as the Mercury 13, went through astronaut training together in the 1960s. Wally had plenty of experience in the air by then. She left high school at age 16 and entered college to get her pilot's license. She became a professional aviator at age 20 after being named the Top Pilot two years in a row at Oklahoma State University. In addition to her lengthy aviation career, she also raced airplanes, often winning.

Still, airplanes weren't enough for Wally, so she walked through the doors at NASA and volunteered for the "Women in Space" program. Her application to become an astronaut was denied three times.

Working in aviation kept her close to her dream, and she flew, a lot, logging over 18,000

hours. At 81, she was still flying every Saturday as a flight instructor.

And then the call came. On a long shot, Wally had bid for a seat on Jeff Bezos' Blue Origin. "No one has waited longer," Bezos said via Instagram.

When Wally got the news, she only said one word: "Finally!"

While many dreams never do come true, pursuing them is almost as rewarding as achieving them; sometimes, a dream is worth the work and the wait. Wheels up, Wally!

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5 Ways Traditions Help Us Stay Healthy and Happy

(StatePoint) Health experts say that establishing and maintaining family traditions can boost overall well-being and vitality, especially as we age.

"As children become adults and move out of the house or away, the family traditions that bind us can sometimes get lost in the process," says Aparna Abburi, president of Medicare and CareAllies with Cigna, which provides insurance to hundreds of thousands of older adults through its Medicare plans. "Forming new traditions or reigniting old ones can keep us connected to loved ones, ultimately helping us feel more fulfilled, happier and healthier."

Here are some insights into the importance of traditions to well-being and vitality as we age, along with tips for keeping those connections going in your own circle of family and friends:

Traditions help combat loneliness: According to a 2020 survey by

Cigna, 61% of adults reported being lonely - a 7 percentage-point increase from 2018. That feeling was likely exacerbated by the pandemic that followed. Traditions can help to combat feelings of isolation. Consider setting up weekly video calls or trading letters and notes with relatives who live far away. Regular trips to a favorite destination, such as a lake or beach, or celebrating important holidays together every year, can provide meaningful time together.

Traditions pass on family values: Having shared values can help us feel connected to one another. Telling stories from the past or practicing cultural, spiritual and religious traditions are great ways to pass these values down from one generation to the next.

Traditions can make us feel young again: From cooking and gardening to sports and games, family traditions often evoke old memories and make us feel young again. Sensory memories can be particularly powerful. Whether it's a cookie bakeoff, ballpark peanuts and hot dogs, or a singalong around the piano, family rituals that include spe-

cial sights, sounds and aromas are often the ones we think of most fondly.


Traditions strengthen communities: Traditions are not just for families; they can also strengthen ties among friends and communities. Consider getting a group of neighbors together for morning walks or meeting friends for shopping excursions. Make visiting the farmers market, attending free concerts in the park, playing community center bingo and gathering for other recurring local events part of your routine.

For more information about how to stay healthy while aging, visit www.cignamedicare.com.

As you embrace the rituals that matter most to you, remember that traditions don't need to be rigid or set in stone.

"Just as you might modify a family recipe to suit your dietary needs or switch from weekly phone calls to weekly video calls, don't be afraid to tweak and expand on older traditions so they're relevant and interesting today - and for years to come," says Abburi.

"Just because something is traditional is no reason to do it, of course." — Lemony Snicket, The Blank Book



Catholic Churches

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


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

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

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

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

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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:
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Pastor Dennis Fangmeyer
Cell: 620-886-0911

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

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First Christian Church
Cunningham
Sunday School 9:30 am
Morning Worship 10:45
Sunday Evening Worship 6:00
Jr High Youth Group 4:00 pm Sunday
Sr High Youth Group 7:30 pm Sunday
Wednesday Prayer Service 7:00
Pastor Mike McGovney 620-298-3201

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United Methodist Church
Penalosa
Worship 9:15 a.m.

Cunningham
Worship 10:45 a.m.
Pastor Mathew Ndambuki Musyoki
620-298-2090

Zenda
Worship 9:00 a.m.
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Pastor J L Nichols
620-491-0680

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Hands of Hope (contact any church)

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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)

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Lady Cats Open Volleyball Season in Stafford

On August 30th, we traveled to Stafford for our first tri of the season. To say we were excited was an understatement. We were ready to be back out on the court and play and show what we have learned in the last year.

One important part of this year is learning more about the game and how to play as a family and I would say we are off to a great start. We first took on Otis Bison and lost in two, but we competed and had some amazing plays.

We pick a goal each game and try to accomplish it. Our goal for these two matches was to have energy and play as a team, and we succeeded. We fell to Otis-Bison 21-25 and 16-21.

We took on Stafford next and had even more energy if that was even possible. All hitters had great attacks and kills, while the passers had great digs to set up those kills.

Our serving has improved tremendously and we were able to add 9 aces against Stafford. Our next action is a home game on September 6 against Pretty Prairie and Caldwell! Come out and support us!

-Coach Ariel Haskin



Cross Country Competes at Pretty Prairie

Cunningham Cross Country competed in their first meet of the year at Pretty Prairie. Sean Koster finished the 4k race in 14th place with a time of 21:30 and Ada Adams finished the varsity girls 5k in 7th place with a time of 27:53. It was hot and windy but I felt they both did an excellent job of running hard and they showed a lot of determination. They will compete again on Saturday, Sept. 10th at the Skyline Invitational.

-Coach Ingrid Ricke



Miranda Lohrke



Shanelle Romine



Emily Ogg

photos submitted by Moly Morgan

JH Football Defeats Central Christian

On Thursday, September 1, 2022, the Cunningham JH football team opened the 2022 season with a convincing 50-6 victory at home against the Central Christian Cougars. The Wildcats started off a little tight as Central Christian recovered an onside kick to start the game, but the defense would hold them on downs and took over possession on their own 32 yard-line.

After a false start penalty, Stephen Kerschen would take the pitch from Layne Green and sprint 53 yards for the game's first score (PAT failed.) Later in the first quarter, after another defensive stand, Green took the snap, followed some nice blocks, broke a couple of tackles, and raced 38 yards for the game second score (PAT good, Green run.)

Green would again score on a 5-yard run early in the second quarter (PAT failed). Score 20-0. With just under a minute left in the first half the Wildcats would add another score, this time

Hageman would scamper in from 6 yards out (PAT good, Green run.) Score 28-0.

Central Christian went the air looking to cut into the lead before half, but Andrew Kerschen got his first of two interceptions on the night to get the ball back to the Wildcats. After a Wildcat blunder on first down that put them back to their own 15, Green would hook up with S. Kerschen on a short pass and Kerschen would take the rest of the way for a 65-yard touchdown pass (PAT good, Green run), and the Wildcats would take a 36-0 lead into the half.

In the second half the Wildcats were able to get their young team some playing time while they were able to add a couple more touchdowns, one in the third quarter on a 24-yard run from Green and then midway through the fourth quarter after the Cougars scored their only TD of the night, Hageman would add a 12 run to finish out the scoring, making the final score 50-6. The 1-0 Wildcats take to the road on Thursday, September 8, as they travel north to take on Fairfield/Stafford.

-Coach Bart Ricke



Above: Layne Green



Above right: Cole Hageman



Right: Stephen Kerschen



Junior High Lady Cats vs. Central Christian



Kylee Mertens and Morgan Oldham



Team Huddle



Rylee Miller

Puerto Rico Adventure – PART 1: The Brainstorm

It all started 12 years ago, on our 25th Anniversary. It was our first trip to Puerto Rico. Old San Juan. El Yunque Rainforest. A midnight kayaking excursion in a bioluminescent bay. Some ocean fun at Rincón on the west coast. We had the time of our lives, a wonderful ten-day vacation. I remember saying to Julie, "Wouldn't it be great if we could live here?" That got us thinking! Then a whole lot of questions popped up. What if

we did move to PR? How could we make it happen? Would we work or semi-retire? When would we do it? What would our friends and family say? That was 2010. We were in our mid-40s. Slowly, a plan emerged and a few years later we both agreed – by our mid-50s we wanted to go for it! We called it our 2020 Vision. By then our house would be paid off, our two adult daughters firmly established, and our health and finances relatively intact. (grin) So sure. Let's do it. We'd move to Puerto Rico in 2020! (I can hear you chuckle at the timing. We'll get to that!) While we dreamed, we thought it a good idea to get to know the island.

Google Maps Satellite View is a wonderful tool! But nothing beats firsthand encounters. So we returned to PR on our 30th Anniversary to experience more of the island. Another fabulous trip. A bed & breakfast at a mountain eco-lodge. A cave with bats. Coffee plantation tour. (We'd done the Bacardi Rum tour on our first trip.) Spent 4 or 5 days at a condo at Luquillo Beach. ("Could we live here? Why yes, yes we could! Just look at that view!") We were convinced. So we did some brainstorming. First thought, housing. We'd sell our home here in Kansas and use the money to buy a three

bedroom condo outright. Check. Second thought, income. We'd rent out our condo part time as an Airbnb. I'd also write full time and Julie could teach English online. Check. Third thought, our cat. Charlie was getting up there in years. It might be tough on him, but we'd have to take him with us. Check. We had a few more thoughts, of course, but you get the idea. We were solution oriented. We saw opportunities and looked for open doors. We knew there would be challenges and we worked on ways to overcome them. Then came Hurricane Maria. This was tough. By

now, we had friends in Puerto Rico (a sister church relationship with a congregation in Orocovis, right in the middle of the island). We waited to hear from them about damage and followed the news there like so many others. The long and short of it was that we were able to organize a work trip in 2018. We accessed some relief funds from our Baptist denomination and took a few friends from Kansas down to PR to help a woman from the church reroof her house. What a powerful bonding experience with our Puerto Rican family! While at the same time it gave us a real taste of day to day living on the island. We were more

convinced than ever. Life on this Caribbean paradise was for us. Here were some factors: US Territory, so no visa or passport needed. Also they use US money and there are plenty of familiar franchises like Walmart, CVS, Costco, grocery stores, and fast food places (of course). Friendly people. Most Puerto Ricans speak English but we know Spanish as well (or at least Julie does!). And there are plenty of vibrant churches there that serve their communities. Cost of living is a bit higher than in Kansas (especially utilities); and fulltime job opportunities were limited but we were

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By what names do you call your... ...Grandmother and Grandfather? Kids: color stuff in!

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Celebrating Grandparents!

My grandfather lives with my family. My grandparents live far away. Grandparents hold a unique place in our lives. There is even a special day set aside to honor them – but grandchildren should celebrate their grandparents *all year long*. So, get busy and visit, call, email or write to your grandparents – or to a grand aunt or uncle.

Grandpa **Grandma**

Read the clues below to fill in both crosswords with activities I love to do with my Grandpa and my Grandma:

- _____ broken items around the house
- _____ bulbs in the garden
- _____ a story aloud
- _____ lunch
- _____ at the alley
- _____ his favorite T.V. show
- _____ the dog
- _____ the bird feeders with seeds
- _____ at board games
- _____ and glue model cars
- _____ off the bridge
- _____ songs at the top of our voices
- _____ horseshoes in the park
- _____ up our mini-golf scores
- _____ in the park
- _____ squares for quilts
- _____ the birds at the feeder
- _____ up to go to see a play
- _____ greeting cards
- _____ to swimming lessons
- _____ bikes
- _____ the porch and steps
- _____ for groceries
- _____ cards
- _____ photos for scrapbooks
- _____ at a new restaurant
- _____ before I go to sleep
- _____ cookies

Clues for Grandpa crossword: cut, play, sweep, dress, shop, fill, add, sing, play, plant, repair, bowl, fish, walk, I'll teach you how to grill a great "burger" next time you visit!

Clues for Grandma crossword: ride, pray, design, study, sort, lunch, picnic

Family Tree

There are many things **you** can do, learn, make or collect to help preserve **your** family history!

Fill in the missing vowels to see what kinds of things you can learn about your family or do with them:

- S _ _ NGS
- L _ _ NG _ _ G _ _
- D _ _ NC _ _ S
- C _ _ _ K _ _ NG
- ST _ _ R _ _ _ S
- PH _ _ T _ _ S
- R _ _ _ N _ _ NS
- MAKE A ST _ _ RYB _ _ K
- F _ _ M _ _ LY TR _ _ _
- P _ _ CN _ _ CS

Clues: Mom's Muffins, Dad's Recipes, Photos

Family Memories

Grandpa and I started a family scrapbook. Help us get this photo into our album.

Clues: The Lake, Family Reunion

Grandparents – All Over the World!

We speak different languages, but we all love our grandparents! Match the set of names for grandmother and grandfather to the language we are speaking:

English: Grandmother, Grandfather

German: Oma, Opa

Italian: Nonna, Nonno

Chinese (father's parents): Nainai, Yeye

Russian: Babushka, Dedushka

Spanish: Abuela, Abuelo

Dutch: Grand-maman, Grand-papa

Zulu (South Africa): Ugogo, Ubabamkhulu

French: Grootmoeder, Grootvader

(Answers on page 10)

Puerto Rico

(con't from page 9)

semi-retiring, right? So we would make it work. (Maybe become YouTube stars? Yeah, right!)

Beach living. I mean, really. If we're going to make this momentous life transition, we'd have to have an ocean view. And there are plenty of views! So many great little beaches in PR to choose from.

The only thing left to do, then, was take one more trip to scout the island – house hunt, if you will. Get the lay of the land with an eye on where we'd like to live.

On our previous visits, we'd rented a car and driven around the island, but this time we'd do so with an eye on finding a place where we could be happy for the next ten years or so.

And we'd take that

trip in 2020! Welp! You know what happened.

Of course, we had to put off our plans a bit. But we eventually did make that excursion, just last year. And next week, I'll share about that and how we nailed down where we hoped to settle in for our upcoming "ten year vacation".

I'll also share what we're doing right now (as in right now! – with 80 days to go!) to make it happen. And it's not all candy and nuts. Oh no. We're learning every day to overcome new challenges. But we keep this in mind: it's an adventure worth pursuing!

Until then, do you have any mid-range to long-range plans that you are starting to develop for your next chapter of life? Tell us about them! How far along are you? Are things shaping up like you expected or are

there twists and turns you never thought you'd encounter?

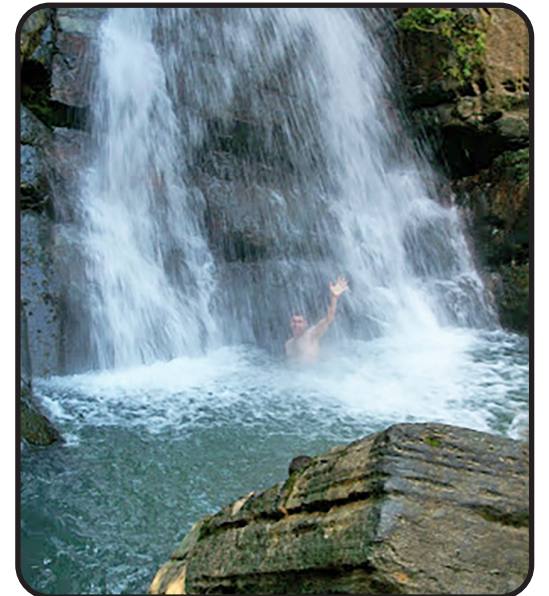
Remember, it's supposed to be a fun and exciting journey. Don't stress. Keep planning. Keep dreaming. Keep brainstorming. And then start working on bringing it to reality bit by bit!



Rebuilding the roof.



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At El Yunque National Forest

Cunningham Dog Owners: Current dog tags will expire 9/30/22.

All dogs within the City of Cunningham, over 6 months of age, are required to be registered. Citizens may obtain/renew the dogs' registration with their current vet certification.

OR

Swaney Veterinary staff will be available on September 17th from 9:00 a.m. to noon at the city shop (on Second Street behind City Hall) They will administer rabies vaccinations for \$15 per dog.

Kingman County Humane Society Needs Our Help!

IT'S BEEN A LONG HOT SUMMER and our savings account is almost depleted. The good news is a very generous donor has offered us a solution. Our donor has promised to match every donation of \$50 or more that we receive between now and September 21st up to \$5,000.00!! So we're kicking off our "DOG DAYS OF SUMMER" campaign today and we need EVERYONE to help us reach our goal of raising \$5,000.00. You can start a Facebook campaign and get 5 friends to donate \$10 donate \$10 to your campaign and KCHS will get \$100! Or donate directly on our Facebook page or Instagram, our website <https://kingmancountyhumanesociety.org>, our ShelterBoost link at <https://checkout.shelterluv.com/donate/KCKS> or simply text KCKS to 89871. Let's end the summer of 2022 with a BANG!

Jennifer Powell @Ace_Librarian7

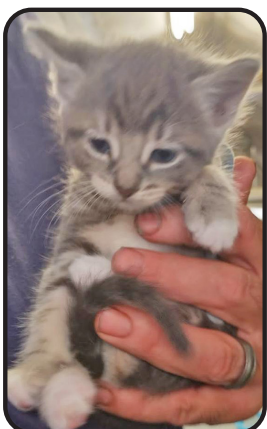
I have made it my mission to unteach children that "fiction is fake."

Here are my new definitions I started teaching today:

- Nonfiction = learning through information
- Fiction = learning through imagination

Kingman County Humane Society Pets Ready for Adoption

Tomcat

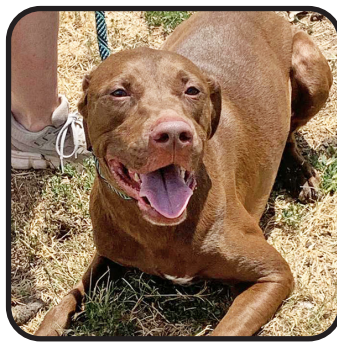


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Male Domestic Shorthair
Weight: 2.5 pounds
Age: 3 months
Adoption Fee: \$75
Intake Date: June 18, 2022

Kitkat

Sponsored by Baker Accounting



Male Pointer, German Shorthaired / Great Dane
Weight: 55 lbs
Age: 3 and 1/2 years
Adoption Fee: \$180.00
Intake Date: July 20, 2022

Attributes: Good with other dogs; People friendly

I love any kind of outdoor activity. I also love any kind of indoor activity. I love anything that involves spending time with my humans. I have very simple needs. If you love me, I will love you.

"No animal should ever jump up on the dining room furniture unless absolutely certain that he can hold his own in the conversation."
— Fran Lebowitz

KCHS Donation Wish List

- The pets at Kingman County Humane Society are in need of the following items:
- 13-gal. kitchen trash bags
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 - clumping cat litter
 - canned dog food
 - Purina Puppy Chow
 - long-lasting chews
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 - bleach
 - liquid laundry detergent
 - poop bag rolls
 - disposable gloves (large)
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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

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



Celebrating Grandparents!

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Grandma

Grandpa

Grandparents All Over the World!

- Ugogo Ubabamkhulu (Zulu (South Africa))
- Abuela Abuelo (Spanish)
- Babushka Dedushka (Russian)
- Opa Opa (German)
- Grand-maman Grand-papa (French)
- Grootmoeder Grootvader (Dutch)
- Grandmother Grandfather (English)
- Nainai Yeye (Chinese (father's parents))
- Nonna Nonno (Italian)

Learn Your Family History

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3. D A N C E S
4. C O O K I N G
5. S T O R I E S
6. P H O T O S
7. R E U N I O N S
8. M A K E A S T O R Y B O O K
9. F A M I L Y T R E E
10. P I C N I C S

We have such fun!

This hamburger looks delicious!

I'll teach you how to grill a great "burger" next time you visit!

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Wheat Scoop: To Everything There is a Season: Randy and Kim Fritzemeier Share a Lifetime of Farm, Family and Community

He started farming in high school when his uncle rented him ground. A fifth-generation farm daughter herself, she was driving farm trucks before she had a driver's license. After meeting in college at Kansas State University, they found a way to farm across county lines, balance her necessary off-farm income with the ebb and flow of farming and — most importantly — raise two exceptional children. Now, following a season of last farm milestones and a farm machinery sale, Randy and Kim Fritzemeier are off to a new set of adventures with a binful of goodwill from the family and friends with whom they have shared their love of agriculture and community.

Combining Farming, Blogging and Community Service

After both growing up as farm kids, Randy and Kim established their own farm family with kids Jill and Brent on the county line between Stafford and Reno coun-

ties. Randy, as a fifth-generation farmer, raised wheat, alfalfa, sudangrass and cattle. Kim works as the central Kansas reporter for KFRM 550 AM and operates her blog called Kim's County Line, where she posts everything from the routines of farm life to fun recipes. Kim started her blog in 2010 as a combination of wanting to serve as an advocate, flex her journalist mental muscles and pursue her photography hobby.

"It is easy to get people to listen to the controversial figure and the loudest voice in the room," Kim said. "It's not as easy to get people engaged about reading about real people."

"One of the reasons I've continued to do it is that I want our story to not have special interest groups or restaurants tell the consumer what we are doing. Plus, I feel like I can share the beauty of what we experience around here."

In addition to their careers, the couple is heavily involved in their community and Kansas agriculture. Randy has served on the Kansas Association of Wheat Growers board of directors, Kansas Wheat Commission Research Foundation, Kanza Co-op Board of Directors, the Ark Valley Cooperative Nominating Committee and the Stafford County Farm Bureau Board of Directors. Both he and Kim have been active members of the Stafford First United Methodist Church and have been excellent 4-H leaders in Stafford County for years.

Together, the couple was honored as a Kansas Master Farmer and Master Farm Homemaker in 2013 and they just completed their second year as the presidents of that organization.

"We both have enjoyed connecting with other farm couples, just the organization of like-minded people who are also interested in agriculture, family and community service," Kim said.

"I always enjoyed visiting with people from other parts of the state," Randy said. "We had people that didn't have a lot in common. Maybe not everyone agreed on everything, but I like people that have different opinions but respect. We made some friends out of it."

Throughout his involvement in the wheat industry, Randy has been a perpetual student. He recalled his first meeting with the Kansas Wheat Commission Research Foundation, where they handed him a great, big notebook of proposed wheat research projects and his mind was blown by the details of projects researching exact genes on specific chromosomes.

"Ever since I was in college, I enjoyed seeing how the research was done, following extension research programs, and watching what they were doing," Randy said. "When I got on the wheat board, I got to see what people wanted to do. It was always amazing, it's interesting to see what people wanted to see happen."

Helping with the Kansas Wheat booths at

the State Fair and helping with the National Festival of Breads also allowed Randy and Kim to connect with others from across the state and the country.

"I'm always kind of intrigued with the people that come, especially those who aren't from the Midwest," Kim said. "It's such a thrill for them to ride the combine and interact with farmers and learn more about the crop. It's gratifying to have them so excited and enthused about it."

Working with school children through Kansas Wheat has been another highlight for Kim, including talking about farming to local second-grade classrooms, school library programs and other community programs.

"I went to (my granddaughter) Kinley's first-grade class when they still lived in Manhattan for Kansas Day," Kim shared. "I shared my farm-themed ABC and counting books with them. I mailed copies to my other granddaughter Brooke's kindergarten teacher during COVID-19 two years ago for Kansas Day. So we've connected with younger consumers in fun ways too!"

Deciding to Leave a Legacy

Randy and Kim's own children are now grown and have families and well-established careers of their own. While Jill's children are happy farm helpers and appear frequently on Kim's blog, neither Jill nor her brother Brent was destined for work as full-time farmers. So, Randy and

Kim made the difficult decision last year to retire after the 2022 wheat harvest.

"Randy felt strongly that this was the time," Kim shared. "When we were in the combine, he was talking about not going to miss scooping wheat out of a hot metal grain bin in August to get it clean."

"And I told him, I'm also not going to miss — as I'm running the PTO — wondering if he's having heat stroke in there. He was the one having to do all of that because we didn't have somebody younger to do it."

Unfortunately, although Randy is an amateur magician, no amount of magic could help him end his final wheat harvest this year with a bang. He had to replant fields due to significant rainfall during planting, but then the weather turned so dry that a windstorm in December filled the house with dirt. Yields were lower than average in the low 30s bushels per acre. But, rainfall in the spring did bring just enough rain while the kernels were filling to finish off the crop. As a result, the wheat was some of the best quality he had cut, providing a ray of sunshine in an otherwise disappointing send-off.

After wheat harvest came sorting through generations of old farm equipment, tools and farm memorabilia that were sold during a farm equipment sale this August, the official end of Randy and Kim's role as full-time farmers and the start of their next chapter.

"...Our farm sale and

retirement ended Randy's immediate family's involvement in active farming," Kim wrote on her blog on August 23. "We will still be involved in agriculture as landowners, and we have no plans to sell farm or pasture ground at this time."

"Was it an easy decision? It was not. But it was the right decision for us."

Kim's family is still actively farming in Pratt County. Randy found a younger neighbor to take over the bulk of the operation in Stafford and Reno counties. Randy will provide the cattle and the pasture, and the neighbor will do the labor and feeding, keeping the couple involved in the operation. For Randy and Kim, helping a younger farmer get his career going is a fitting legacy after Randy's uncle gave him his start in the farming business.

"We're never not going to care about agriculture, people in it and its impact," Kim said. "I can't imagine that ever changing."

Thank you, from all of us at Kansas Wheat, to Randy and Kim Fritzemeier for your decades of service to your community and Kansas agriculture and for continuing to share your stories.

Written by Julia Debes for Kansas Wheat



Fields Managed Specifically for Dove Hunting Now Open

Kansas City, Kan. — The 2022 Kansas dove hunting season has officially begun and quality public hunting opportunity awaits at more than 90 locations managed specifically for dove hunting by the Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks (KDWP). See [https://ksoutdoors.com/Hunting/Migratory-](https://ksoutdoors.com/Hunting/Migratory-Birds/Dove2)

Birds/Dove2 for a complete list of publicly-accessible dove fields open this season.

Though drought events earlier in the year have had a significant effect on spring plantings across the state, KDWP's public land managers have once again gone above and beyond to provide optimum wildlife habitat for public enjoyment, to include crops of sunflowers, milo and wheat stubble that are sure to attract good numbers of fast-flying quarry.

Hunters can increase their odds of successful hunts this year by:

Checking the latest reports for the specific wildlife area they are interested in, or by calling the wildlife area office for the most up-to-date information.

Ensuring only non-toxic shot is utilized on public lands. And, making sure shotguns are plugged and incapable of holding more than three shells at a time.

Downloading the Go Outdoors Kansas mo-

bile app, which gives hunters instant access to their license and permit purchases, current regulations, and public lands check-in/check-out system.

The 2022 Kansas dove hunting season runs September 1 through November 29, during which time hunters may take mourning, white-winged, Eurasian collared, and ringed turtle doves. After the season closes, only Eurasian collared and ringed turtle doves may be harvested.

Hunters may keep a daily bag limit of up to 15 doves total, which can be mourning and white-winged doves in any combination; There is no limit on Eurasian collared or ringed turtle doves, but any taken in addition to the mourning and white-winged dove daily bag limit must have a fully-feathered wing attached for identification while in transport. The possession limit for dove is 45.

Lastly, hunters should keep in mind that migra-

tory doves may only be taken while in flight.

To learn more about doves in Kansas, including the dove hunting season, visit ksoutdoors.com/Hunting/Migratory-Birds/Dove2. To purchase 2022 Kansas hunting licenses and permits, visit GoOutdoorsKansas.com or download the Go Outdoor Kansas mobile app, here <https://ksoutdoors.com/License-Permits/KDWP-Mobile-Apps/GoOutdoorsKS-Mobile-App>.



Sharing the Same Road

Glenn Brunkow, Pottawatomie County farmer and rancher

Tuesday I was hauling hay; it was my fifth or sixth load of the day, and I had been hauling hay for the better part of a week. It was probably all too routine. I was making the left-hand turn off of the highway onto the county road. I looked back in my rearview mirror and did not see anyone before I started to turn. That was when I saw the Subaru had decided to pass me at that very point.

Thankfully, nothing more happened than the driver squealing their brakes and shaking their fist at me, but it could have been much worse. Over the past couple of months, I have had a couple of friends who have had worse experi-

ences sharing the highways with other motorists. Thankfully, none of them were seriously hurt, but the damage to farm equipment was not something they had planned to deal with, I am sure.

Let me be the first to say I was not without fault. Upon inspection, I learned my left-turn signal was not working. However, if I remember my driver's ed classes right, it is not permissible to pass on a double yellow line or at an intersection. Along with that, following so close to a trailer that the driver in front of you cannot see you is not good either.

My point is all drivers need to share the road, and those roads are starting to get even more crowded with slow-moving ag equipment as harvest starts. As ag producers we need to make sure our equipment has

working lights and turn signals. We need to be aware of who is around us on the roads and have a plan of action that assumes other drivers will not do the right thing. If at all possible, move equipment at times when the road is less crowded.

If you are driving during harvest, please, give the equipment plenty of room. Stay far enough back to see the rearview mirrors of the vehicle ahead of you because that will mean they can also see you. Farm equipment moves slowly so take that into account as you approach. You will close the gap much faster than you may realize. Please, never pass near an intersection, many times our turn signals don't work. Yes, farm equipment will slow your drive down, again, please take a deep breath. Don't be in such a rush that you pass

in a bad place or at the wrong time. That farmer is growing the food you are rushing home to put on your table.

I got lucky, and I am using that fortunate moment as a reminder to be more vigilant when I am on the road. It only takes a second, a blink for things to go bad. Take the time to slow down, make the right decisions and be courteous. We are all in this together, we have to share the same road, let's all be safe and make sure we make it home.

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News From Kansas Farm Bureau

Public Notice	
First published in the Cunningham Courier, Thursday, August 25, 2022.	S. Pieplow," deceased, dated March 4, 2016, praying the will, first codicil, and second codicil filed with the Petition be admitted to probate and record; Petitioner be appointed as Executor, without bond; and Petitioner be granted Letters Testamentary.
IN THE THIRTIETH JUDICIAL DISTRICT DISTRICT COURT OF KINGMAN COUNTY, KANSAS	All creditors are notified to exhibit their demands against the estate within four months from the date of first publication of notice under K.S.A. 59-2236. If demands are not thus exhibited, they shall be forever barred.
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF: LARRY S. PIELOW (Deceased.)	Matthew W. Ricke, Petitioner
Case No. 2022 PR 47 (Petition Pursuant to K.S.A. Chapter 59)	Matthew W. Ricke, #20995 ATTORNEY AT LAW, LLC 349 North Main, P. O. Box 113 Kingman, KS 67068 (620) 532-3103 Attorney for Petitioner
NOTICE OF HEARING AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS	
THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:	
You are hereby notified that on August 18, 2022, a Petition was filed in this Court by Matthew W. Ricke, the Executor named in the Last Will and Testament of Larry	

Minutes from the Pratt County Commission Meeting on August 22nd, 2022

The Pratt County commissioners met in regular session Monday, August 29, 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 Eisenhower, county counselor, Lori Voss, county clerk and Mark Graber, IT director.

Heather Morgan, economic development/COVID consultant, received the bill for the labor on the weather tower. She has received other bills for parts to be paid out of ARPA funds. The department of commerce has a TEFPI grant, it is a high-income investment solution that is new to Kansas. The grant is between \$5000 and \$50,000. Pratt is one of the seventy-eight counties that can apply. The purpose can be for food retail, childcare, and libraries. The deadline is September 30, the recipients will be announced in October.

Kansas department of commerce has millions in broadband in grant funds.

118 applicants, only one had Pratt County in its grant application and it is Cox

Communications who would supply internet services to Coats, Sawyer, Isabel, Nashville, and Haviland. The commissioners are in support, so she will write a letter of support for the internet service grant in Pratt County through Cox.

Commissioner Jones made a motion to approve the minutes from August 22, 2022. Commissioner Shriver seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Jones made a motion to donate \$1000 to the Lemon Park Lights fund. Commissioner Shriver seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Jon Roach, noxious weed director, presented a new invoice from Main Street Auto, LLC to repair the Chevrolet 2500. The new quote is \$10,083.15. Commissioner Jones made a motion to approve payment to Main Street Auto, LLC in the amount of \$10,083.15 paid out of special equipment. Commissioner Shriver seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

He asked about private spraying next year. They agreed to do county spraying and not private spraying.

Doug Freund, road supervisor, presented a pay increase for Kevyn

Shank. Commissioner Jones made a motion to approve a pay increase of \$1.00 for Kevyn Shank. Commissioner Shriver seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

He reported he had an employee quitting later this month. He will be putting the ad back on the website. They discussed campers at the lake and resources available to them if they are homeless. He reported on a road right away, asking to bury a gas line that also needs the private owners approval. Commissioner Jones made a motion to approve the application for the road crossing from Trek AEC, LLC at SE 80th Avenue, SE 60th Avenue and SE 120th Avenue contingent on the landowners' approval. Commissioner Shriver seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

He asked about camping apps to make reservations and payments. Commissioners asked him to check into the apps and get back to them.

Kevin Hamm, asked if the county would be interested in selling some county owned property. The property is on HWY 61. Tyson stated it would have to go out to bid following statute. Pratt Energy has also shown interest in this property to use for their plume. Tyson does not know if they are interested in

the surface but definitely underground. It was appraised 6-14-2022 as ag/commercial. Kevin asked if the county would be willing to sell it. The commissioners would be interested in the future. Tyson stated he would have to prepare the documents, it would have to be published, if the Commissioners decided to sell, so it would not be a quick sale.

Scot Loyd, Loyd Group, LLC, joined by Zoom, discussed the 2023 budget. The budget has been published, hearing set for September 12, 2022 at 9:00 am. The levy is currently at 58.406. He stated they were wanting to cut two mills. They need to let him know how they would like to reduce the mill. He asked do they want to reduce by 2 mills and do they want to give 3% across the board raises. It was discussed how to cut down to two mills. Chairman Adams is not in favor of giving department head/elected officials any raise, all other employees would receive 3%. Commissioner Jones stated he is in favor of giving an across the board raise of 3% to everyone. Chairman Adams agrees to the 4 mills but does not want to use the ARPA funds. Commissioner Shriver stated they could use the ARPA funds to get caught up and not use cash carryover. Commissioner

Jones stated he wanted to go up 2 mills and is in favor of using ARPA funds. Commissioner Shriver and Chairman Adams agreed on the 4 mill increase, with one mill coming out of capital improvement, one mill out of special equipment and one mill out of ARPA. Commissioner Jones wants a two mill increase.

Commissioner Jones and commissioner Shriver agree to an across the board 3% raise. Chairman Adams only agreed to a 3% increase for employees, not department heads and elected officials.

There was a question on Zoom when the bonds for the new building will be paid off, it was estimated in 5 years. They asked if once it was paid off could that wind farm money be used to build up the special equipment funds. They stated yes it could.

Brian Atteberry, EMS director, presented a contract with Hays Biomed to calibrate their equipment. Commissioner Shriver made a motion to recess into executive session for ten minutes at 3:43 p.m. to discuss non-elected personnel discussing employment issues.

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

made a motion to return from executive session at 3:50 p.m. with no action taken. Commissioner Shriver seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

He reported one ambulance is needing repairs.

Commissioner Shriver made a motion to recess into executive session for ten minutes at 3:53 p.m. to discuss non-elected personnel, to discuss an employee matter. Commissioner Jones seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. Commissioner Jones made a motion to return from executive session at 3:55 pm with no action taken. Commissioner Shriver seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Shriver made a motion to accept the termination notice for Esther Thomas at the recommendation of Tara Pagenkopf, RSVP director as of 8-22-22. Commissioner Jones seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Jones made a motion to approve the payment vouchers for August 29, 2022. Commissioner Shriver seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Jones made a motion to adjourn at 4:02 p.m. Commissioner Shriver seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Cattle Chat: Weaning Strategies

K-State beef cattle experts share tips on how to minimize stress when separating cows and calves

By Lisa Moser, K-State Research and Extension news service MANHATTAN, Kan. — Young children separating from their parents to start kindergarten — and even young adults moving out of the house and headed to college or their first job — bring about transitions that often involve high stress for all.

In much the same way, calves separating from their dams at weaning can also experience stress, especially if they

undergo vaccinations and other processing procedures at the same time, said the experts at the Kansas State University Beef Cattle Institute on a recent Cattle Chat podcast.

“Stress happens when the calf is exposed to a new or unusual situation, so our goal is to reduce the number of stressors we put on them at one time,” veterinarian Brad White said.

Historically, calves were processed on the same day as they were weaned due to the labor availability, said veterinarian Bob Larson, but he added that following that management plan is not necessarily best for the calves' stress level.

Veterinarian Brian Lubbers offered advice

on how best to help the calves through this transition.

“The goal is to spread out over time things that will lead to reduced stress in calves. So, first, begin by separating the cows and calves for a few days before processing. This will allow the calves to get used to the new environment and adjust to their feed and water sources,” he said.

Lubbers added that on subsequent days help can be brought in to do other processing procedures such as vaccinations and castrations.

Another strategy is fence-line weaning, nutritionist Phillip Lancaster said.

“Fence-line weaning allows the cows to have nose-to-nose contact with

the calf during the time of transition so that bond is broken more gradually,” Lancaster said.

Larson said fence-line weaning is effective at reducing stress and the weaning process can happen quickly.

“With fence-line weaning, the cows and calves typically walk the fences for the first 24 hours, and after that they start leaving each other on their own,” Larson said.

The key is to make sure the fences are strong so the calves don't get back in with their mothers, Lancaster said.

White said exposure to the new environment can happen while the cows and calves are still together.

“With weaning, we

are changing the calves' social structure by separating them from their mothers as well as transitioning them to new feed and, in some cases, a new water source,” he said. “So, when it is possible it is good to let the calves explore their new area before they leave

their dams.”

Lubbers added: “By spreading out the stressors over time, the calves will be better off from an animal welfare and health standpoint.”

To hear the full discussion, listen to the Beef Cattle Institute Cattle Chat podcast online.



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IN THE THIRTIETH JUDICIAL DISTRICT DISTRICT COURT OF KINGMAN COUNTY, KANSAS IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF: SALLY A. DAVIS, Deceased.

CASE NO. 2022 PR 46 (Pursuant to K.S.A. Chapter 59)

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:

You are hereby notified that on August 18, 2022, a Petition for Issuance of Letters of Administration was filed in this Court by Connie Hageman, Laura Cress and Melinda G. Miller.

You are required to file your written defenses thereto on or before September 13, 2022, at 10:00 o'clock a.m. in the District Court,

Kingman County, Kansas, at which time and place the cause will be heard. Should you fail therein, judgment and decree will be entered in due course upon the petition.

All creditors of the decedent are notified to exhibit their demands against the Estate within the latter of four months from the date of first publication of notice under K.S.A. 59-2236 and amendments thereto, or if the identity of the creditor is known or reasonably ascertainable, 30 days after actual notice was given as provided by law, and if their demands are not thus exhibited, they shall be forever barred.

Connie Hageman, Laura Cress & Melinda G. Miller, Petitioner
Matthew W. Ricke
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Attorney for Petitioners

Public Notice

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IN THE THIRTIETH JUDICIAL DISTRICT DISTRICT COURT OF KINGMAN COUNTY, KANSAS IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF: LOIS L. KOSTNER, Deceased.

Case No. 2022 PR 7 (Petition Pursuant to K.S.A. Chapter 59)

NOTICE OF HEARING AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS


THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:

You are hereby notified that on August 25, 2022, a Petition was filed in this Court by Janet Voran and Matthew W. Ricke, duly appointed, qualified and acting Co-Executors of the Estate of Lois L. Kostner, deceased, praying Petitioner's 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 Lois L. Kostner, deceased, and the Petitioners be released from further liability.

You are required to file your written defenses thereto on or before September 19, 2022, at 10:00 o'clock a.m. in the District Court, Kingman, Kingman County, Kansas, at which time and place the cause will be heard. Should you fail therein, judgment and decree will be entered in due course upon the Petition.

Janet Voran, Petitioner
Matthew W. Ricke, Petitioner
Matthew W. Ricke, #20995
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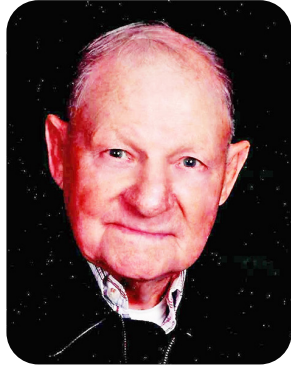
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Dean Branscom

Dean Branscom, 92, passed away September 3, 2022, in Cunningham, KS. He was born April 12, 1930, in Turon, KS, to Roby Jackson Branscom and Alta Marie (Patterson) Branscom.



Dean was a 1950 graduate of Turon High School, Turon, KS. He served in the United States Army during the Korean War. He was a member of the Hutchinson Community College (HCC) Quarterback Club, the South Hutchinson United Methodist Church, South Hutchinson, KS, and former 4-H leader.

On October 8, 1950, Dean married the love of his life, Beverly Jeanene Gray, in Turon, KS. They shared over 70 years of marriage, prior to her death on November 10, 2020.

At an early age, Dean worked and hauled cattle with his father. Beginning in the 1950s, he worked as a ranch hand on the Higgins Ranch in Spivey, KS, and worked at the ranch until he was called into the military service. Dean and Beverly treasured their time at the ranch and often shared those special memories with their family. They were blessed to be able to return to the area for several visits on their anniversary date. Upon returning from the military, they moved to Hutchinson where Dean became a foreman for the Gas Service, retiring with over 35 years of service.

During his life, Dean raised cattle, horses, and registered labs trained for hunting that were sent across the United States. His love for animals was passed down to his children and grandchildren. Dean was always there to provide a helping hand with their pets and building projects in 4-H. He was always there to fix whatever needed attention in the home or shop. Dean enjoyed cutting firewood and he loved to mow!

Dean greatly enjoyed the grandchildren's sporting events, following ball teams across Kansas and from Texas to Wisconsin. Dean was an avid supporter of the HCC Blue Dragons Men's Basketball program. He delivered meals for the Meals on Wheels program and was the 'pie delivery man' for the South Hutchinson United Methodist Church's fair cafeteria project for many years. A highlight for Dean was in 2018, when he was able to be a member of the Kansas Honor Flight traveling party that went to Washington, D.C., along with his daughter, Kathy.

Dean always had a story to share, a great sense of humor, and a quick-witted response. You always left with a smile after a visit with Dean. His true passion was spending time with his family, whether at family celebrations and gatherings, or sitting in the bleachers with his wife, Beverly, cheering on the activities of their children and grandchildren. He did many things in his life, but the positions that he cherished the most were husband, father, grandfather, great-grandfather, brother, neighbor, and friend. Dean was loved by so many.

Dean is survived by: his children, Allen Branscom of South Hutchinson, KS, and Kathy (Scott) Hamilton of Turon, KS; grandchildren, Casey Stiggins, Jennifer Shingleton, Allison (Jordan) Marshall, Katie Hamilton, and Conor Hamilton; great-grandchildren, Skylar Shingleton, Clayton Shingleton, Grace Marshall, and Cooper Marshall; sister, Karen Cooley of Hutchinson, KS; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Dean was preceded in death by: his parents; wife, Beverly; daughter, Shirley Stiggins; and siblings, Fern Fluke, Tommy Branscom, Lois Cline, Margaret Dykes, Bud Branscom, Dorothy Helm, and Richard Branscom.

Funeral service will be 10 a.m. Thursday, September 8, 2022, at Elliott Mortuary, with the Reverend Ronnie Dykes officiating. Burial will follow in the Turon Cemetery, Turon, KS, with military honors to be conducted by the Fort Riley Honor Guard. Persons attending the funeral service are encouraged to wear HCC Blue Dragon apparel in honor of Dean's support of the HCC Blue Dragons. Friends may sign the book from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Wednesday, September 7, 2022, with the family present from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. at Elliott Mortuary.

In lieu of flowers, memorials are suggested to the Kansas Honor Flight or HCC Endowment Association for the benefit of the HCC Men's Basketball program, in care of Elliott Mortuary and Crematory, 1219 N. Main, Hutchinson, KS 67501.

Doris Closson

Doris Closson, age 98, passed away at her home on September 5, 2022. She was born August 31, 1924 in Norwich, Kansas and grew up on a farm near Belmont, Kansas. The daughter of Ernest and Wilma Trostle, she attended school in Belmont. She was a lifetime resident of Kingman County.

She was the bookkeeper for Whitmer's International Harvester and Buick Dealership for many years, an active farm wife and owner of a custom drapery business. She was active in the Kingman Christian Church, the Kingman County 4-H program and was a Community Leader of the Hawk 4-H club. After moving to town, she spent many years as a hospital auxiliary volunteer at Nu-2-U resale shop in downtown Kingman. She was also active in other local civic, community and social organizations.

Doris loved all kinds of needlework, crafts, playing cards, camping and traveling.

She met Clarence Closson at a 4-H camp in Kingman when she was in grade school. They were married on November 11, 1945.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Clarence who passed away in 1992, her parents Ernest and Wilma, and her brothers Dee Trostle of LeRoy, Kansas and Ernie Trostle of Denver, Colorado.

Doris is survived by two daughters Karen Sue Schulteis (Gary) of Greenfield, Iowa, formerly of Anthony, Kansas and Diana Lea Drake (Jeff) of Freeland, Washington, formerly of Kingman, Kansas, 6 grandchildren, Katrina Schulteis of Greenfield, Iowa, Benjamin Schulteis (Ellie) of Lester Prairie, Minnesota, Landon Schulteis (Hayley) of Prior Lake, Minnesota, Austin Drake of Lenexa, KS, Sean Drake of Ellensburg, Washington and Megan Drake of University Place, Washington. She was the very proud great-grandmother of Jane Ada Schulteis, daughter of Ben and Ellie.

Funeral services will be at 10:00 am, Wednesday, September 14th at Livingston Funeral Home. The family will receive friends from 5:00 to 7:00 pm on Tuesday evening also at the Livingston Funeral Home. Burial will be in the Walnut Hill Cemetery.

Memorial may be made with the Kingman Christian Church or the Kingman Hospital Auxiliary and sent to Livingston Funeral Home.

Robert Young

Robert L. Young, 85, died Aug. 29, 2022 at Wheatlands Healthcare Center, Kingman.

He was born Feb. 28, 1937, at Kingman the son of Irvin and Iantha Harner Young. A resident of Kingman County most of his life, he was a retired farmer.

Robert was a member of the First Baptist Church; was a Kingman High School and Friends University graduate where he graduated Magna Cum Laud; and was a U.S. Army veteran.

On Nov. 15, 1980, he married Nancy Morris Goset; she died Jan. 9, 2012. Survivors include his sister Phyllis Howerton and her husband Dale; stepdaughters Cheryl Yoder and husband Stan, and Christy Trollope and her husband Mark; niece Erin Rude and husband Dan; and great-nieces Taia, Tenley and Lily. He was also preceded in death by his brother Charles.

Funeral services will be 10:30 a.m., Friday, Sept. 9, 2022, at the Livingston Funeral Home, Kingman with the family receiving friends from 9:30 a.m. until service time at the funeral home. Burial will be in the Greenwood Cemetery at Belmont.

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Governor Proclaims September as Suicide Prevention Awareness Month

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Takes Steps to Increase Access to Mental Health Resources

TOPEKA – To raise awareness and educate Kansans on suicide prevention, Governor Laura Kelly has proclaimed September "Suicide Prevention Month" in the State of Kansas as part of the larger National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) campaign, "Together for Mental Health."

"We must continue working to break past the stigma surrounding mental health issues and address these issues head on," said Governor Kelly. "By advancing initiatives like the 9-8-8 suicide and crisis hotline and funding mental health resources in our schools, my administration is doing everything in our power to support Kansans' mental health."

Over the past four years, the Kelly Administration has made suicide prevention and mental health accessibility a priority. She has:

Created the first the Youth Suicide Prevention Coordinator;

Approved a state-funded investment of more than \$15 million annually in the area of suicide prevention and crisis services;

Reformed 26 Community Mental Health Centers (CMHCs) to be Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinics (CCBHCs) with capabilities to treat mental health and substance abuse crises through integrated physical-behavioral care;

Expanded the state's capacity to provide mental health care to Kansans closer to home by bringing new youth facilities online, working to lift the moratorium at Osawatimie, and increasing the states' workforce through the 24/7 pay plan;

Invested in the Mental Health Intervention Teams Program. Governor Kelly has provided \$33 million in funding for the program and has grown the program from 9 districts to 67 and from 1,708 students to close to 5,000 served annually;

Increased funding to address the competency evaluation and restoration process at Larned State Hospital and fund additional mobile competency and restoration services through community mental health centers;

Launched the 9-8-8

Suicide Prevention and Mental Health Crisis Hotline, allowing any Kansans who may be experiencing a mental health emergency to dial 988 and receive professional support. Kansas is one of the first states in the country to have the new hotline funded and operational;

Modernized 26 Community Mental Health Centers (CMHCs) to be Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinics (CCBHCs) by 2024 with capabilities to treat mental health and substance abuse crises through integrated physical-behavioral care;

Provided Kansas ranchers and farmers with mental health resources needed to cope with ag-related stress by launching kansasag-stress.org.

"There is still a lingering stigma surrounding suicide and mental health, leaving some Kansans feeling they are alone," KDADS Secretary Laura Howard said. "At KDADS we've made significant and impactful advances with our mental health partners across the state to implement new programs and open new crisis centers. And of course, the recent transition to the 9-8-8 dialing code represents a valuable opportunity to transform the way we respond to people in crisis and let them know they are not alone."

Governor Kelly's proclamation highlights the many ways Kansas is dedicated to eliminating suicide and raising awareness. It recognizes Kansas is united in raising awareness, that prevention is possible, treatment is effective, and people do recover.

"We lose too many people each year to suicide and each loss is an immeasurable tragedy. At the same time, 2022 has seen advancements in crisis service accessibility, and stronger partnerships across the state which will support increasing suicide prevention opportunities," Monica Kurz, LMSW Vice President Policy & Prevention at Kansas Suicide Prevention HQ, said. "I am hopeful that there are ways we can continue to act as individuals and systems to protect more lives."

For free, confidential support or prevention and crisis resources for you or your loved ones 24/7, call or text 988 or chat 988lifeline.org to reach the Suicide and Crisis Lifeline.

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