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Dan Frick photo

Sacred Heart Catholic Church Adding Bell Tower



drawing submitted by Linda Kerschen

Sacred Heart Catholic Church has started construction on exterior enhancements of their church. These improvements include a bell tower located at the southwest corner of the church. Also included is a new roof that will match those on the parish hall and rectory. Both entrances to the church will have new roof designs.

The Law Company of Wichita, Kansas, is the general contractor. LK Architecture is providing the design work. Mr. Richard Kerschen is in charge of the project for Law Company and LK Architecture. -submitted by Linda Kerschen

Editor's note: The first photo was taken last Wednesday (August 8th by Wayne Jarmer. I was amazed at the progress, and took the second photo today (August 17th.)

Pride Yard of the Week



Courier photo

This lovely home belongs to Pat and Walt Rosenbaum. It is located at 212 West First Street.

Before Highway 54 went around our town, a couple traveling through stopped in the restaurant where I was working. They asked what would happen to the town once it bypassed us. I told them I thought we'd be okay. Then the lady looks at her husband "Oh! No! My house! I won't get to see my house when we drive through." When she described the house and I knew it was this one. They decided they were going to drive by and take a photo of it, because they may not see again. People are funny. -the editor

WARNING

This editor feels that she is in a bit of a rut. I need something different. I think the beginning of the school year would be a good time to play around with the layout of the paper. Bear with me over the next week or two or three or while I try different layouts. Maybe I can come up with something we can all be happy with. Not that you weren't happy with the way things are, but I like change. It keeps my mind ... I'd say sharp, but not sure if that is still possible. If you have suggestions, let me know.

"What you're supposed to do when you don't like a thing is change it. If you can't change it, change the way you think about it. Don't complain."

— Maya Angelou, *Wouldn't Take Nothing for My Journey Now*

"The measure of intelligence is the ability to change."

— Albert Einstein

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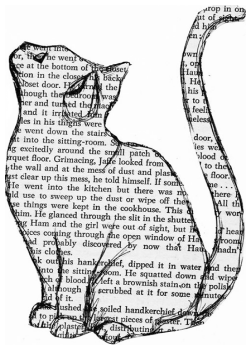
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Friday, August 20th Booster Club Kickoff *** New teacher in-service	Friday, August 27th 5th graders band show
Monday, August 23rd In-service for all teachers	Saturday, August 28th Robotics Team Kickoff **** 9:00 a.m. Inman Volleyball Tournament at Inman
Tuesday, August 24th In-service Day *** 5:00 - 6:00 p.m. Open House	Monday, August 30th HS Play Auditions
Wednesday, August 25th First day of School	Tuesday, August 31st HS VB vs. Otis-Bison/ Stafford at HOME



Meanderings

One of the most precious thoughts I ever had was to name this column “Meanderings”. I am a visionary, to say the least. Had I titled it “Focusings” it would indicate I’d need to make sense but focusing is not something that I do well. My mind meanders. Unless it is buried in words.

First, I would like to bring your attention to the obituary on the back page that is for Evelyn Fladness. Some of you will remember her as the writer of the letter to the paper just a few weeks ago. She wrote in response to the column piece from Billie Gilstrap. Remember? She was friends at the retirement home with someone who had flown bombing missions with Billie back in WWII.

Her daughter called me yesterday to tell me her mother passed away and to stop her subscription. I visited with her and asked her to send an obituary for our paper. She didn’t think anyone here knew her or would remember her, but I knew better. If we didn’t know her, many of us knew her mother.

From her obituary, she seems like a lovely person. She had to have been, how many others would have taken the time to write to this paper,

trying to connect these two veterans. I imagine our world is a little less nice with her leaving us.

I asked her daughter to send me a photo as well. I was so happy I did. Isn’t she lovely with her delightful smile? She looks like her mother, who was a friend of mine. I knew Pearl Walker many years through delivering the newspaper and working at the restaurants here in town. I wish I could have known Evelyn as well.

Beth Blasi emailed to ask if we would be interested in reading a series of columns about her experiences in her battle with breast cancer. Her voice is warm and sincere and honest and humorous. I think we will enjoy it. I’ve placed it right below this column. Thank you, Beth. Thank you so much.

After publishing and then rereading my column last week, I realized I’d cut something out and forgot to paste it back in... no doubt my mind meandered.

So, my apologies to Chris Meyers, the classmate and friend I have known longer than any other...Sixty years to be exact. While we gathered at the Lumberyard in Zenda, he was celebrating his birthday elsewhere. Bill and I decided to give him a call and wish him happy birthday. His birthday was actually on the Saturday we gathered to celebrate mine. And call we did, we tried our best to have a conversation, but all the other folks were being loud and partying and laughing, and my hearing and Bill’s hearing aren’t

exactly what they were back in the days of our much younger youth. In the end, all our friends there yelled a sincere and warm “Happy Birthday, Chris!” to the birthday guy of the day.

This week, a friend and classmate who didn’t get to come to the party, Richard Cain, Houston-area resident, messaged me to invite me out for lunch and a catch up on events and people in our lives. And that we did. I’ve not seen Rich in person in two years. I have seen photos of him and his lovely family on Facebook. We had a lovely lunch, Rich and I. Great conversation. I did have to introduce him to a couple of folks who thought they knew him but didn’t recognize him. I don’t think he’s changed much since we were youths.

Note to Jody in Colorado Springs. (but everyone else can read it as well) I am on my last Bernie Rhodenbarr books. I believe I am going to miss him and his friends and their adventures. I will have to move on from New York City. Thanks for recommending the Louise Penny books. I have been encouraged by many to settle down in Quebec and enjoy the books. Maybe I should just move from NYC to Canada.

Mrs. Rhodenbarr’s son, Bernie, was a burglar. Well, that was really his night job. During the day he was an amateur detective, and he ran a used bookstore. Wouldn’t that just be the best business to have? As much as I love this newspaper, I

think I would love being a bookstore owner even more. I’d want to live close by so I could like creak out of bed, walk down the hall and voila! I am at work. Much like it is now. Only an office full of books.

But alas! Small, used bookstores are a thing of the past. I certainly COULD open a bookstore here, but foot traffic would be pretty sparse, And I wouldn’t want to take business away from our library. I guess I could still open a bookstore and put in some comfy chairs and a coffee urn and sit and read all day, not even caring if I sold a book or not.

In this last book, Bernie is finding that Amazon may just be the demise of his shop. Except he has a great deal of knowledge about antique books. There is money in rare books. IF you can find the right connections. Unless you are Bernie, then you can burgle them. Very little cost in that.

Next week, a bit more about Bernie...and whatever else I can find to not focus on.

Always reading, and currently reading "The Burglar Who Counted Spoons" by Lawrence Block, Roberta

“As my grandmother used to say, if you’ve got nothing good to say about someone, let’s hear it.”
 — Lawrence Block, *Burglars Can’t Be Choosers*

“They’ve transformed the weather into some sort of celestial crap game.”
 — Lawrence Block, *The Burglar Who Liked to Quote Kipling*

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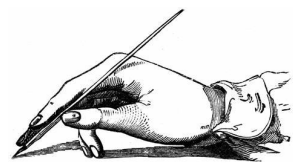
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My Breast Cancer Experience Part 1

By Beth Blasi 2021

Hello. My name is Beth. I’m a 64-year-old female diagnosed with Breast Cancer in 2021. Seems I have survived the Covid-19 Pandemic but couldn’t avoid another of life’s little surprises! I am only one of many folks dealing with this disease, but I thought it might be of some interest to follow along – hopefully as an encouragement or at least some helpful info. A friend of mine provided some helpful materials once I was diagnosed. I didn’t get a bunch of books (you can get a lot of info from the internet), but I found these resources to be very helpful about the breast in general and better understanding what happens once you’ve been diagnosed – it all happens very quickly and the doctors can’t answer everything and neither can you think of all the questions to ask!

The Breast Cancer Survival Manual, by John Link, MD. (Also several revised editions – the latest I have is the 6th edition). This is a fairly short book but covers a lot.

Dr. Susan Love’s Breast Book, by Susan

M. Love, MD with Karen Lindsey and Elizabeth Love. Even if you don’t have breast cancer, this is a good read about overall information about women’s breasts. This is a lengthy book but covers a wide range of information. (There are several revised editions of this book – the latest I have is the 6th edition and may be the last. I would encourage getting the latest as there is always progress being made in diagnosis and treatment.)

****Victory in the Valley** – an organization based in Wichita, KS. Nice lounge at Cancer Center, resource for support groups and other things, and provides a wig and a couple headcoverings for free. www.victoryinthevalley.org

And don’t discount the power of friends, family, other cancer survivors, good attitude, and finding humor in it somewhere!

Even though I’ve been diagnosed with breast cancer in 2021, I want to start with a few life events and background that seem to be part of this cancer experience. I grew up in the Nashville-Zenda area, got a job in Wichita that I worked at for many years, got married to a wonderful man who also worked in Wichita for many years, had two kids, raised the kids, kicked them out, and then my husband

and I moved back to the Zenda area where we now live. Guess we really have been there and back again!

2019 – Retirement, Granddaughter, Nipple Discharge, Wedding

Retirement
 Hurray! I decided to retire after 40 years at my place of employment. It was time – I had been working from our new home the last couple years and had really been losing touch with folks in the office. Technology and attitudes were also changing – it was time. Besides, other life events were happening this year and this would give me the time to be involved in them – our first grandchild and the marriage of our youngest daughter. But, before my work insurance expired, I wanted to get my annual exams taken care of.

I try to get all my annual exams out of the way early in the year and this year was no different. Primary Care visit (lab work etc), Cardiologist, Mammogram. Other than those additional pounds that seemed to creep on my aging physique, things were in normal ranges and all was well with the world. We headed off to our annual “cousin” trip to a sandy beach – I think this one was to the Dominican Republic. As always, we had a great time and returned with some sun-

burn and a little tanned skin. My husband and I were anxiously awaiting the birth of our first grandchild shortly after we returned.

Granddaughter
 Our grandchild’s due date was March 6, 2019 so I headed to Wisconsin the week prior to be with our daughter and her husband awaiting the birth. And we waited, right past the due date, right past another week. It was finally decided to induce and our grand-daughter was born on March 14, 2019, via C-section. Being born on “PI Day” seemed very appropriate since both her parents are very academic – her mother a teacher and her father a doctor. Good thing I had just retired in February so I had the time since my 1 week or so trip turn into a little over 3 weeks!

Nipple Discharge
 However, an odd thing occurred while I was in Wisconsin – I started having some nipple discharge in my left breast. I was a little concerned, but I attributed it to hormones due to being around a pregnant, and then nursing, mother – you know, sympathy lactation or something (even though I had gone thru menopause several years earlier). After all, I had just had a mammogram and there were no concerns. The discharge was off and on during

the rest of the year. I really couldn’t feel a lump but I could push around on the breast and find an area that would cause additional discharge. It was a little worrisome but I figured my annual exams were coming up soon.

Granddaughter
 The year continued on and we celebrated our grand-daughter’s baptism in Wisconsin. By the end of the summer, we were helping our new grand-daughter and her mom and dad move to St. Charles, MO, as he had finished his Fellowship in Wisconsin and now had a job as a Pulmonologist in the St. Louis area.

Wedding
 Our youngest daughter got married in November. Even though they were living in New Mexico, she wanted to get married in our hometown Lutheran church in Kansas. Again, I was thankful I had retired so I could spend the time making decorations and the other arrangements for the wedding and reception. The wedding day arrived! The weather was great and we had a great party including curant pie!

The Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays came and went and the first rumblings of the COVID-19 virus out of China were in the news.

Next week – 2020 and the Pandemic

YEARS AGO IN

The Cunningham Clipper

W.A. Bradley, Editor

1931

August 21-The long-awaited improvement of the Cannon Ball Highway through Pratt County will begin next week. The road will be surfaced with the new blotter-type oil and asphalt material.

Hamilton Watkins returned home from Winfield last Friday, where he has been attending the annual Kansas reunion of the Grand Army of the Republic. Mr. Watkins is a member of the G. A. R. Fife and Drum Corps.

"Seed," John Boles' first talking picture, will be shown at the Turon Theatre this week-end. Mae Murray, the star of many "silent" movies, will make her talkie movie debut in "Bachelor Apartment," Sunday and Monday's attraction at the Turon Theatre.

1936

August 21-The local high school will open the 1936-1937 school year, Monday, September 7. The faculty includes Principal W. F. Teague, Miss Gulah Hoover, Miss Bernice Wyssenbach, Miss Thelma Henshaw, Miss Helen Gordon, Frank Perkins, and Lee Stenzel.

Cunningham Grade School will open the current school year, Tuesday, September 8. Members of the faculty are Principal

Harve Manahan, Miss Gulah Hoover, Miss Helen Schumacher, Miss Ruth Snyder, and Miss Cozette Taylor.

1941

August 22- Principal Eugene Chasey of the local grade school, resigned last week to teach at Kingman. Abel Yauk of Protection, has been hired to replace him. The other grade school teachers are Miss Cozette Taylor, Miss Ruth Wylie, and Miss Josephine Shafer.

Chief Operator Orpha DeWeese has resigned her position at the local telephone office, and has gone to Wichita where she will work for the Stearman Airplane Company. Reba Cozens will take her place in the local office.

The local high school will open the 1941-1942 terms of school on Labor Day (September 1). The faculty includes Principal Clarence Zink, Miss Kathleen Daly, Miss Pauline Gilmore, Miss Lorene Anderson, Miss Margaret Hilliard, Miss Dorothea Franzen, and Marvin Seidel.

1946

August 23- The local high school will open on Labor Day (September 2) for the 1946-1947 year of school with practically a complete new faculty. The teachers include Principal Lem Elrod, Mrs. Wilma Dyck, Miss Lois Wear, Miss

Elaine Rempel, Mrs. Arlene Bradley, and Elmer Cross.

Boys receiving discharges from military service during the past week were Edwin Steffen, Lewis McKibben, Edwin Leith, and Lester Copeland.

1951

August 24- The largest faculty in the history of the local grade school will greet students on the opening day of school, Tuesday, September 4. The ten teachers are Principal Raymond Chaney, Miss Viola Mitchell, Mrs. Naomi Huffman, Mrs. Joan Fee, Miss Wilma Fountain, Mrs. Luelma Ditto, Mrs. Rhoda O'Rourke, Miss Cozette Taylor, Mrs. Jeanne Greenlee, and E. R. Smizer.

The Skelly Oil Company started pumping oil through their new pipeline from the Dresden Oil Field to storage tanks at Skellyville this week. The Dresden Oil Field, Kansas' fastest developing oil field, has 12 producing wells completed within the last three months.

1956

August 23- Cunningham advanced to the finals of the Prairie League Baseball Tournament at Colwich as the result of two 1-0 victories over Colwich and St. Marks last Sunday.

Cunningham will play St. Joe in the tournament finals this coming Sunday afternoon at Colwich.

Heroes of the close 1-0 wins over Colwich and St. Marks were local pitchers

Lennie Schnittker, who hurled the Colwich game, and Charles Feigel, who pitched the St. Marks game. Kenneth Meyers, ace of the Cunningham team all season, is expected to take the mound against St. Joe.

To the C. L. Davidson family went the honor of having the first dial telephone set installation in Cunningham this week. Installation crews of the Cushing Construction Company of Woodbine, Ia., are installing the new dial sets for the local exchange of the Reno Telephone Association, Inc., and are working in the northwest part of town at the present time.

Hauser's Market

Fairmont's Dairy Fair Frozen Milk 1/2 Gallon 59¢
Mile High or Eureka Cut Green Beans 7 No. 303 Cans \$1
Iowa Club Cream Corn 8 No. 303 Cans \$1
Staff-O-Life Missouri Tomatoes 7 No. 303 Cans \$1
Eureka Early June Peas 7 No. 303 Cans \$1
Shurfine Red Pitted Cherries 5 No. 303 Cans \$1
Colorado No. 1 Canning Peaches Basket \$4.39

1961

August 24- The Cunningham 4-H Club climaxed their current year of activity with participation in the Kingman County Fair held in Kingman last week.

Members taking part and receiving a large number of ribbons in many classes of entries included Frances Nickle, Margene Millsap, Sue Ann Graves, Joel Pelzl, Sydney Boyd, Diane Dunn, Sherrill Hutchison, Linda and George Kampling, Billy McGovney, Monte Rose, Norma Greenlee, Mary Cusenbary, Sue and Don Hellar, Bobby and Carolyn Witt, Debby Sheldon, Ronald Murphey, and Rollin Dillinger.

Members receiving the coveted purple ribbons which makes their entry eligible for the Kansas State Fair in Hutchinson, September 16-21, are Norma Greenlee, party dress; Carolyn Witt, school dress; Debby Sheldon, nut bread and Morgan horse; Rollin Dillinger and Joel Pelzl, woodworking; Ronald

Murphey, garden display, tomatoes, red potatoes, white potatoes, and maize; Billy McGovney, woodworking, garden display, and tomatoes; Monte Rose, garden display, tomatoes, and rabbits, and Don Hellar, market hog.

Piano pupils of Miss Sophie Grier, will be presented in recital, Tuesday evening, August 29, at 8:00 o'clock, in the Cairo Methodist Church.

Miss Grier will be assisted by Miss Mary Leiter, pianist, and Miss Kay Henderson, ventriloquist.

Pupils appearing include Jan, Mary, and Jerry Harrel, Nancy DeVault, Marvin Oller, Danny and David Petrie, Vickie and Diana Spade, Kenneth Goyen, and Dane and Diana Huhman.

1966

August 25- The Cunningham high school girl's softball team was bounced out of the state girl's softball tournament at Garnett last week-end.

Cunningham lost their first-round game to Garnett, 19 to 1, and dropped a 12-4 decision to El Dorado in their first game in the loser's bracket of the double-elimination tournament. Phyllis Moore was the losing pitcher in the first game, and Rhonda DeArmond took the pitching loss in Cunningham's second game.

The Kingman County Fair in Kingman closed a four-day session last night (Wednesday).

Reports indicate Cunningham 4-H Club members did very well in their entries. Their 4-H queen candidate, Linda Kampling, was named first runner-up in the queen contest.

The 1965-1966 school year will officially open next Monday morning, Aug., 29, at 8:25 o'clock in Unified School District No. 332, according to the office of District Supt. Milton Brooks.

Unified School District No. 443 comprises approximately the western one-third of Kingman County, and will operate seven schools—two high schools and five grad schools—as a unit, under one superintendent and school board. The high schools in the district are locat-

ed at Cunningham and Zenda (named Nashville-Zenda), and the grade schools are located at Cunningham, St. Leo, Nashville, Zenda, and Willowdale.

School will be dismissed that morning following orientation classes at 11:30 o'clock, so that students may be home in time for lunch. The lunchrooms at the seven schools in the district will start serving lunches on Tuesday, Aug. 30.

1971

August 19- Shirley Ann Lacy is Bride of Dennis D. Raney

The Reverend Father J. David Max officiated at the double ring ceremony uniting Shirley Ann Lacy and Dennis Dean Raney in marriage at 1:00 o'clock on the afternoon of Saturday, July 17, at St. Teresa's Church in Hutchinson.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph F. Heimerman of Hutchinson, and the bridegroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph J. Raney of Cunningham.

Mrs. Terry Hines of Wichita, sister of the bride, was matron of honor. The bridesmaids were Miss Bobbi Breitenbach of Pretty Prairie, and Mrs. John Reisbig of Great Bend.

Danny Meyers of Pratt, served the groom as best man. The groomsmen were Randy Shelman and Mike Scripsick, both of Cunningham. The guests were seated by Joe Raney of Emporia, brother of the groom, and Harold Schreck of Cunningham.

The Cunningham Invitational Little League Baseball tournament got underway last night (Wednesday) at the Cunningham Ball Park with two games—Turon versus Nashville, and Willowdale versus Cunningham.

Two games will be played tonight (Thursday)—St. Leo versus the Willowdale-Cunningham winner at 7:00 o'clock, and Zenda versus the Turon-Nashville winner in the 8:30 o'clock game.

The finals of the single-elimination tournament will be played tomorrow night (Friday), with the third-place game starting at 7:00 o'clock, to be followed by the championship game at 8:30 o'clock.

Bill DeWeese is manager of the Cunningham team.

The Cunningham Merchants won second place in the Preston Invitational Men's Slo-Pitch Softball Tournament last week-end, losing to Pratt New Deal Schlitz in Sunday night's finals. Lee T. Moore Const. of Hutchinson, was third.

This ends a highly successful season for the Merchants. They played in six tournaments, including district and sub-state play, and finished no worse than fourth, and winning a trophy in all six tournaments.

Their season's record was 34 wins and 12 losses.



Catholic Churches

Sacred Heart, Cunningham
Sunday 8:30 a.m.

St. Leo
Saturday 5:30 p.m.

St. John, Zenda
Saturday 4:00 p.m.

St. Peter Willowdale
Sunday 10:00 a.m.

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



Lutheran Churches

St. John, Nashville
620-246-5220
Sunday School & Bible Class
9:45 a.m.
Worship Service
8:30 a.m.

Trinity, Medicine Lodge
620-656-7431
Sunday School & Bible Class
9:15 a.m.
Worship Service
10:30 a.m.

Our worship service is found on the YouTube channel at:
<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCCrenCH1219nmpcojCFyYLA>

Pastor Dennis Fangmeyer
Cell: 620-886-0911



Church of Christ

Penalosa
Sunday 11:00 a.m.



First Christian Church

Cunningham
Facebook:
<https://www.facebook.com/CunninghamChristianChurch>
Pastor Mike McGovney
620-298-3201



United Methodist Church

Penalosa Worship 9:15 a.m.
Cunningham Worship 10:45 a.m.
Pastor Mathew Ndambuki Musyoki
620-298-2090



Zenda
Worship 9:00 a.m.
Sunday School: Children 8:30 a.m. Adults 10:00 a.m.
Pastor Ken Keeling
620-491-0680

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Lions' Club (leave your old eyeglasses at the bank)

Cunningham Museum (to donate contact Donna Glenn)

Celebrating 50 Years of Title IX

50 For 50
Amy Mortimer - Riley County
 Celebrating 50 Years of Title IX

“I don't think I fully appreciated Title IX even in college. Late in college is when I learned the history of women in distance running, that it wasn't until 1984 that women could run the marathon in the Olympics. This is pretty recent.”



**50 For 50:
 Amy Mortimer**

By Joanna Chadwick
 Growing up on a small farm between Riley and Manhattan, Amy (Mortimer) Garman tried a variety of sports - and struggled.

“My dad was really into sports, and my mom said he couldn't wait to teach me how to play baseball,” she said. “On my first day of T-ball practice, I was playing catch and got hit in the head twice.”

“I wasn't very coordinated no matter what sport I tried.... I was more likely to be reading a book. I'd get in trouble for reading in class.”

But when she was 10 years old and running the mile for P.E. class for the Presidential Physical Fitness test, Mortimer found her calling. She ran a 7:35 mile, beating all but one male in her class.

That was Mortimer's turning point, and the start of a phenomenal career.

“I just really loved doing it. I felt really good running,” she said.

While at Riley County High School, Mortimer won 13 state titles. She was a four-time Class 3A cross country champion and a four-time 3A track champion in the 3,200 meters. She also won the 1,600 meters three times from 1997-1999 and won the 800 twice. She set state meet records in each event during her senior track season.

Mortimer still holds the 3A record in the 3,200 and the 800. Her younger sister, Erin, holds the 1,600 record.

Mortimer was also

named a National Foot Locker cross country All-American in 1998 and was ninth at the 1998 Junior Nationals in the 3,000 meters.

“I recruited Amy out of Riley County High School,” said Randy Cole, then the Kansas State cross country coach. “She had a lot of standout performances. She was one of the top milers in the country, so not only was she good, she was really good nationally.”

“And she was right here in our backyard.”

While at Kansas State, Mortimer was a 12-time NCAA All-American -- four times in cross country, three times in outdoor at the 1,500 and the 5,000, as well as five times indoor in the 3,000 and the distance medley relay. She helped lead the Wildcats to two Big 12 team titles.

Mortimer signed a contract with Brooks after college and was ninth in the 1,500 at the 2004 U.S. Olympic Trials. She ran professionally for nearly 10 years.

Her dad, Bob, was by her side through much of her training in middle school and high school. A physical therapist, he had noticed one day how naturally good her form was while she ran up their half-mile long driveway.

“Anybody who has ever watched runners on TV, they have a certain gait, a certain cadence - that's her,” Bob Mortimer said. “So we tried jogging a little bit with her.”

But once his daughter got too fast for him, he drove his Toyota truck down the country roads next to her while she ran.

“As soon as it was dark, we'd go out after supper with the car stereo speaker hanging out the window,” he said. “We'd go out two, three, four times a week at the most. People in the neighborhood knew if someone was driving slow and music was blaring that Amy was out running.”

“It's not safe being out at night alone when you're in the sixth grade. We'd talk about anything going on in the day, sometimes she'd tell jokes. I found out a lot about her life from running.”

The goal through high school was to push but not burn out, so Mortimer and her dad only trained together in the offseason.

“She had a natural endurance, and she really wanted to be good,” Bob Mortimer said. “I didn't have to give her any pep talks about, ‘you could be good if you worked harder.’”

“If you had a horse and it wanted to run, sometimes it's better to pull back on the reins and not let them go all out. She would have run herself into the ground if we'd given her full rein to do it. I thought she needed time off to grow and develop and have another part of her life.”

Unlike many other athletes, Mortimer didn't do two-a-day workouts with her team or add another workout after practice.

“Young female runners get burned out,” Mortimer said. “Both (my dad) and my high school coach were big fans of low-mileage training. I'd work out really hard, but I wasn't

doing a lot of volume.

“In May of my eighth grade year as I was going into high school, I broke my foot playing tag in the dark. I couldn't train that much, so I was fired up for the cross country season.”

While she found success immediately with cross country, track was always her favorite.

“There's a symmetry to it,” said Mortimer, who is a year from earning her PhD in accounting. “For a five-minute mile, every quarter has to be under 75 seconds. And track is a little more organized.”

After running in 100-degree weather and 40-mile per hour winds as a junior, the weather was perfect her senior season. She ran all three races in the same day and set state meet records in each one.

“The weather was amazing. I felt so fit, everything,” she said. “I'm gushing about it. I haven't thought about this in a while. Everything came together.”

“Three state meet records that day -- it all clicked.”

Such success had to be fun to watch, right?

“Watching the tapes was better,” Bob Mortimer said. “Watching in person was somewhat stressful. We knew how much she wanted to do well. There's a lot of peril in running - every step, you could take a fall.”

“So it was a lot of fun to have her succeed, but I liked watching the tape after she would run because I knew the outcome.”

Sometimes it wasn't easy watching the tape when it got really tight.

“But she's always been highly motivated.”

That's not my fault. That's who she is.”

The intensity naturally increased in college, but she didn't pay any attention to her opponents her freshman season. She just ran.

“Being as determined as she was, she stuck her nose in the competition in the Big 12, the region and nationally,” Cole said.

“Right off the bat, she was obviously not afraid to compete.”

She got second in the 3K at the indoor nation-



Amy Mortimer was inducted into the KSHSAA Hall of Fame in 2007

als and was third in the outdoors 5K. Cole recounts Mortimer's freshman year running the 5k at the Drake Relays.

“There's a huge field of runners, so it's pretty crowded,” he said. “They had to restart because someone fell in the first 100 meters. Bob and I laughed, ‘it's probably Amy.’”

“It was Amy! But then she goes out and wins the race.”

By her senior year, Mortimer was running extremely well.

“My senior year was crazy at nationals,” Mortimer said. “I ran a huge PR. I had to run a huge PR to get into the finals. Everyone all of a sudden ran out of their minds.”

“I ran a school record and I didn't finish as high as I usually did. I would have won the meet most years with that time. It was the start of a time with a lot of strong women distance runners.”

Mortimer was disappointed she retired after nearly 10 years as a professional without ever being an Olympian, which had been a long-time goal.

Amy Mortimer was inducted into the KSHSAA Hall of Fame in 2007.

“It was weird after I was done,” she said. “... I was used to having such a disciplined lifestyle. It was an adjustment. I definitely saw a therapist. Running had been such a big part of my life for a while, and it was like someone close to me had died.”

“I don't think I could have made it through that without outside perspective. Everyone was pretty supportive. My husband, he understood because he

had done sports in college and he understood how painful that was to stop. But it was nice to have someone completely objective about my life.”

Mortimer had support from the start of her running career, including at Riley County High School, where girls sports were celebrated along with the boys.

“I don't think I fully appreciated Title IX even in college,” she said. “Late in college is when I learned the history of women in distance running, that it wasn't until 1984 that women could run the marathon in the Olympics. This is pretty recent.”

Mortimer's grandmother played basketball, golf and tennis in Indiana, but her mom only had cheerleading or gymnastics to choose from.

“Now that I have a daughter, I think it's so cool that she'll have so many opportunities,” Mortimer said. “It made such a difference in my life. I can't imagine not having had it in my life.”

We are grateful to partner with WIN for KC, an organization with the mission to empower the lives of girls and women by advocating and promoting the lifetime value of sports through opportunities for participation and leadership development. WIN for KC and the KSHSAA believe involvement in activities and sports lay the ground work for supporting well-rounded citizens in our communities and beyond. For more on WIN for KC visit: <https://www.sport-kc.org/win-for-kc>



The Cunningham Schools display at the Cunningham Historical Museum gave Rob Sternecker and son Luke some good memories.

photo and caption by Alan Albers

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— Rita Rudner



**Kingman County
Commission
Minutes
August 9, 2021**

The Board of Kingman County Commissioners met in the Commission Room of the County Courthouse, Kingman, Kansas on August 9th, 2021. Those present: Jerry Henning, Chairman; Jack Thimesch, Commissioner; Fred Foley, Commissioner; Carol Noblit, County Clerk; John Caton, County Counselor

Visitors: Dale Robinson, City of Kingman; Jason Ruckle, City of Cunningham; City of Norwich; Jake Hauer, Hall Brothers Inc and Julio Franco, Hall Brothers Inc.

Staff: Becky Luntsford, County Treasurer; Stan Goetz, HR/Planning/Zoning/Wastewater Director; Richard Schott, Emergency Manager; Charles Arensdorf, Public Works Director and Steve Bachenberg, County Engineer.

Chairman Henning called the Board of County Commissioners Meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

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

Commissioner Foley wanted to ask a question during Charles Arensdorf's time about a Township representative's concern about the broad-

band installation. MOTION: Commissioner Foley moved to approve the agenda with addition of a Township representative question to Mr. Arensdorf's. Commissioner Thimesch seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the majority vote of the County Commissioners.

No public comments. Becky Luntsford, County Treasurer was in with a proposal she received from Iconic IT for a 27" monitor and a Logitech BCC950 Video Conferencing Camera and microphone in the amount of \$853.29. Ms. Luntsford discussed that she is purchasing one to try them out to make sure that it is what she wants for all of the office.

Commissioners appreciated Ms. Luntsford coming in with the quote and approved the purchase.

Ms. Luntsford let the Commissioners know that it will be paid half by County Treasurer Auto and half by her Technology fund.

Ms. Luntsford let the Commissioners know the status of the Tax sale and that there is still five properties going to the sale.

Commissioners signed County vouchers in the amount of \$63,395.00.

Commissioners signed abatements.

MOTION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to approve the August 2nd, 2021 Commission meeting minutes. Commissioner Foley seconded the mo-

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

Stan Goetz, HR/Planning/Zoning/Wastewater Director was in with the Health Benefit enrollment for the Commissioners to sign.

Commissioner Foley discussed a property owners concern on the broadband company being on their property with Mr. Goetz.

Mr. Goetz submitted a report from KWORCC and needed a signed document to send back to them. MOTION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to approve the document from KWORCC's inspection of the Road & Bridge. Commissioner Foley seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Mr. Goetz received a recommendation for a board member for the Planning/Zoning Board and submitted it to the County Commissioners.

Mr. Goetz submitted the following building permits to the Commissioners:

David Gonzalez for a storage shed in Section 34, Township 27, Range 7.

John Steffen for a machine shed in Section 27, Township 27, Range 10.

Richard Schott, Emergency Manager was in to let the Commissioners know that he will be meeting with the LEPC and presenting them the by-laws to approve before coming to them to sign off

of the bylaws.

Mr. Schott discussed the ARPA funds and that he would like the Commissioners to meet with the City officials.

Chairman Henning would like the Cities to submit a letter with what they are looking to spend with their ARPA funding.

Commissioner Thimesch would like to have a meeting first with the Cities to discuss instead of a letter.

Commissioners agreed to hold a meeting on a Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. with the date to be determined later.

Mr. Schott said he will set up a meeting and let them know.

Charles Arensdorf, Public Works Director and Steve Bachenberg, County Engineer were in to update the Commissioners.

Commissioner Foley discussed the placement of a tower done by Ideatek with Mr. Arensdorf.

Mr. Arensdorf submitted the following permits: Ideatek- Lay fiber optic cable in Section 24, Township 27, Range 5 (Evan).

Haviland Telephone- Lay copper cable in Section 30, Township 30, Range 5 (Bennett).

Mr. Arensdorf should finish the Hot Mix program this week.

Mr. Arensdorf let the Commissioners know that the water sampling at the Kingman County Landfill has been moved to August 30 or 31st tentatively.

Commissioners let Mr. Arensdorf know that they

had driven the 21st street overlay this last weekend and it was a good drive.

Steve Bachenberg submitted a supplemental agreement #1 for FAS 11 & FAS 12 for the Commissioners to approve.

MOTION: Commissioner Foley moved to approve the supplemental agreement #1. Commissioner Thimesch seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Mr. Bachenberg submitted supplemental agreement #1 for FAS 13 for the Commissioners to approve.

MOTION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to approve the supplemental agreement for FAS 13. Commissioner Foley seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Mr. Bachenberg let the Commissioners know that the Federal Fund Exchange amount this year is \$96773.75 so the county will get back 90% of that for a figure of \$87096.37 and it will be placed in the .75% sales tax fund.

Mr. Bachenberg submitted the capital needs improvement program document to the County Commissioners.

Mr. Bachenberg let the Commissioners know that he has been attending meetings for road safety projects.

Commissioners discussed the capital needs

improvement program with Mr. Arensdorf and Mr. Bachenberg.

Jake Hauer, Hall Brothers, Inc and Julio Franco, Hall Brothers, Inc were online Go to Meeting to show the presentation of their Onyx product and the application process.

Dale Robinson, City of Kingman; Jason Ruckle, City of Cunningham and the City of Norwich were in to watch the presentation by Hall Brothers Inc. along with Charles Arensdorf, Public Works Director and Steve Bachenberg, County Engineer.

Commissioners discussed the product with Mr. Hauer and what it can do for certain roads with cracks.

Commissioner Thimesch asked Mr. Hauer when he would suggest putting the sealant on the overlay to get more years from the overlay.

Mr. Hauer suggested maybe after the first year or two.

Mr. Arensdorf discussed having the company come out and looking at a few roads.

Mr. Arensdorf, Mr. Bachenberg, Mr. Robinson, Mr. Ruckle left the meeting at 11:54 a.m.

MOTION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to adjourn the regular board meeting at 12:11 p.m. Commissioner Foley seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

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Kansas Grain and Feed Association Holds 125th Annual Meeting, Selects Brent Emch as Chairman

TOPEKA, Kan. – During its 125th annual meeting August 9 – 10, Kansas Grain and Feed Association's (KGFA) 16-member board of directors formally selected Brent Emch of Cargill Incorporated to serve as the association's 91st chairman since its founding in 1896. Emch's two-year term begins immediately and will be in effect through April 2023.

"It is a privilege and honor to be selected by the KGFA Board of Directors and membership to be the next Chairman of this accomplished association," Emch said. "The Kansas Grain and Feed

Association is one of the most successful Grain and Feed Associations across this great county and I'm excited to continue to lead it to even greater heights and accomplishments. The continued success comes from the value it creates for the member-owners and I intend to ensure that the staff continues to deliver for its members."

Native to Kansas, Emch grew up working at a private grain elevator, feed and crop input retail business in Madison, Kansas. He is a 1994 graduate of Kansas State University and has spent his entire 27-year career with Cargill Incorporated, spanning five states in the Midwest. Emch is currently based in the organization's regional office in Olathe, Kansas where he has overseen various regional merchandising teams for grain and soy processing in the Western United States.

KGFA members

also selected Mark Paul (Cloud County Cooperative, Concordia) as vice chairman, Andrew Fullerton (Bartlett Grain, Kansas City) as second vice chairman and Blake Connelly (Alliance Ag and Grain LLC, Spearville), TJ Mandl (The Scoular Company, Pratt) and Matt Overturf (Skyland Grain LLC, Johnson City) as new board members.


During its 125th annual gathering at the, nearly 200 KGFA members enjoyed networking and educational activities. Members heard a keynote address from current Kansas attorney general and 2022 gubernatorial candidate Derek Schmidt. Economist Dr. Matt Roberts provided an update on the outlook of the agricultural economy prior to the group dispersing for a golf tournament at Topeka Country Club.

Founded in 1896, the Topeka-based

Kansas Grain and Feed Association (KGFA) is a voluntary non-profit, trade organization providing governmental representation, educational opportunities and a wide variety of other services to the vast and indispensable grain and feed marketing system. KGFA's 900 members include country elevators, sub-terminal and terminal elevators, feed manufacturers, flour mills, grain merchandisers and allied industries such as grain exchanges, equipment manufacturers, insurance firms and railroads. KGFA is proud to represent 99 percent of the federal or state licensed grain storage in the state of Kansas. In addition, KGFA also manages the Kansas Agribusiness Retailers Association, Renew Kansas, and provides association management and lobbying services to a number of other clients.

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— "Old Man's Advice to Youth:
'Never Lose a Holy Curiosity.'" LIFE Magazine (2 May 1955) p. 64"
— Albert Einstein

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Junior High and High School Summer Weights Classes Compete in Triathlon



BRRR! Athletes cannot begin a triathlon without some warm up exercises in some cold water in the early morning...



LOTS of stretching.



Summer Weights coach, Eric Kerschen starts girls on their 150 meter swim.



and the boys are off for their 150 meters of swimming



This great photo shows Ellie McGuire leading the bicycle part of the race just as the sun is rising in the east.



Luke McGuire rides around one of the cones at the halfway point in the biking leg of the race.



Adam Sterneker maneuvers around the cone at the 1/2 way mark.



Weston Rogers and Tyler Osner make it around the half-way-done-with-the-bike-race cone.



Tyler Osner finishes the bike race and gets ready to run the mile.



Kendall Rogers passes the 1/2 mile marker in running part of the race.

photos by Molly Morgan

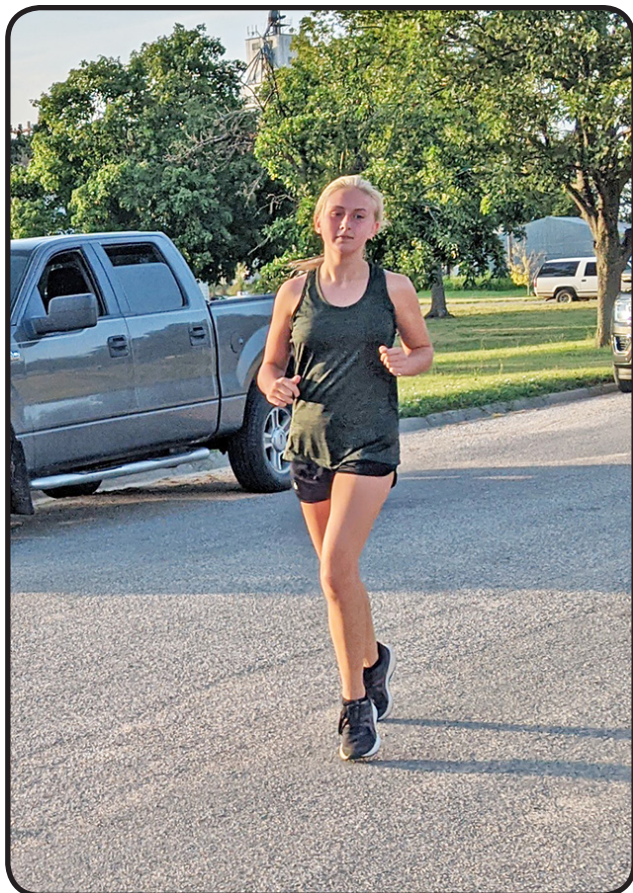
And the Races are Completed



Stephen Kerschen crosses the finish line



Kortni Fischer finishes her triathlon.



Emily Ogg finishes the race.



Cunningham Booster Club Kickoff Event

Friday, August 20
Cunningham Lions' Park
Bring your lawn chairs for a social evening.
Memberships available at the event. \$20.00 for individuals; \$35.00 for couples

A meal of hamburgers and hotdogs will be served from 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at the ballfield concession stand.

Booster Club members, USD employees and spouses, and kids eat free.

All other adults have a \$5.00 meal fee.

Each Booster member receives a chance in a drawing for a VIP parking spot, Booster Club cup (3 winners) or \$40 towards Wildcat spirit gear (2 winners)

Cake walk will take place from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Twenty-five cents will buy a walk per round. (you will find this activity south of the pool)

7:00 New faculty will be introduced, and coaches will speak.

Pie-throwing fun will immediately follow the speakers.

Ultimate Frisbee and sand volleyball will set up for high school and junior high students.

Don't forget to bring your gently used Cunningham Spirit wear items that are no longer worn. They will be displayed on a table for anyone to take if they have a use for them.

Free swim from 8:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.

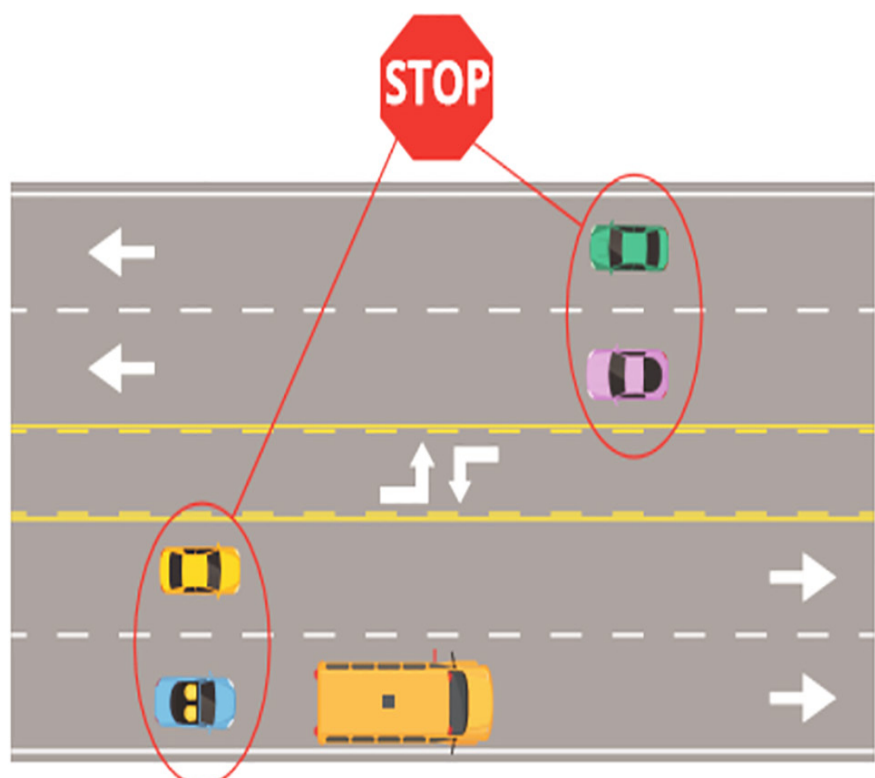
Contact Judy DeWeese at 620-491-0997 for questions.



Tired and sweaty, but with a feeling of accomplishment the triathlon runners rest after the races.

Four-lane Roadway with Shared Left Turn Lane

When a school bus stops and activates its stop arm and flashing red lights, all traffic must stop from both directions.



I saw this on Facebook. And somewhere I THINK I read that Jackie Ruckle painted this door. Let me know if I'm wrong. It does look nice.



Pratt County Commission Meeting

August 2nd, 4th, and 5th, 2021

The Pratt County Commissioners met in regular session Monday, August 9, 2021 at 2:00 p.m. The commissioner room, 1st floor of the courthouse. The following members were present: Rick N. Shriver, Dwight Adams, Thomas W. Jones III, Tyson Eisenhauer, county counselor, Lori Voss, county clerk and Mark Graber, IT director .

Also, present, Micheal Blackford, Pratt Tribune.

Tyson Eisenhauer, county counselor, reminded everyone the meeting is being streamed over Zoom and to please state your name when speaking; Mark Graber, IT director , will watch for any comments or questions from the public.

Heather Morgan, economic development consultant, businesses that received PPP small busi-

ness loans can apply for forgiveness available on the sba.gov or their local bank.

KDOT local consult for transportation plan meetings at either Sterling College October 4, 2021 or Dodge City Casino October 5, 2021. Would be beneficial for one of the Commissioners to attend. Visited with Doug about bridges that might need updated/reinforced. New weight limits. Form now available to file expenses for new funds. August 31, 2021 is the first deadline, October 31, 2021 is the second deadline for filing expenses and for the plan. It was discussed getting laptops, printer, scanner and equipment to zoom and record meetings for the commissioner room. Commissioner Jones made a motion to give Mark Graber permission to get quotes for electronic equipment needed for the commissioner room. Commissioner Adams seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Jones made a motion to approve the minutes from August 2, 2021 and recessed meetings August 3 and 4, 2021 as presented.

Commissioner Adams seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Robert Torres, environmental services director, invited commissioners to producer meeting to discuss noxious weeds, Tuesday, September 21, 2021 at 5:30 p.m. at the Pratt County Fairgrounds. He is planning to retire September 30, 2021. It was discussed reviewing the job description get the job listed for replacement.

Dr. Mike Calvert, PCC president, presented a flyer for the track and soccer complex fundraiser. They are still in need of \$850,000. They will lease out for events, the fee is to be determined and can be waived.

Rich Sanders, hospital board, discussed PRRC building. PRMC has sold some equipment out of the building. The board has stated to leave the remaining equipment to stay with the building. Discussed uses for the building. Heath Beckler, Mirrom, Inc out of Newton, is very interested in the building. There will be potential funding for drug/alcohol out patient treatments. Tyson stated the refinanc-

ing bonds will be finished mid-September with that parcel stripped out. The building could be sold or leased. Utilities and insurance are still being paid by PRMC. It was decided insurance will be paid by the county and the hospital board will pay the utilities. Rich will ask PRMC to continue lawn care and weekly walk throughs. Anyone interested in the building will need to put a proposal together presented to the commissioners.

Doug Freund, road supervisor, presented an estimate for more concrete work at the lake by the door to the building. Commissioner Adams made a motion to approve the quote on concrete work at the lake from Arensdorf Construction, LLC for \$2,520.00. Commissioner Jones seconded. Motion carried 3-0. He reported a hydrant was run over at the lake. Integreen repaired the hydrant and will replace the valve for approximately \$1,700.00. Commissioner Shriver asked if he could mow at the new PSB. He will get with James with Harman Huffman Construction for guidance. They are

almost done with asphalt.

Tyson Eisenhauer, county counselor, presented a bill for \$1,159.00 from Morris Laing for the IRS response. Commissioner Jones made a motion for ten-minute executive session at 3:07 pm for attorney/client matter. Commissioner Adams seconded. Motion carried 3-0. Commissioner Jones made a motion to return from executive session at 3:12 p.m. with nothing to report. Commissioner Adams seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Brian Atteberry, EMS director, reported he had not been contacted by Dr. Clarkson. The EMS director position will be posted for the openings. He would like to have EMS on the E dispatches notifications. We are now at a chief 2 level the added EMS employees would put the cost at \$288.00 or \$388.00 a month. He would also like to have protocols on the EMS employee phones.

Commissioner Shriver questioned the bonds on the NE 30th St. and the LEC improvement bonds.

Commissioner Jones

made a motion to approve the payment vouchers for August 9, 2021. Commissioner Adams seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Darcie Vander Vyver, health director, gave COVID update, 33 active cases. She reported they have had 70 walk-ins for covid vaccines in the last couple of weeks. Checking into different options for testing. She toured PRRR for a potential daycare center option.

The contractor did not feel like it was cost effective to remodel for daycare. Applied for a Patterson grant to be used for COVID-related items for \$15,000, she was rewarded this grant and it will be used for new tables at the community center.

Commissioner Adams suggested we get a bid for a sprinkler system for the courthouse lawn.

Commissioner Jones made a motion to adjourn at 3:56 pm commissioner Adams seconded. Motion carried 3-0. Meeting adjourned at 3:56 pm.

Kingman County Sheriff's Report

Sunday, August 8, 2021

Traffic stops	1
Traffic check tag	SW 70 Ave & W Hwy 54 area Kingman
Traffic complaint	5000 block N Hwy 11, Kingman
Animal	400 block N Cowgill, Nashville
Vehicle Abandoned	12000 block SW 90 Ave, Zenda
Welfare Check	200 block E. B Ave Kingman

Monday, August 9, 2021

Traffic Stops	2
Assist other agencies	300 block W. D Ave. Kingman
Damage	14000 block SW 90 Ave Zena
Fraud	400 block S Parkway St. Norwich
Welfare check	24 NE 70 Ave area Kingman

Tuesday, August 10, 2021

Traffic stops	5
Traffic complaint	SW 70 St & SW 100 Ave. area Cunningham
Traffic complaint	3000 block E Hwy 54 Kingman
Traffic complaint	NW 170 Ave & NW 01 St. area, Cunningham
Traffic complaint	18000 block W Hwy 54 Cunningham
Animal	12000 block SW 100 St. Zenda
Animal	SW 130 St & Sw 140 Ave. area Nashville
Fire -outside	16000 block S. Hwy 14, Kingman
Fire	SE 150 St & S Hwy 14 area Rago
Vehicle disabled	15000 block E Hwy 54 area, Cheney
Vehicle disabled	SE 40 St. & SE 160 Ave. area, Cheney

Wednesday, August 11, 2021

Traffic complaint	700 0block S Hwy 14, Kingman
Traffic complaint	8000 block E Hwy 54, Murdock
Traffic complaint	NE 20 St. & N Hwy 14 area, Kingman
Animal	1600 block W Hwy 54, Kingman
Damage	100 block SE Viney Ave. Murdock
Suspicious person	N Main St. & E. C Avenue Kingman
Vehicle disabled	SE 70 St & S Hwy 14 area, Kingman

Welfare check 2000 block SW 50 Ve. Kingman

Thursday, August 12, 2021

Traffic stop	3
Traffic complaint	16000 block E Hwy 42 Norwich
Traffic complaint	18000 block W Hwy 54 Cunningham
Traffic complaint	NE 20 St. & N Hwy 14 area, Pretty Prairie
Traffic control	SW 120 st. & SW 30 Ave. area, Spivey
Damage	100 block S Cowgil St. Nashville
Suspicious Vehicle	500 block S Main St. Norwich
Welfare check	15000 block E Hwy 2 Norwich
Welfare check	300 block E. G Ave. Kingman

Friday, August 13, 2021

Traffic complaint	18000 block W Hwy 54 Cunningham
Alarm	30 SE 160 Ave. Kingman
Fraud/Deception	1400 block N Spruce St. Kingman
Irrigation/watering roadway	3000 block SE 50 St. Kingman
Theft/Larceny	12000 block SE 40 Ave. Rago

Saturday, August 14, 2021

Traffic Stops	5
Traffic complaint	9000 block SE 60 St. Norwich
Traffic complaint	@mm 142 Pratt
Alarm	4800 block SE 100 St. Kingman
Animal	1600 block E Kansas Ave. Kingman
Animal	15000 block NE 50 St. Cheney
Assist other agencies	16000 block NE 50 St. Cheney
Burglary	30 SE 160 Ave area, Cheney
Suspicious person	5000 block SE 180 St. Harper
Suspicious vehicle	400 block E. D Ave. Kingman
Theft	5000 block NE 150 Ave. Cheney
Welfare Check	16000 block NE 50 St. Cheney

"I came from a real tough neighborhood. Once a guy pulled a knife on me. I knew he wasn't a professional, the knife had butter on it."
— Rodney Dangerfield

Public Notice

First published in the Cunningham Courier, Thursday, August 5, 2021 (3t).

IN THE THIRTIETH JUDICIAL DISTRICT DISTRICT COURT OF KINGMAN COUNTY, KANSAS IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF: GLEN A. BOLINGER, Deceased. Case No. 2020 PR 40 (Petition Pursuant to K.S.A. Chapter 59) NOTICE OF HEARING THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:

You are hereby notified that on July 28, 2021, a Petition was filed in this Court by Marilyn S. Bolinger, Lyndal D. Bolinger and J. Douglas Bolinger, duly appointed, qualified and acting Co-Executors of the Estate of Glen A. Bolinger, deceased, praying Petitioners acts be approved; account be settled and allowed; the heirs be determined; the Will be construed and the Estate be assigned to the persons entitled thereto; the Court find the allowances requested for

attorneys' fees and expenses are reasonable and should be allowed; the costs be determined and ordered paid; the administration of the Estate be closed; upon the filing of receipts the Petitioners be finally discharged as the Co-Executors of the Estate of Glen A. Bolinger, deceased, and the Petitioners be released from further liability.

You are required to file your written defenses thereto on or before August 27, 2021, 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.

Marilyn S. Bolinger, Lyndal D. Bolinger and J. Douglas Bolinger, Petitioners
Matthew W. Ricke, #20995 ATTORNEY AT LAW, LLC
349 North Main, P. O. Box 113
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(620) 532-3103
Attorney for Petitioners

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IN THE THIRTIETH JUDICIAL DISTRICT DISTRICT COURT OF KINGMAN COUNTY, KANSAS IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF: JOYCE A. BOLINGER, Deceased. CASE NO. 2020 PR 41 (Pursuant to K.S.A. Chapter 59) NOTICE TO CREDITORS THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:

You are hereby notified that a Petition has been filed in this Court by Marilyn S. Bolinger, duly appointed, qualified and acting Administrator of the Estate of Joyce A. Bolinger, deceased, praying Petitioner's acts be approved; account be settled and allowed; the heirs be determined; the

Estate be assigned to the persons entitled thereto pursuant to the laws of intestate succession; fees and expenses be allowed; costs be determined and ordered paid; the administration of the Estate be closed; the Administrator be discharged and Petitioner be released from further liability.

You are hereby required to file your written defenses thereto on or before August 27, 2021, 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.

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Kingman, KS 67068
Attorney for Petitioner

Join the Discussion September 11th

Please join Cunningham Public Library on Saturday, September 11th, from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. via Zoom for a presentation and discussion on economic development in our community.

Members of the community and area business leaders are invited to join in this interactive presentation.

Jeremy Hill, Director of the Center for Economic Development

and Business Research at Wichita State University will lead this interactive forum. Hill's presentation is designed to help us better understand our economic trends, identify our area's comparative advantage, and help us as a community to prioritize a strategy for growth.

As part of our discussions, we will ask participants to help us identify our community's current resources and needs and help us to answer the question, "What library resources are needed to support our community's economic development efforts including support

for remote working?"

Jeremy Hill is the director of the Center for Economic Development and Business Research at Wichita State University. He came to Wichita State University from Georgia Southern University, where he was the director of the Coastal Rivers Water Planning and Policy Center. Hill has over twenty years of experience of applied business and economic research and is often quoted by local and state media across Kansas. His research focus has been on business analysis and community development,

as well as workforce, tourism and retirement dynamics.

This presentation is funded through a **Libraries Transforming Communities (LTC): Focus on Small and Rural Libraries Grant**. LTC is an initiative of the American Library Association (ALA) in collaboration with the Association for Rural & Small Libraries (ARSL).

Registration is required for this event. You may register at the library or visit our website at cunningham.sckslslibrary.info



Jeremy Hill, Director of the Center for Economic and Business Research at WSU

info for a link to our online registration form. The Deadline for registration is *five days prior to*

the event. Webinar access information will be sent to registrants prior to the event.

Vestiges of Summer 2021



Fog covering the ground.

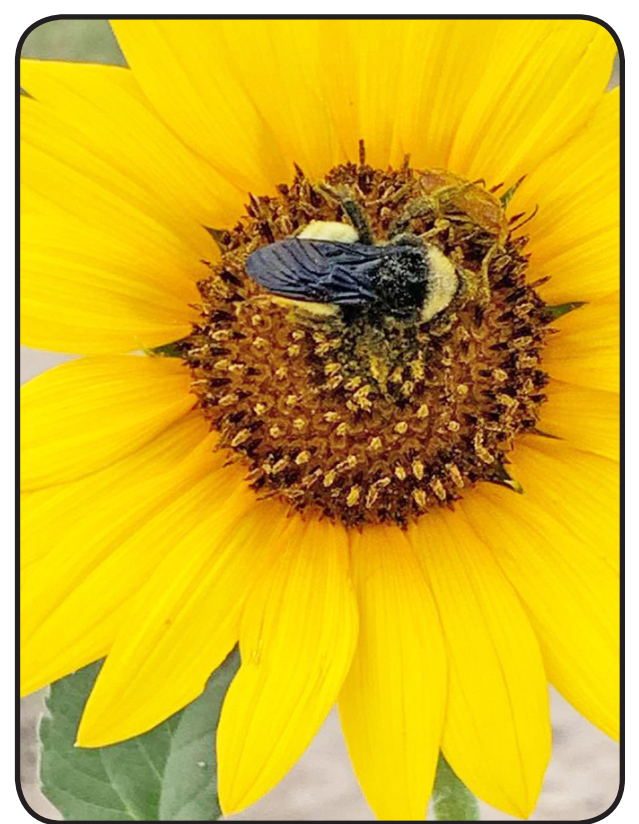
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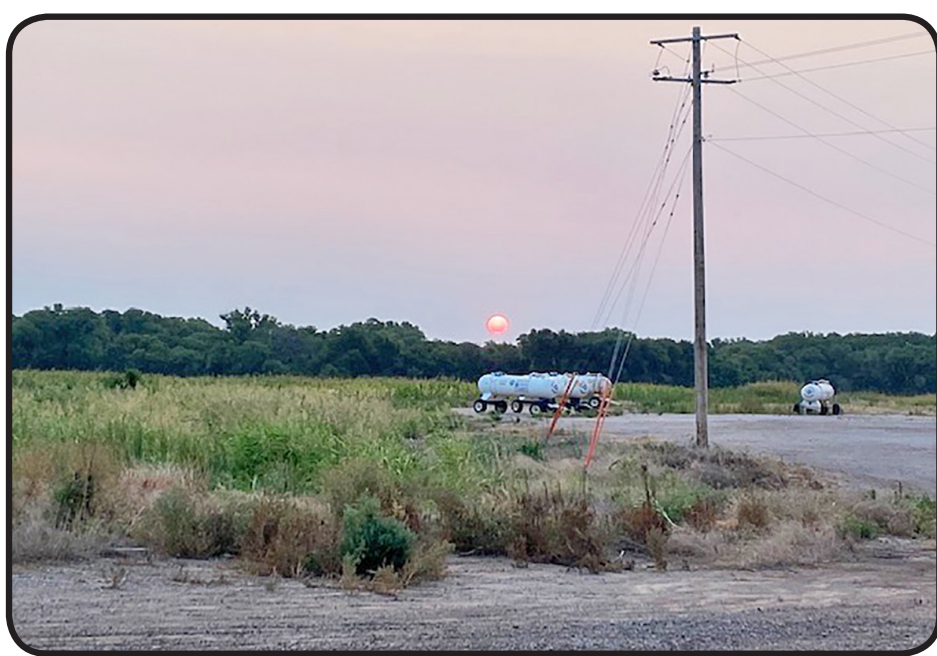
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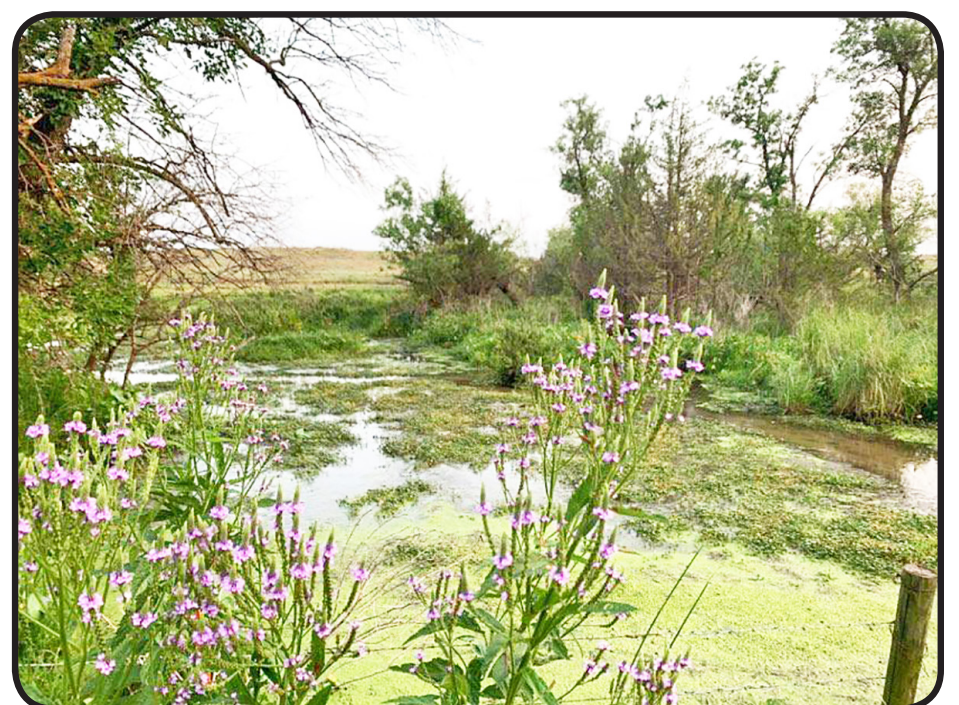
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Bee resting in a sunflower
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Verbena hastata (foreground)
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County, please call the following:

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A New Look at a Past Pleasure

(NAPSI)—Here's news for TV fans: For eight years in the 1960s, one TV program, "The Andy Griffith Show," was consistently ranked in the top ten most popular. If you're a fan—or would like to see its appeal for yourself—you may be glad to know there's now a podcast that can explain it all to you.

Set in the idyllic North Carolina town of Mayberry, the half-hour comedy shows the life and times of Andy Taylor (Andy Griffith), a

widower sheriff, his young son Opie (Ron Howard) and his Aunt Bee (Francis Bavier), who takes care of the family. Andy is assisted by his bumbling deputy, Barney Fife (Don Knotts), and the town is full of charming characters played by some outstanding actors.

The show is still available on some cable and streaming channels, and now there's a podcast that looks into each episode in depth with humor, knowledge and affection for the series.

Writer Aaron Tallent and Chris Cordingley host "The Loaded Goat," a re-watch podcast every Monday and

Thursday. The two break down the series episode by episode. Each podcast provides interesting tidbits about the show and takes that are both in-depth and fun for old and new generations of fans.

You can check out the podcast on Apple, Spotify, Amazon and wherever podcasts are available, as well as www.loadedgoat.net.

"Each podcast of "The Loaded Goat" podcast provides interesting tidbits about "The Andy Griffith Show" and takes that are both in-depth and fun for old and new generations of fans. <https://bit.ly/3s7UVs4>"



**Cunningham Pool
2021 End of Season
Hours**

Monday, Aug 23	6:00-9:00 pm - Last Family Night \$1 admission (Passes accepted)
Tuesday, Aug 24	CLOSED
Wednesday, Aug 25	CLOSED
Thursday, Aug 26	CLOSED
Friday, Aug 27	6:00-9:00 pm
Saturday, Aug 28	1:00-7:00 pm
Sunday, Aug 29	1:00-6:00 pm
Monday, Aug 30	CLOSED
Tuesday, Aug 31	CLOSED
Wednesday, Sept 1	5:00-7:00 pm
Thursday, Sept 2	CLOSED
Friday, Sept 3	CLOSED
Saturday, Sept 4	1:00-7:00 pm 8:00-10:00 pm
Moonlight Swim sponsored by Beat Repair	
Sunday, Sept 5	1:00-9:00 pm
Monday, Sept 6	1:00-6:00 pm
LAST DAY!	



**Kingman
County COVID
Update:**

August 13, 2021
We have not noted as many active cases being reported as in the previous week. However, this does not mean that we let down our guard. Heading into the weekend, we now have 18 active cases and nobody in the hospital.
COVID-19 vaccination rates are increasing slightly: 43.2% of county residents eligible for vaccination (12 years of age and older) have completed their vaccination series.
Boosters are being recommended by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) for people who are significantly immunocompromised-this involves a very small portion of people that have received 2 mRNA vaccines (Pfizer and Moderna):
People who have received solid organ

transplants and are taking immunosuppressive medicine.
Some cancer patients on chemotherapy and other immunosuppressive medicine.
This does not include people who received the Johnson and Johnson vaccine or anyone else that might feel they are immunocompromised-the elderly or most other people with chronic health conditions will not fall into this category. Vaccine experts at the Centers for Disease Control are currently discussing what the newest recommendations mean, and more information will be available soon.
In the meantime, people who may be immunocompromised need to discuss vaccination with their specialists, decide what's best for them, and continue taking actions to protect themselves, including encouraging close contacts to get vaccinated if not already done.



Josh Theis took this photo of a re-fueling mission in the skies above us.

**Pet Regret:
Half of New
Pet Owners
in Kansas are
Experiencing
Post-pandemic
Pet Regret**

1 in 5 new pet owners said they were influenced after seeing others post their cute pets on social media.
53% admit they did no prior research before getting their pet during the pandemic.
Infographic showing pet regret stats.
PPD: Post-Pet Depression... After being thrown into the deep end of a global pandemic, you may have found yourself with more time on your hands and the desire for companionship, as well as a daily routine. For many Americans, the most obvious answer was: adopt or buy a pet, of course. At the time, the commitment to caring for your new furry friend may have seemed somewhat attainable, as many pet owners were working from home, or perhaps the kids were

around more to share walking responsibilities. However, now that things have begun returning to some sense of normalcy, cleaning up after your pet and giving them adequate attention may start feeling like a chore. Behind the cute Instagram pictures is now incessant barking, accidents in the house, midnight howling and 4am scratching at your bedroom door...
Leading pet products website, Innovet Pet, polled 3,000 pet owners who had adopted or bought an animal during the pandemic, and found that almost half (47%) in Kansas worry that they will not be able to care for their pet adequately as life returns back to normal, and they spend less time at home.
Being home alone means many people have been spending more time scrolling through social media. While some are tempted by online shopping purchases promoted by influencers and celebrities, 1 in 5 new pet owners said they were influenced into adopting or buying their animal after seeing others post their

cute pets on social media. After all, what's not to love about a Pomeranian who is dressed up in outfits such as pink hoodies - in fact, not only does Jiffpom have 9 million Instagram followers, he even made an appearance on Katy Perry's "Dark Horse" music video!
Even though they may have had more time to spend time with their new pet during lockdown, over 1 in 3 (35%) of new pandemic puppy owners say their pup lacks critical social and training skills which are vital to development. This could be as a result of missing out on walks in public spaces and lack of exposure to other people and dogs due to social distancing regulations.
Worryingly, it seems some owners impulse bought or adopted their pet, as an astounding half (53%) admit they did no prior research before getting their pet during the pandemic. This is problematic as now, just more than a year later, animal shelters are unfortunately seeing an increase in frustrated owners handing over older puppies

with behavioral issues, as well as more listings for puppies being resold on pet sale sites.
If you're back to working full days at the office, walking your new dog might not be as much of a priority as it was during strict lockdown. However, insufficient exercise is detrimental to your pet's health and can result in behavioral issues such as aggression, boredom and fatigue. In fact, more than a quarter of pet owners believe walking your dog every day should be a legal requirement.
Acclimatizing to working from an office again and readjusting your daily schedule may be difficult at first - for both you and your pet. It's important to remember that although you may be feeling frustrated at the situation, you still have the immeasurable responsibility of caring for your animal. If you're struggling with integrating this into your busy lifestyle, it may be time to sit down and consider the different solutions available:
1. Create a schedule
It may seem trivial but trying to balance the responsibilities of work, school and home life

can be tricky. If you live alone, try waking up or going to bed half an hour later if you struggle to find time to take your dog on walks. If you're on a family schedule, allocate daily responsibilities to each member based on their availability.
2. Behavioral training
Is your dog not housetrained yet? Do they bark incessantly when the doorbell rings? Are they vicious around other dogs? Now that many dog training facilities have reopened their doors, you might want to consider signing your pup up to a few sessions if they aren't adjusting well. It may set you back some dollars but in the long run, it may benefit both you and your pet. For dogs that lack critical social and training skills due to lack of exposure to others during lockdown, behavioral training could be an excellent starting point.
3. Hire a dog walker
Because you are their loving and trusted owner, it's always advised to care for your animal personally. However, life can get in the way of responsibility sometimes. Therefore, if you're going through a challenging period at

work or in your personal life, you could consider hiring a dog walker to make sure your pup is getting the exercise they need. If you're travelling or won't be home for a while, you could ask the help of a friend or hire a pet sitter to care for your animal. Absence makes the heart grow fonder and you might find yourself missing your furry friend while you're apart from one another!
4. You are not alone
You may feel like the only person going through your frustrations at this time but be assured that you are not alone. If you're feeling overwhelmed, reach out to friends who own pets, your local vet clinic or even online forums for support. Chances are there's someone out there who has been in a similar situation and can offer help or advice.
'If you're struggling with pet regret after adopting or purchasing a new animal during the pandemic, it's crucial to understand that you still have the responsibility to look after your pet,' Dave Louvet of Innovet Pet. 'Handing over your pet to be rehomed may sound like an easy fix but it can be extremely traumatic to your animal, therefore, ensure you explore every possible avenue and solution before resorting to the option of rehoming your pet.'
Gemma Coyle of cherry digital content



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

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

What: Food

When: Every Tuesday from 2:00-6:00 p.m.

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\$25.00

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This cost covers all seven ads (plus the website ads) throughout the school year. The website ads will be listed on a page titled "School Spotlight Advertisers" and will be available on the website from September 1, 2021 to June 1, 2022.

If you do not receive a letter and form in the next couple of weeks, please call and I will get one out to you.

Public Notice

First published in the Cunningham Courier, Thursday, August 5, 2021 (3 t)

IN THE THIRTIETH JUDICIAL DISTRICT

DISTRICT COURT OF KINGMAN COUNTY, KANSAS

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF:

JOSEPH J. MATTAL, a/k/a JOE MATTAL, Deceased.
Case No. 2020 PR 38

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

NOTICE OF HEARING

THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:

You are hereby notified that on July 29, 2021, a Petition was filed in this Court by John O. Mattal and Donna J. Legleiter, duly appointed, qualified and acting Co-Executors of the Estate of Joseph J. Mattal, a/k/a Joe Mattal, deceased, praying Petitioners acts be approved; account be settled and allowed; the heirs be determined; the Will be construed and the Estate be assigned to the persons entitled thereto: the Court find the allow-

ances 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 Petitioners be finally discharged as the Co-Executors of the Estate of Joseph J. Mattal, a/k/a Joe Mattal, deceased, and the Petitioners be released from further liability.

You are required to file your written defenses thereto on or before August 27, 2021, 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.

John O. Mattal and Donna J. Legleiter, Co-Executors
Matthew W. Ricke, #20995
ATTORNEY AT LAW, LLC
349 North Main, P. O. Box 113
Kingman, KS 67068
(620) 532-3103
Attorney for Petitioner

<p>Accountants</p> <p>Laubhan, Harbert & Haas, L.C. Certified Public Accountants Complete Accounting Services Tax - Bookkeeping - Payroll - Consulting - Joseph A. Harbert, CPA 217 N Main St. Kingman, KS 67068 620-532-3667 Lorin Haas, CPA 420 S. Jackson Suite 200 Pratt, KS 67124 620-672-3400</p>	<p>Child Care</p> <p>4C Cunningham Child Care Children 8 weeks to 11 years 120 West 3rd Cunningham, KS 620-298-2010</p>	<p>Insurance</p> <p>Fitzsimmons Insurance Cunningham, KS 67037 Bus: 620-298-5291 Toll Free: 800-536-5291 For more information see display ad on page 2</p>	<p>Optometrists</p> <p>Troy Maydew, OD Seth Thibault, OD Andrew W. Piester, OD 216 S. Oak Pratt, Kansas 67124 620-672-5934 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. M - F 604 N. Walnut Medicine Lodge, Kansas 67104 620-886-3222 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. 1:00 - 5:00 p.m. Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday Seth Thibault, OD Andrew W. Piester, OD 104 West C Ave. Kingman, KS 67068 620-532-3154 1-800-371-3154 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Monday - Thursday 8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Friday</p>	<p>Pharmacists</p> <p>Kingman Drug 211 North Main., Kingman, Pharmacists on call 24 hours Days - store ph. 532-5113 Emergency after hours call Merlin McFarland 532-3855</p>
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Mary Evelyn (Walker) Fladness

Mary Evelyn Walker Fladness was called home to our Lord on Sunday, August 8, 2021, and passed away from natural causes. She was born in Cunningham, Kansas and then spent the rest of her life in Tucson, Arizona. She is survived by her three wonderful children John, Jeanne, and Roger. Mary also had many loving grandchildren that she held close to her heart named Shannon, Kaci, Brandi, Rachael, David, Scott, and Emily; she was also blessed with multiple great grandchildren. Throughout her life she demonstrated excellence and precision within her nursing career and sewing passions. Someone who was truly beautiful inside and out with great strength and compassion for people. She was the true definition of grace and love. We will be honoring her life Friday, August 20, 2021, at 10 AM as funeral services will be held at Bring's Broadway Chapel located at 6910 E. Broadway Blvd., Tucson, AZ 85710.

Mary will always be remembered, and her legacy will be continued in our hearts forever.



Margaret Margeson

Margaret M. Margeson of Allegany, New York, passed away unexpectedly Wednesday (August 4, 2021) at her home.

Born March 20, 1950 in Olean, she was the daughter of Guy E. and Virginia Bell Price. She was married to Carl S. Margeson who predeceased her January 28, 2017.

Margaret was a 1968 graduate of Allegany Central School and later received her beautician schooling from the Continental School of Beauty in Olean.

She was a hairdresser for many years and first worked for Regis Hair Salon in the Olean Center Mall. She then worked for other beauty shops in the area until she established her own salon at her home in Allegany. She retired around 2015 when her husband needed more full-time care during his illness.

Margaret was a devoted member of Church of Christ in Bradford, PA. She was most content when she was working from her home and actively providing for her two children. Cooking was a passion of hers, and she enjoyed crocheting and cross stitching, often creating designs and making items to give away. She loved having her "puppy" Squeaker by her side as a companion.

She is survived by 2 children Guy (Alysia) Mitchell of Langdon, KS and Kimberly (Brandon) Hansen of Cunningham, KS; 6 grandchildren Christopher, Taner, Annabelle, Ashley, Sarah and Elizabeth; 3 great grandchildren Brooklynn, Emma, and Lavinia; 5 brothers, twins Gerald Price of Allegany and Harold (Rebecca) Price of Olean, Ronald Price of Olean, Ricky (Patricia) Price of Duke Center, PA and Terry (Ann) Price and 4 nephews and 1 niece.

In addition to her husband Carl, she was predeceased by an infant brother Guy Price, Jr., her parents, and a sister-in-law Linda Price.

Services have been held, officiated by Margaret's brother Rick Price, pastor of Church of Christ in Bradford, PA. Burial will be in Allegany Cemetery.

Memorials, if desired, may be made to Church of Christ, PO Box 48, Bradford, PA 16701. Online condolences may be expressed at oleanfuneralhome.com.

Terry Ray

Terry Curtis Ray, 79, passed away Wednesday, July 21, 2021 at Barnes Jewish Hospital in St. Louis, Missouri. He was born on November 18, 1941 in Pratt to Ross and Mary (McNearney) Ray. Terry married Mary Lou Ray in February of 1985 in Canyon City, Colorado.



Terry was a graduate of Pratt High School and UMKC School of Pharmacy. He worked most of his career as a pediatric pharmacist at Fitzsimons Army Medical Center in Aurora, Colorado.

He is survived by his children, John Ray of Springfield, Missouri and Sara Lohnes of Canyon City, Colorado; grandchildren, Jakob, Chloe, Saylor and Sydney Ray all of Springfield, Missouri; brothers, Keith Ray of Pratt and CJ Ray of Mission, Kansas.

Terry is preceded in death by his parents.

Cremation has taken place. A graveside memorial service will be held at 11:00 a.m., Thursday, August 19, 2021 at Greenlawn Cemetery, Pratt.

Memorials may be made to St. Jude's Research Hospital in care of Larrison Mortuary, 300 Country Club Road, Pratt.

Mary & Gary Celebrate 60 Year Wedding Anniversary



"A wedding anniversary is the celebration of love, trust, partnership, tolerance and tenacity. The order varies for any given year."
— Paul Sweeney

*"But you are still you I'm still me
And we are still we"*
— Richard L. Ratliff

Gary and Mary Fitzsimmons will be celebrating their 60th Wedding Anniversary on August 22, 2021 with a come and go reception at the Cunningham Community Center from 1:30-3:00.

The couple was married August 19, 1961 at the Cairo United Methodist Church. Gary and Mary have 3 children: Paula, Deanna, and Dean; 5 grandchildren, 1 great grandchild and another great grandchild on the way.

Please join their family in the celebration.

Congratulatory cards can be sent to:
130210 NE 5th St.
Cunningham, Kansas
67035

Marlene Ford

Marlene Ford, 89, passed away Sunday, August 15, 2021 at Grand Plains Skilled Nursing. She was born on September 29, 1931 in Isabel, Kansas to Stanley J and Jessie (Bell) Swinson. Marlene married Floyd "Smokey" Ford on December 31, 1949. He preceded her in death on January 6, 2011.

Marlene was a member of First United Methodist Church, Beta Sigma Phi and BPOE Elks Lodge #1451. She enjoyed reading, traveling and following sporting events.

She is survived by her sons, Eldon (Brenda) Ford of Pratt and Steven Todd Ford of St. John; son-in-law, Chris Cannon of Hutchinson; grandchildren, Michael E. Ford of Brooklyn, New York, Ryan E. (Brittany) Ford of Pratt, Cameron T. Ford of Lawrence, Cassie J. Mardis of Pratt, Jessica K. Cannon of Hutchinson and Christopher Todd (Alisha) Cannon of Gunter, Texas; Great grandchildren, Blair Victoria Cannon, Davis Ford Cannon, Bailee Farr, Breane (Matt) Thayne, Brooke Farr and Dani Farr; great-great grandchild, Taylee Farr; and sister, Maribel (John) Ford of Maize.

Marlene is preceded in death by her parents; husband, Floyd "Smokey" Leon Ford; daughter, Jana D Cannon; brother, Bobby Ray Swinson; and infant sister, Rosmary Swinson.

Cremation has taken place. Visitation will be Thursday from 9:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m. with family receiving friends from 5-7 at Larrison Mortuary, 300 Country Club Road, Pratt. A memorial service will be held at 11:00 a.m., Friday, August 20, 2021 at Larrison Mortuary. Inurnment will be at a later date at Greenlawn Cemetery, Pratt.

Memorials may be made to Pratt Recreation Department in care of Larrison Mortuary.



Justin Humphries

Justin Robert Humphries, 27, passed away Sunday, August 15, 2021 at his home. He was born on December 9, 1993 in Dodge City to Jeffie Donald and Darla Kay (Rosenbaum) Humphries.

Justin worked as a chef at Legends for 2 years. He was a member of Cathedral of Our Lady of Guadalupe, Dodge City. He enjoyed playing guitar, Nascar, Kansas City Chiefs, playing Playstation, karaoke, attending concerts and making people laugh.

He is survived by his father, Jeffie Humphries of Dodge City; mother, Darla Humphries of Pratt; brothers, Zachary (Shandrika) Bates of Horton and J.D. (Rosy) Humphries of Dodge City; sisters, Jammie Humphries of Dodge City and Myha Thorne of Columbus, Georgia; grandmothers, Bobbie Rosenbaum of Pratt and Marlene Humphries of Offerle; godmother, Jackie (Kurt) Allen of Dodge City; niece, Penelope Bates and Angelique Humphries; nephews, Matthew Dickson and Brady Mayer; and numerous aunts and uncles.

Justin is preceded in death by his grandfathers, Sam Humphries and Darell Rosenbaum.

Cremation has taken place. A graveside memorial service will be held at 11:00 a.m., Monday, August 23, 2021 at Cairo Cemetery, Cairo with John Hamm presiding.

Memorials may be made to Suicide Prevention in care of Larrison Mortuary, 300 Country Club Road, Pratt.



Laverne Lawrence

Laverne Lawrence, 82, died Aug. 10, 2021 at the Hospice House of Reno County.

She was born March 7, 1939, at El Paso, Texas the daughter of Jessie Earl and Leta Mae Beasley.

A longtime resident of the Kingman and Langdon communities, she was a homemaker.

Laverne was a member of the Baptist Church.

On Nov. 30, 1957, she married Gene A. Lawrence in Van Horn, Texas; he died Dec. 21, 2020. Survivors include son Mike and his wife Leia; brother Robert Beasley; 6 grandchildren; and several great-grandchildren. She was also preceded in death by a son George Earl Lawrence; and two brothers Virgil and Kenneth Beasley.

Graveside services were Saturday, Aug. 14, 2021 at the Hoosier Cemetery.

Memorials may be made with the Hospice House of Reno County in care of the funeral home.



LeWayne Tresner

LeWayne Edale Tresner, 58, passed away Saturday, August 14, 2021 at Hutchinson Medical Center. He was born on October 14, 1962 in Garden City to Lee and Lenora (Sharp) Tresner. LeWayne married Rebecca (Torson) Tresner on April 16, 1987 in Scott City, Kansas. They were married for 34 years.

LeWayne worked as a Tool Pusher in the oilfield for Sterling Drilling and Southwind. He enjoyed plants, fishing, hunting with his brothers and watching sports. He was a very humorous man and loved to give everyone a hard time especially his wife.

He is survived by his wife, Rebecca; sons, Tyler Tresner of Wichita and Joshua Dearden of Iuka; brothers, Leon Tresner of Wichita and Lee Tresner of Texas; sisters, Norma (Jim) White of Virginia, Noralee Bertholf of Dodge City and Nona Tresner of Garden City; and grandchildren, Zachary Dearden and Bella Dearden both of Pratt, Tristen Dearden of Pretty Prairie, Veronica Tresner, Adrian Tresner and Cruz Tresner all of Pratt.

LeWayne is preceded in death by his parents; son, Dustin Ray Dearden; brothers, Leland Tresner and Les Tresner; twin sister, Natalie Tresner; brother-in-laws, Phil Bertholf and Freddy Valverde; and sister-in-laws, Kathy Tresner, Rose Tresner and Mary Tresner.

Cremation has taken place. Friends may sign the book Tuesday and Wednesday from 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. at Larrison Mortuary, 300 Country Club Road, Pratt. Memorial service will be held at 2:00 p.m., Thursday, August 19, 2021 at Larrison Mortuary with Pastor Mike McGovney presiding. Inurnment will follow at Greenlawn Cemetery, Pratt.

Memorials may be made to Pratt Area Humane Society in care of Larrison Mortuary.



A Note of Thanks

*Your words have comforted us,
your support has strengthened us,
and your love has sustained us.
We extend our deepest thanks to you for
your kindness during our greatest sadness.
We appreciate it more than words can
express and it will always be remembered.
- The family of Dallas Thornhill
April 27, 1941 - July 14, 2021*