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## Cunningham Welcomes Dr. Kelly Arnberger, Interim Superintendent



We are so pleased to introduce to you our Interim Superintendent for the 2023-2024 school year, Dr. Kelly Arnberger.

Dr. Arnberger has served as a public educator for thirty-two years in Kansas. He is old and has seen some stuff. Apparently he really likes serving because we saved him from an impending retirement to serve as the interim superintendent. He has a dog, cat, children, and a couple of grandchildren. He lives in Pratt where he keeps his baseball cards. Dr. A's parents live in Abilene, where he graduated high school in 1986. Dr. A graduated from Kansas State University in 1990 so he remembers when K-State football was bad. He loved KSU so much he earned his MS (97) and EdD (03) there also.

When Dr. A is not advocating for public education he and Leighton spend time traveling, attending concerts, checking out estate sales, spending time with family, and drinking coffee while watching the birds in their backyard.

--courtesy of USD 332 Facebook page--



## Approved Minutes from the BOE Budget Hearing

The West Kingman County Board of Education budget hearing was called to order at 6:50 p.m. on Monday June 12, 2023, by President Brent Miller.

President, Brent Miller; Vice-President, Bjorn Halderson, Members, Brent Hansen, and Travis Thimesch; Superintendent, Robert Reed; Principal Cody Dunlap; and Clerk, Stacy Webster. None.

Motion made by Bjorn Halderson, seconded by Brent Hansen to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried 4-0.

Member Megan Green arrived to the meeting at 6:51 p.m.

Discussion was held regarding the revised 2022-2023 budget.

Member Scott DeWeese arrived to the meeting at 6:58 p.m.

Motion made by Brent Hansen, seconded by Travis Thimesch, to adjourn the meeting at 7:01 p.m. Motion carried 6-0.

## Approved Minutes from the BOE June Meeting

The West Kingman County Board of Education meeting was called to order at 7:01 p.m. on Monday, June 12, 2023, by President Brent Miller.

President, Brent Miller; Vice-President, Bjorn Halderson, Members, Scott DeWeese, Brent Hansen, Travis Thimesch and Megan Green; Superintendent, Robert Reed; Principal Cody Dunlap; Clerk, Stacy Webster; and Guests, Shawna Sterneker, Kristi Weger and Abby Bock.

Motion made by Scott DeWeese, seconded by Brent Hansen, to approve the agenda as amended; add approve classified staff pay. Motion carried 6-0.

President Miller welcomed the guests.

Motion made by Travis Thimesch, seconded by Megan Green, to approve the minutes of the May 10, 2023 regular meeting, May 31st and June 5th Special Meetings. Motion carried 6-0.

Member Vicki Oldham arrived to the meeting at 7:04 p.m.

Motion made by Scott DeWeese, seconded by Travis Thimesch, to approve the payment of bills and the financial reports as presented. Motion carried 7-0.

The Kingman Healthcare agreement was reviewed again and discussed. The board tabled a decision pending more information.

Mr. Reed discussed Summer work projects including cleaning, painting, football field maintenance, Locker room door replacement and IT room relocation. He also shared that the Juniors and Volleyball team will be working the Fireworks stand.

Principal Cody Dunlap discussed Summer weights numbers, Drivers Ed and Credit recovery dates. He also shared he is reaching out to get furniture quotes and design options.

Member Scott DeWeese shared the audit process continues to improve and teacher retention is better. Funding discussions continue.

Motion made by Vicki Oldham, seconded by Travis Thimesch, to go into executive session with Superintendent Reed and Principal Dunlap at 7:35 p.m. to discuss personnel for the non-elected personnel exception under KOMA and return to the board room at 7:55 p.m.. Motion carried 7-0.

President Miller declared the meeting in open session at 7:55 p.m.

Motion made by Scott DeWeese, seconded by Brent Hansen, to go into executive session with Superintendent Reed and Principal Dunlap at 7:55 p.m. to discuss personnel for the non-elected personnel exception under KOMA and return to the board room at 8:15 p.m.. Motion carried 7-0.

President Miller declared the meeting in open session at 8:15 p.m.

Motion made by Bjorn Halderson, seconded by Megan Green, to go into executive session with Superintendent Reed and Principal Dunlap at 8:15 p.m. to discuss contract negotiations under the exception for employer-employee negotiations exception under KOMA and return to the board room at 8:20 p.m.. Motion carried 7-0.

Principal Dunlap left the executive session at 8:19 p.m.

President Miller declared the meeting in open session at 8:20 p.m.

Motion made by Vicki Oldham, seconded by Scott DeWeese, to go into executive session with Superintendent Reed at 8:20 p.m. to discuss contract negotiations under the exception for employer-employee negotiations exception under KOMA and return to the board room at 8:25 p.m.. Motion carried 7-0.

Motion made by Scott DeWeese, seconded by Vicki Oldham, to approve Dr. Kelly Arnberger as Superintendent for 2023-2024. Motion carried 7-0.

Motion made by Travis Thimesch, seconded by Megan Green, to approve Chari Michael as Teacher for 2023-2024. Motion carried 7-0.

Motion made by Vicki Oldham, seconded by Travis Thimesch, to approve the 2023-2024 Certified Negotiated agreement. Motion carried 7-0.

Motion made by Scott DeWeese, seconded by Travis Thimesch, to approve a 4.06% salary increase for Cody Dunlap. Motion carried 7-0.

Motion made by Travis Thimesch, seconded by Bjorn Halderson, to approve the recommended fees for 2023-2024. Motion carried 7-0.

Motion made by Travis Thimesch, seconded by Bjorn Halderson, to approve the student handbook for 2023-2024. Motion carried 7-0.

A bid to replace the carpet and tile in the grade school was discussed. No action taken.

Motion made by Travis Thimesch, seconded by Megan Green, to approve the 22-23 republished budget. Motion carried 7-0.

Motion made by Vicki Oldham, seconded by Bjorn Halderson, to approve a .50 increase for classified staff for 2023-2024. Motion carried 7-0.

Motion made by Scott DeWeese, seconded by Bjorn Halderson, to set the July Board meeting for Monday July 10, 2023 at 7 p.m. Motion carried 7-0.

Superintendent Reed reviewed the open enrollment time line and the needs assessment worksheet with the board.

Superintendent Reed presented the recommended KASB Policy updates for review.

Motion made by Travis Thimesch, seconded by Bjorn Halderson, to adjourn the meeting at 8:54 p.m. Motion carried 7-0.

## June Total Tax Receipts Exceed Estimate by Over \$17M

Closes Fiscal Year Nearly \$26M Ahead of Projections

TOPEKA – Governor Laura Kelly announced today that total tax collections for June 2023 were \$989.0 million. That is \$17.3 million, or 1.8%, more than the estimate and \$70.2 million, or 7.6%, more than June 2022.

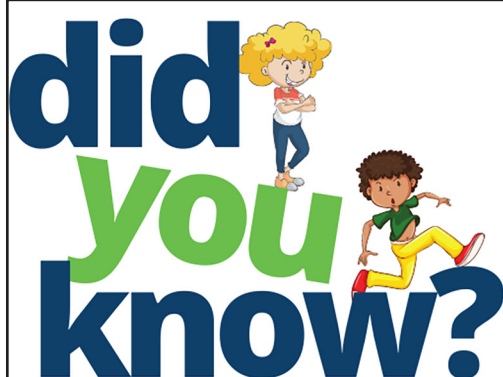
"Time and again, we have seen our monthly revenues exceed estimates because of my administration's success in attracting businesses, expanding our workforce, and growing our state's economy," Governor Laura Kelly said. "This past legislative session, I fought for responsible tax cuts on groceries, property, and Social Security to put this money back in the hands of working Kansans. Come January, I am committed to partnering with legislators to get Kansans relief."

Individual income tax collections were \$379.0 million. That is \$4.0 million, or 1.1%, less than the

estimate but \$14.3 million, or 3.9%, more than June 2022. Corporate income tax collections were \$226.2 million. That's \$26.2 million, or 13.1%, more than the estimate and up 52.7% from June 2022.

Combined retail sales and compensating use tax receipts were \$303.5 million. That is \$1.5 million, or 0.5%, more than the estimate but less than June 2022 by only 0.1%.

Kansas will end FY 2023 with total tax collections of nearly \$10.2 billion, which exceeds the FY 2023 revised estimate by \$25.9 million.



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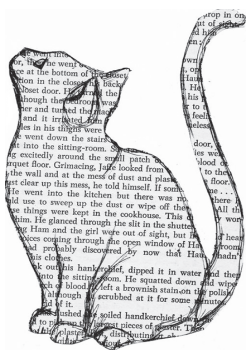
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Meanderings

My entire paper is done for this week-- except for this column, and I see that I haven't left much room for my meandering, tired mind. Which is good. My mind is tired. I am yawning as I type this.

had this paper done sooner so I could get out and mow, but, alas, it's easy to talk oneself out of mowing when it is so hot. Besides, I'm pretty tired to mow. Although mowing would no doubt give me a boost.... Hmmm. Never mind. Paper needs to get done.

And if I give myself too much of a boost, sleep will be evasive and I'll be tired again tomorrow....

Oh. Dental appointment tomorrow. Ugh.

I had planned on mowing this weekend. I even got the mower out. I put gas in it. I pulled the cord, but nothing happened. I checked the oil, added a

bit. Pulling the cord still didn't start the thing. I took out the air filter and cleaned it. Didn't start. The only thing I know how to (maybe) fix was replacing the sparkplug. I didn't have one handy, so I stopped in Kingman yesterday on my way home from Norwich and bought one.

Of course, last night was the school board meeting and being as I forgot to go to the last one (don't know why I forgot, I just did) I really wanted to attend this one, so mowing was out of the question. Tomorrow, after I get the papers prepared to mail out (new postage rate takes affect

... YIKES!) I'll put that spark plug on and see what happens. If that doesn't work, not sure what I'm going to do. I've had that mower for almost 30 years, and I don't want to part with it just yet. We are comfortable working together.

I did make the avocado fries I wrote about in the column a couple of weeks ago. They were okay. I wasn't crazy about them. I was glad I had some queso here to dip them in, otherwise they'd have been pretty boring. I will stick to avocado toast and avocados in my salads and avocados and shrimp

salad....there are many ways to eat those yummy fruits/berries, whatever they are, without ruining them. I don't get it though, we eat quacamole with tortilla shells, so why didn't the fries taste like tortilla chips with quacamole? That would have made me happy.

Did you know that avocado trees are evergreens? Now you know. You're welcome.

Next week's paper will have information about the Kingman County Fair. It will probably be a 14-page paper again. If anyone takes photos of fair events, please consider them to

The Courier. Always reading and currently reading 'Whiter Than Snow' by Sandra Dallas, Roberta

'My bodyguard was mowing the lawn in a pink bikini when the body fell from the sky.' - Charlaine Harris, Dead Over Heels

'We don't really believe in mowing the lawn; we do it only to avoid unnecessary engagement with the neighbors.' - Miranda July, No One Belongs Here More Than You

Tallgrass and Tumbleweeds by Gaille Pike

Dear Readers, As have many Kansans, for weeks I've fallen asleep each night hoping for rain. Alas, none of the forecasted nocturnal storms materialized. Or if they did, they bypassed the farm. Meanwhile it's been so pizza oven blazing hot outside, I've felt housebound. But last night, a Babe The Blue Ox strong wind blew down from the

Northwest and dumped rain on the farm right when the meteorologists said it might. The storm blew out the pilot light on Mother Nature's furnace and moved on before daylight, leaving behind a swollen pond and branches strewn all over.

So I am enjoying being outdoors for the first day in forever, even if it means I'm on cleanup detail. Yes, I know summer is supposed to be hot. But when it stays HOT through the evening and overnight, I find it a bit much. I miss spending my evenings down at the dock. Though our cats

bring in frogs, crickets and locusts, indoor "serenades" are complicated by commotion. They have never brought in a firefly and watching lightning bugs is something I miss most when it's too hot to go out. Not only are their lights a delight but also fireflies evoke happy summer memories.

And from my recent conversations with Kansans of all ages, I am not alone in remembering firefly escapades vividly. It seems there were as many ways to capture them as there were Mason jars laying around

awaiting annual canning. But I recall lightning bug lanterns less than the firefly "rings" I was taught to make when I was about five years old. It is curious to me that I have such sweet memories of an act that was so cruel.

My lightning bug murderous phase does puzzle me because I have never intentionally harmed another creature. So I'm disconcerted when I consider that I must have killed eight to ten of those beetles each night by removing their magical abdomens and be-jeweling my fingers. It's possible my beetle

body count was even higher. I was enchanted by these magic "trinkets" and no doubt sought to have my mother, aunts, cousins and friends wear them, too. The creepiest part of it all, I suppose, is that I have no remorse. I would never do it now but the memory of waving my sticky bug-gut lit fingers makes me smile. And my firefly reminiscences shimmer with enigmatic warmth and childhood innocence.

The other thing about this memory I cannot explain is that it carries not even a hint of summer heat. And the

same is true when my friends and family share their firefly memories, which is weird because there is no Kansas summer on record that hasn't been sizzling. Then again, it goes to reason that if I don't recall discomfort when I think of past July nights, I should go out and make new nonviolent firefly memories when that heat we all know so well returns.

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

My Breast Cancer Experience: Part 30

By Beth Blasi 2023 I hope everyone had a Good Memorial Holiday! The month of May also had many school activities and now it is SUMMER! I did survive my week in April with my 4-yr-old granddaughter and I believe I returned with my sanity! We did have one of the electronics (that was run

by ONE of the THREE remotes) disconnect so we couldn't watch the "bunnies" for a few days, but watching dinosaurs picked up the slack and Mario was still working - crisis averted!

Did I mention the Kansas weather? Of course, thank goodness, we finally started getting some rain. I really don't want to complain, but the timing has been a little off. The weeds in the wheat field really exploded which made harvest difficult on top of very low yields. And now, the folks that hadn't slogged through the weeds and needed to wait after spraying just can't get a break! Hopefully, all this rain will restore the

moisture for the fall and winter crops. And here's to hoping the 100-degree days are at a minimum!

The moisture did allow a lot of fireworks to be shot up for Independence Day! We watched a lot of family fireworks blow up. It's amazing how fireworks have evolved from the fire crackers and small fountains we used to shoot off! I remember blowing up many red-ant hills. Part of the trick was being quick enough to get the firecracker in the hole, get it lit, and scramble away all before the ants had a chance to crawl on your leg and bite you! Blowing tin cans up in the air was also entertaining. I'm sure a lot of you blew up a lot of other things with those firecrackers as well - some stories are probably better left untold (wink wink).

My 6-month cancer checkup showed that my bloodwork and cancer markers are still stable and no sign of recurrence - Hurray! The next 6-month checkup will include another CT scan. I've had my port-a-cath

for 2 years now. I may have a small procedure done in the next couple months so the doc said it would be okay to remove the port in conjunction with that procedure. We'll see how that process progresses. The port doesn't really bother me and it might be like losing a buddy, but I'm ready to let it go. My hair remains a little thinner than before the chemotherapy, which the doc said the estrogen blocker probably contributes to that, but I am glad that quite a bit has returned. The curls pretty much went away, the cowlics are strong, and there is a variety of textures so I'm still working on some semblance of control.

Speaking about doctor appointments - they just seem to keep multiplying. We used to go once a year to our primary care doctor, eye doctor, and dentist. Now, we've added an oncologist, dermatologist, urologist, nephrologist, and cardiologist to the mix (there's probably some "ologist" I've missed). Some of those appointments are

more than once a year. In some cases, Medicare causes multiple visits for this and that. At some point, I'm hoping I can get them a little more coordinated. Most of them are in Wichita, so we try to have multiple appointments on the same day. But you have to space them out enough to go from one to the other and then hope they are running on time. I used to try to do early morning appointments, but now with the hour-plus drive, we opt for late morning or afternoon appointments which really blows the day. No wonder my blood pressure is creeping up!

My hubby continues his immunotherapy to keep the bad bladder cancer cells from coming back. The blood work for the nephrologist seems to indicate a "bladder" infection, which obviously he has no bladder, but has some white cells that usually indicates an infection. However, since he doesn't seem to have symptoms of excess fatigue, confusion, or fever - it's something we just need to keep watching.

We sure want to make sure his kidney keeps working!

In between all these appointments, we're squeezing in a few vacations. Literally from one side of the country to the other. One trip is taking us to Saratoga Springs, NY, for horse races. The other one takes us to Alabama to the beach. Maybe we'll be rich and sunburned by Labor Day!

Our grand-daughter was here for a week of VBS in June. She quickly learned that if she was hot and sweaty, that she could get an "ice-cold drink" (Gatorade) from Papa's (Grandpa's) store - and popcorn! We learned that grownups can still hide in the house behind a door from a 4-year-old during Hide and Seek. Did you know that pretend pizza has lots of flavors like Pepsi and lemonade? And that "Hey guys, we have a BIG PROBLEM" when a fly was found in a room. I'll leave you with one of the best quips for the week: "Papa did that - Grandma would never fart like that!" Until next time...

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<b>Monday, July 31</b> 6:30 p.m. City Council Meeting	<b>Wednesday, August 9</b> School enrollment
<b>Wednesday, June 16</b> 7:00 Book Club at Library	<b>Monday, August 14</b> first day of fall sports practice *** 7:00 p.m. BOE
<b>Tuesday, August 8</b> 6:00 Parents meeting for Fall sports participation	<b>Wednesday, August 23rd</b> First Day of School.



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**Libraries**

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**Zenda Public Library**  
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**2023 Kingman County Vintage Farm Machinery and Rural Heritage Show**



Join us on Saturday, July 29th at Riverside Park for this year's Vintage Farm Machinery and Rural Heritage Show. If you would like to enter vintage tractors, farm equipment, or stories about farm life of yesteryear set up will be from 10 am to Noon. If you would like to come and enjoy what is showcased, come down to the park from 1:00 to 4:00 to take a step back in time. For more information contact Len Messenger at 620-243-4419.

**Where Did the Summer Go??**

August 1st is less than three weeks away! Back-to-school fun is beginning. Supply lists are published, back-to-school sales are being promoted! Wow! Time is going so quick!

Just to warn you... in a couple of weeks, I'll begin promoting the school spotlight pages. Please consider sponsoring these school promotions.

More information coming too soon!

**Upcoming Auctions**

**Saturday, July 15th Consignment Auction - Hamm Auction Center - 9:30 AM**

For more information and a complete list of auctions, see our website at

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**Kingman Historic Theatre**  
July 14 - July 16  
**Mission Impossible: Dead Reckoning: Part 1**  
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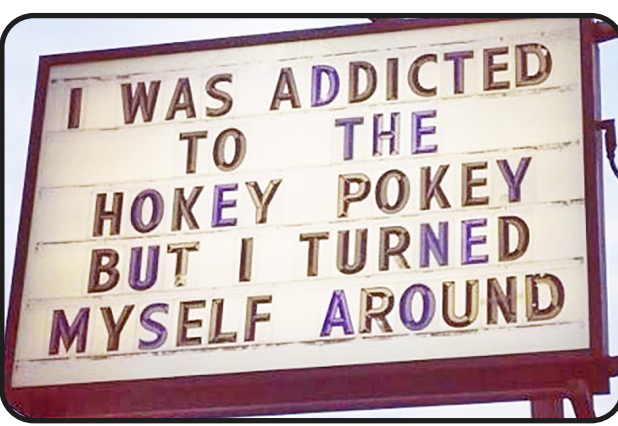


Letter to the Editor,  
As another year of the All-American Family Fest has ended, we are reminded out how important it is for our community to have activities and events to draw people together. Each year, we are grateful to the

many, MANY people it takes to organize this event – manpower and donations. The Chamber Board of Directors would like to graciously thank the following for their time, effort, and support to make this possible:

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| 360 Total Fitness Center    | Kingman Recreation Commission   |
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| Darin Frederick             | Donations   |
| Drew Kraxner                | Rainbow Fireworks   |
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| Fabpro Polymers             | Candy Company   |
| Garrett Higgins             | Tanner Hageman  |
| Grady Keimig                | Three Sisters Design  |
| Greg Graffman               | Toby Munz   |
| Jake Graber                 |   |
| JD's Bar-B-Q                | And lastly, to everyone in the community who purchased from our Fireworks T-Shirt Fundraiser!                                   |
| Jim & Peggy Graber          | We strive to make this event better and better each year. We can never thank you enough for your support to make this possible. |
| Jon Spexarth                | Regards,  |
| Josie Fairchild             | Kingman Area Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors   |
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**PRATT CITY WIDE GARAGE SALE**  
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Click on the ad to go to Google sign up form  
Deadline to register your sale is 7:00pm, July 31. You can change your registration only until that day- we will not remove you from marketing or the map after Monday July 31.





Consider this...

by Mike Johnson

Climbing in Consciousness

I climbed another mountain yesterday. Not only was it a physical climb, but a mental one as well.

During each daily sunrise, McCullough Peaks casts its shadow on the east side of our town. Multi-colored with oranges and tans and reds and browns, the range rises like a 100 square mile mini-version of the Badlands. Behind those peaks, sandstone valleys twist and curl into the distance and antelope and wild horses call the area home.

Since the peaks lie on Bureau of Land Management property, anyone can visit the area. Since we'd chosen

a Wednesday and that Wednesday's weather forecast called for showers, we had the place to ourselves.

Our first smart action of the day had us visit the BLM office and get a map and directions. It turned out there were several dirt roads running to the peaks - some designed for trucks and one traversible by car. An hour later we found ourselves parking the car nine miles down a dirt road -- just a couple miles from peaks that seemed to overlook our town.

The hike was moderate and the three of us -- my wife, the dog and I - made quick progress. At our altitude, we could easily see a good 50-75 miles. We quickly identified two other cities in the distance to the north and east. Our target however - our town - was to the

west and was blocked by peaks rising directly in front of us.

We'd set a quick pace because we could see clouds spewing sheets of rain in the distance to both the south and north. The wind seemed to be blowing from the northwest so whatever weather lied beyond the peaks blocking our view was heading our way.

If you've ever climbed mountains you understand it is difficult to calculate what your view will be at the next peak. In this mountain chain, there are many peaks - with many valleys in between each peak. Each time you think the next peak will give you the desired view, you're often surprised to see yet another peak beyond the one you just climbed.

Each time we reached the top of a peak, we

could clearly see the weather ahead. By clearly seeing, we relaxed in the knowledge that the rain would miss us. We also saw the exact path we needed to take to reach the next mountain top.

Yet, once we hiked down into the next valley that led first down, then up to the next peak, we lost that view. Anxiety arose as to what was happening with the weather and the path to the next peak that seemed so certain before was now merely our best guess. With the gift of altitude came the gift of understanding.

In life, the parallels are the same. When we are of sufficient mental altitude - when we raise our consciousness -- we see things as they are and not how we wish them to be and clearly see what is approaching us and easily



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determine if it is helpful or harmful. This understanding provides peace of mind and allows us to take the correct actions.

If a stormy person is seen approaching, we clearly see him as the turbulence he is and easily decide not to walk through his rain. We don't hope he is a sunny day when we can see sheets of rain falling from him.

But when we allow our consciousness to drop to the valley floor, our clear vision disap-

pears and we find ourselves having to guess about what is approaching. Uncertain of what we should do, we grow anxious, take the wrong actions and get buffeted by weather we never saw approaching.

Finally, the three of us we did arrive on a peak that overlooked our town. One glance told us everything we needed to know for that moment.

Sheets of rain were on the way and we better get back to the car.

The Suit Jacket of Grace

By Jan Ackerson

I have lunch with CoCo every Saturday at the Chocolate Café. My niece's real name is Courtney, but when I discovered our mutual love for chocolate during her precocious toddlerhood, our Saturday afternoons became inviolable aunty/niece time, and she acquired her sweet-toothy nickname. We've been doing this for thirteen years now.

We go slightly insane on our lunch dates: turtle cheesecake drizzled in fudge, dark-chocolate

covered cashews, triple-mocha cappuccinos. We're veritable chocolate fiends, making "mmm-mmm" and "ahhhhhh" sounds that sometimes draw the attention of other diners. CoCo's prissy mother—my sister Tessa—would shush us, blushing, if she were here. But CoCo and I are uninhibited in our adoration of milk, semisweet, dark.

Last Saturday, CoCo plopped down without her usual "Hey, Aunt Jo." When she listlessly selected only one chocolate chip cookie, I hooked her chin with a finger and said, "Okay, something's

very wrong. One cookie? C'mon, kiddo...spill."

CoCo picked her cookie apart until her plate was covered with pea-sized crumbs. "Aunt Jo," she said, "I made a huge mistake. With Trevor." She smooshed a chip with her thumb.

I knew why CoCo confessed to me. I've mentioned Tessa—she's a good mom, but a bit severe. I'm cool Aunt Jo; I share Tessa's faith, but I came to God late, after a rough-and-tumble life that gives me a certain air of glamour in CoCo's eyes. I'm older than Tessa, but I'm way

cooler.

I thought for a while about what to say. Finally, I sat back and sipped my latte. "CoCo, did I ever tell you about the '70s?"

She looked up, surprised. "Huh?"

"Back in 1972, I was student teaching—eighth grade English. I was very fashionable back then, and I bought these great slacks, a new style called hip-huggers."

"We have those now, Aunt Jo. But..."

"I'll get to the point, Cokes. Bear with me. So I had these orange hip-hugger bell-bottoms..."

"Bell-bottoms! Ew!"

"...and a big problem. My shirts wouldn't stay tucked in. I found a cool shirt that solved my problem, though--a fantastic orange-and-purple striped turtleneck that snapped at the...well, like a baby's onesie. Got the picture?"

"Yeah...but I still don't..."

"Hang in there, kid. So I decided to wear this

lovely outfit to work. But when I was getting dressed, the first of the three snaps wouldn't snap. Well, I still had two. So I snapped those, pulled up the hip-huggers, and left for school.

I was at my desk while the students were watching a movie about nouns, when I felt a strange sensation in my...in the area of the snaps. Number Two had come undone. I was down to one working snap."

CoCo was stealing spoonfuls of my tiramisu now, and I'm sure I heard her snort. I continued my story.

"About the time the movie ended, my supervising professor walked in to evaluate me. He took a seat and nodded for me to continue the lesson. I dreaded standing up... what if the snap came undone? But I couldn't teach from my desk, so I stood up and started talking about the wonders of nouns. Miraculously, the snap held. I was walk-

ing around the room, having students call out nouns, making a game of it...I knew I'd get a great evaluation. Toward the end of class, I went to the blackboard to write the homework assignment. I reached toward the top of the board—and the snap gave way."

"Oh no! Aunt Jo, what did you do?"

"It's not what I did, it's what that shirt did. It flew out of my slacks and rolled up like a scroll. Oh, did I mention...my panties were not hip-huggers? A full three inches of white cotton was exposed. Kids were laughing, I was standing there with my shirt flapping, wishing for Death's Carriage to stop by—that's Dickenson, CoCo—and then my professor ran up and draped me with his jacket and said he'd stay with the class if I needed to leave to make...adjustments."

CoCo grinned, then thought for a moment. Finally—"Aunt Jo, why did you tell me that story?"

I took a deep breath and picked my way carefully through my next words. "It was a mistake to wear that shirt—I knew something bad could happen, and it did. But it was covered quickly—by grace—and I never, ever wore it again."

Did I mention how smart my niece is? She got it—right away. "Aunt Jo, you rock. Hey—can I have a chocolate croissant?"



Catholic Churches

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St. Leo Saturdays 4:00 p.m.

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

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



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

Pastor Dennis Fangmeyer Cell: 620-886-0911



Church of Christ

Penalosa Sunday 11:00 a.m.



First Christian Church

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

Pastor Mike McGovney 620-298-3201



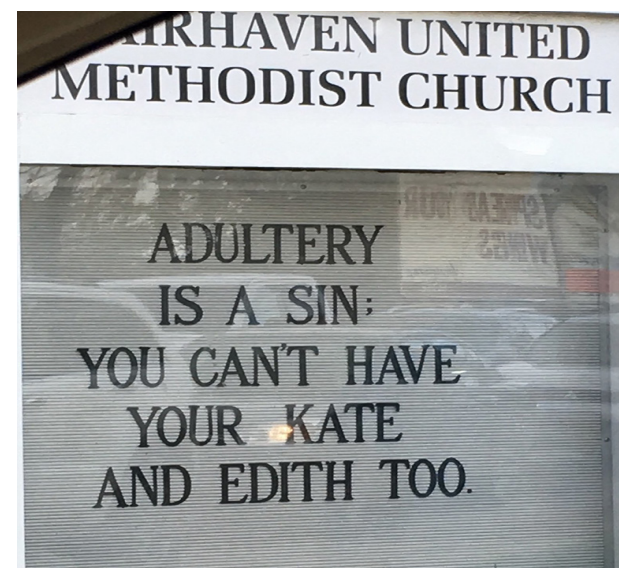
United Methodist Church

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

Pastor Mathew Ndambuki Musyoki 620-298-2090

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*The Cunningham Clipper*

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**1928**

July 6 – The harvesting of golden wheat fields are on in full swing in this community. A few combines were starting up Sunday. Lots of patches have been avoided to keep the combines from getting stuck, the first of the week, but most all fields are dry now.

The wheat coming to the local elevators at this time seems to be of high quality, plump, clean and of good color. The weight is real good, but it is believed the protein test will be somewhat lower than in recent years.

Nearly 40 cars of wheat have been loaded out by the three local elevators since Monday, according to the Santa Fe agent, Roy E. Huffman. The harvest not one third over, according to the opinion of a large number of the community. Some wheat has made as high as 30 bushels while some has gone as low as ten. The average will run in the neighborhood of 20 bushels.

Santa Fe Trying to Abandon Calista – According to the press reports the Atchinson, Topeka and Santa Fe railway have filed an application with the state public service commission for permission to discontinue telegraphic facilities and place a resident agent at four of its stations – Anness, in Sedgwick county; Eula (postoffice at Crystal Springs); Duquoin, Harper county; and Calista, in Kingman county.

**1933**

July 7 – A Fourth of July party was held Tuesday at the J. C. Shelman Lake east of town. The guests prepared their own meal at the lake and had about everything fine to eat, including home-made ice cream. Everyone reports a fine time, even though the afternoon was terribly warm.

Last Monday night, Mrs. W. A. Lash entertained the following school mates of her daughter Maxine at a slumber party in honor of Maxine's birthday.

They were: Misses Emily and Frances Groves, Maribel Whalen of Hutchinson, Joanna Franks, Nellie Mae Baker, Betty Carter, Peggy DeLair, and Lola Mae Lash. The group hiked to the river the next morning for a dip and sunrise breakfast consisting of bacon and eggs, oranges, and wafers.

Mr. Lash brought the happy group to town where they all wished Maxine many happy returns and left for their respective homes.

Mr. and Mrs. Elbert Maxedon and family harvested a field of one hundred acres of wheat last week that averaged slightly over twenty-one bushels per acre. This is the best yield reported in the community this year.

**1938**

July 8, – Mr. Frank Mitte of Cunningham, is enjoying a visit from his brother, Mr. Fred Mitte, 64, a mine prospector of Morrystown, Ariz., who had dropped out of sight thirty-four years ago, and through these long intervening years left no trace of his whereabouts, until discovered through the efforts of Miss Margaret Mitte, daughter of Mr. Frank Mitte. Fred, a prospector by trade, but a world wanderer by liking and preference, last visited his brother Frank and wife when they lived in Chicago in 1904.

Mr. Mitte lives alone in his Arizona home, and in idle moments makes clever articles from the cactus plant so common to his state. He brought each of the girls and Mrs. Mitte a table lamp made of cactus, and plans, upon his return home, to make Mrs. Mitte a floor lamp.

**1943**

July 9 – Staff Sergeant Ralph Baber, son of Mr. and Mrs. Cleve Baber, is now in New York City, awaiting overseas orders. Ralph is a member of the medical corps.

Mrs. Frank McCool suffered serious injuries last Sunday afternoon at her home, the victim of a home canning accident, when six jars of pineapple exploded as she removed them from her electric oven.

Sam McMichael left for Hugoton, Thursday afternoon, with his harvest crew, where they will harvest his 320 acres of wheat near there. In his crew are Prof. C. L. Zink, Ralph Cannon, Jack Bradley, Phil Fee, and Leroy DeWeese.

**1948**

July 9 – Cunningham defeated Langdon, 2 to 0, Thursday afternoon in the district semi-pro tourna-

ment being held at Turon this week-end.

Don Huhman was the winning pitcher, giving up only three hits, walking three, and striking out six.

Cunningham scored their first run in the third inning when after two were out, Becker walked, stole second, and scored when Huhman beat out a slow ground ball to short.

The locals added another run in the seventh when Becker's grounder was fumbled by third baseman Clough, Zrubek sacrificed him to second and he scored on Joe Theis' double to right centerfield.

Cunningham's infield pulled off three double plays throughout the course of the game.

**1953**

July 10 – Mr. and Mrs. Bob Long and daughter, Terry, of Minneapolis, Minn., arrived last Saturday to spend two weeks visiting their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Luce and Mr. and Mrs. Roy Lewis and Vicki.

In a telephone call from Long Beach, Calif., to her mother, Mrs. Irene Schnittker, Miss LaVeina Schnittker informed her that she and her companion, Miss Dorothy Stanbrough of Wichita, had placed sixteenth among forty-nine entries in the annual Women's Transcontinental Air Race from Lawrence, Mass., to Long Beach, held over the Fourth of July holiday week-end. The girls are returning home this weekend.

**1958**

July 10 – The 21st annual Pretty Prairie Rodeo will be held on Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday evenings, July 16, 17 and 18, with performances starting each night at 8:00 o'clock sharp.

Two weeks ago this morning, two young travelers were guests of Mayor S. T. Kincheloe for breakfast at Vera's Café.

These young men, Bob and Claude Benley of Lenox, Ala., were enroute to Alaska on bicycles. They started on this journey just to see the country, and their only worry of the trip is expected to be the 1600 miles of Alcan Highway which is not overly civilized.

Bob plans to stay in Alaska and work, but Claude plans to return to Seattle, Wash., by boat and on home by bus. He has 10 acres of pasture to sow when he gets back home.

The Cunningham Churchmen won the Cunningham District Semi-Pro Baseball Tournament, defeating the Anthony Collegians two straight games in playoffs last Thursday and Friday evenings.

The tournament championship made the Churchmen eligible to enter the State Semi-Pro Baseball Tournament in Wichita, starting July 11.

The first game of the play-off saw a new record set for the newly lighted Cunningham field. Frank Minton hurled a no-hit, no-run game for the Churchmen as they downed Anthony by a 10 to 0 score. Minton fanned 17 batters. Cunningham raked Collegian pitching for 10 hits, including a triple by Dean Mantooth, two doubles by Minton, and doubles by Joe Theis and Jack Theis.

A wonderful fireworks display, the first ever held in Cunningham, was enjoyed by the large crowd following the Fourth of July evening game. Contributions for the aerial fireworks were solicited by the local Lions Club. Dan Bayer and Donald Becker fired the nightworks.

**1963**

July 11 – Over 50 Cunningham and St. Leo farmers with 31 tractors gathered at Victor Renner's farm, five miles south of Cunningham, Fourth of July, and plowed 240 acres in less than four hours.

Mr. Renner, 44, suffered a broken hip in a fall between a baler and a trailer loaded with baled hay, June 29. He is recovering nicely at the Nashville Hospital, Cunningham IGA, Harold's Place, and Baber's Sundries provided lunch and drinks for the crew.

A crowd, estimated as "the largest ever," enjoyed the free aerial fireworks display at the ball field Fourth of July evening.

The annual picnic of the Sacred Heart Church of Cunningham, will be held on the church grounds next Tuesday evening, July 16.

A fresh country sausage and fried chicken supper will be served from 5:00 to 8:00 o'clock, and the Medicine Valley Playboys will play for outdoor platform dancing from 9:00 to 12:00 o'clock.

A Pelzl family reunion was held at the home of Mrs. Agnes Pelzl, the Fourth of July.

It was the first time that the family had all been together. Mrs. Pelzl has 30 grandchildren and 21 great-grandchildren. Seven of the great-grandchildren were among those present at the reunion.

"The Private War of Major Benson" is the title of

the free outdoor movie to be shown in the City Park this evening (Thursday).

**1968**

July 11 – Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Eck of Cunningham, announce the engagement of their daughter, Ann Kathryn, to Harold D. Vernard of Pratt, son of Mrs. Hazel Vernard.

The St. Leo Men's Invitational Softball Slo-Pitch Tournament will open tomorrow night (Friday). Nightly three-game schedules will be played through July 17, with 10 teams involved in the double-elimination tournament.

YEARS AGO IN

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**1978**

July 13 – Phil Theis was the last one with a ball, so he won the First Annual Cunningham Golf Classic held Saturday, July 8 from 3 to 4:30 p.m. Seven entrants started, and all lost their ball in the rolling freshly-cut greens in the field just east of Raney's Truck Service in Cunningham.

Theis decided a golf tournament was just what last weekend needed, and besides, it was fun, he said. He went out, cut the weeds to a short stubble and dug holes for the course at noon Saturday.

"I won because I have a good eye for a golf ball, I guess. I never played before Saturday," he said.

Vernon Spade came in second place because his ball was the second to get lost. George Kampling lost his ball just before Spade did, so he came in third.

Others, but not so sharp-sighted, entered in the tournament were Chief Kaster and Bob Kohtz. Bob Kampling and Steve Jones lost their balls after the first hole, and then decided it was too hot to play golf, Theis said.

The seven started with 18 balls, but ended the eight-hole course with only one ball.

Janice and Orin Stillwell are visiting with Mr. and Mrs. Jim Brady and son at Lees Summit, Mo.

Gina Morris of Tulsa came home with her grandmother Thursday to visit. She will spend Friday with Harold Swingle.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Newman of Enid, Okla announce the birth of a baby boy Monday, July 10, 1978. He weighed 7 lb. 12 oz. and has been named David Allan.

Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Fischer and Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Newman of Enid.

**1983**

July 14 – Both young and old enjoyed the puppet show at Hilltop Manor. The program, part of the Humanities program at Pratt Community College featuring Bruce Mitchell and his puppet friends, entertained residents and 51 children.

The Cunningham Junior League coached by Jack Meyers hosted the Sharon ball team last week. The ball team has a 10-1 record and is tied for first in league.

Judy Petz was admitted to Pratt Regional Medical Center last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Ricke and son Scott returned Wednesday to their in Trenton, Ohio, after spending a week vacation with her parents the Eugene Kitsons.

Curtis Kitson, Hays, formerly of Cunningham, finished first at the 32nd Annual Golf Tournament at Russell. Kitson won after a sudden death play-off battle with Gary Navarro of Wichita. He presently resides in Hays.

Kansas' bullfrog season extends from July 1 to October 31. The frogs may be taken during daylight or nighttime hours, using a dip or bare hands. Another popular method of taking bullfrogs involved handing a hook, with bright piece of cloth or other lure, in front of the frog. A long pole is generally used so that the bait may be put in place without spooking the quarry. The frog seems the cloth as something to eat, and is hooked when he strikes it.

Daily creel limit on bullfrogs is eight.

August 6 a Swim ofr Heart event will be held at the Cunningham City Pool to benefit the American Heart Association.

Max Craft Jr., local coordinator for the event said that the event will start at 10:00 a.m.

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# KANSAS WHEAT

## Day 8, Kansas Wheat Harvest Report

This is day 8 of the Kansas Wheat Harvest Reports, brought to you by the Kansas Wheat Commission, Kansas Association of Wheat Growers, Kansas Grain and Feed Association and the Kansas Cooperative Council.

Kansas wheat harvest is 46% complete, well behind 80% last year, and

behind 63% for the five-year average, according to the official statistics provided by the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service in its crop progress report for the week ending July 2, 2023. Winter wheat conditions rated 51% very poor to poor, 33% fair and 16% good to excellent.

Hot temperatures through July 4th meant farmers were in the fields ahead of the widespread showers that moved in on the evening of the July 4th holiday.

In Ness County at the D.E. Bondurant Grain

Company, Gary Gantz said during the 4th of July weekend, several producers were cutting wheat. Friday and Saturday were particularly busy days, especially for the Riverside location. Gantz predicted harvest will continue into late July.

Gantz stated farmers in the area who had not terminated their wheat were seeing slightly better yields than what they had initially thought. Yields ranged from 25 to 35 bushels per acre, with decent test weights and high proteins in the 12.5 to 14 percent range.

Last year, during the 2022 wheat harvest, which was another dry year for the Kansas wheat crop, Gantz recalled they only received about 50% of their normal amount of wheat. With the already dry conditions following 2022, the 2023 crop was off to less than ideal conditions that continued into harvest. This harvest, the elevator is seeing a mere 25% of normal wheat quantity. About 40-50% of the planted 2023 wheat crop in the area was abandoned.

Although this wheat crop was very disappointing, with these late rains, Gantz noted the elevator remains optimistic for currently growing fall crops. One such rain event brought as much as three inches of rain.

Derek Sawyer, a Kansas Wheat Commission board member located in McPherson County, reports that he wrapped up his 2023 wheat harvest on July 1st, having started on June 15th. He adds that 85-90% of his county has also finished their harvest for this year.

"I had some really bad double crop that averaged 20 bushels per acre," Sawyer said, noting his overall crop average was 48 bushels per acre.

An outstanding variety for Sawyer was WestBred 4699. His protein was 14 percent, with test weights in the 58-60 pound range, just slightly below average. There was very little abandonment in the area, about 5-10%, due to the challenges of the spring freeze and hail. In addition to freeze damage and hail being an

issue, thin wheat stands caused weed pressure to be more prevalent.

Kendall Poland, of the Sublette Co-op in Haskell County, said harvest has just really gotten started. Only one of his farmers has been able to get into the fields after these recent rains. The wheat crop is shaping up to be very minimal so far - almost 95% of dryland wheat acres were abandoned in the area. With wheat harvest only having just begun on Tuesday, June 27, and more rain in the forecast, wheat harvest might extend much further into the calendar than what anyone is used to.

Despite the slow start to harvest, Poland remarked how much of a blessing these rains have been to this parched area of Kansas. Hailstorms have torn through the area causing damage to corn and cotton acres. Although the hail wasn't large, there was a lot of it.

With moisture still persisting, many parts of the state that have wheat left to cut will be delayed a few more days. Check

back on July 10 as the Kansas Wheat crew continues to share results from the field with the next harvest report.

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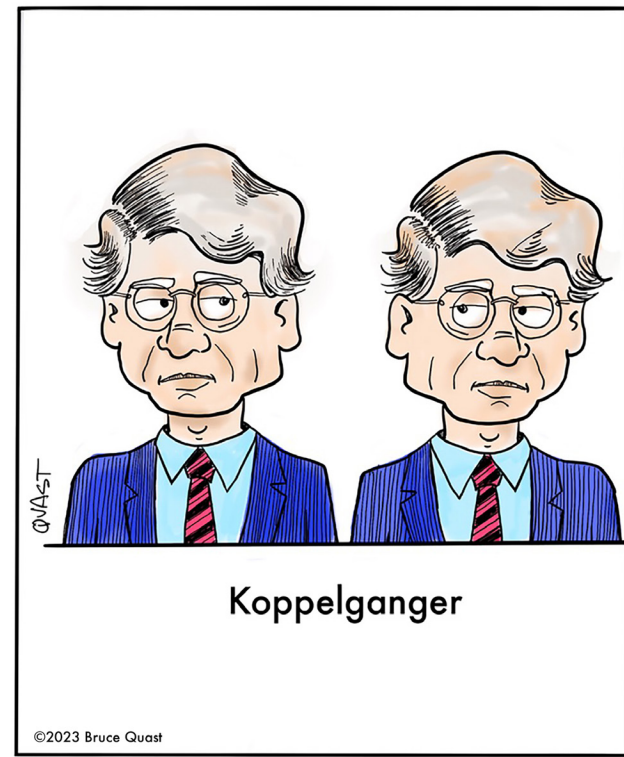
Written by Amelia Schatz for Kansas Wheat

### Comfortably Dumb by Bruce Quast



"I always wanted to try the king-size."

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"the Internet, among its many, many virtues, is also a weapon of mass destruction." — Ted Koppel, Lights Out: A Cyberattack, A Nation Unprepared, Surviving the Aftermath

The Courier did not receive Kingman County Commission minutes before press time. I will include them in next week's paper.

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  - Robinson in "The Graduate"
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- Ear-related
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  - Dinghy propeller
  - Bear witness
  - \*Read between these for real meaning
  - Writer Asimov
  - Likewise
  - \*Don't beat around it
  - Claudius' successor
  - Breadth
  - Oil holder
  - \*Cut one some of this and don't be critical
  - Dirt on Santa's suit?
  - Gallup's inquiry

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- How many of the President's men?
- \*Cross it when you get to it
- Investigative report
- Count sheep
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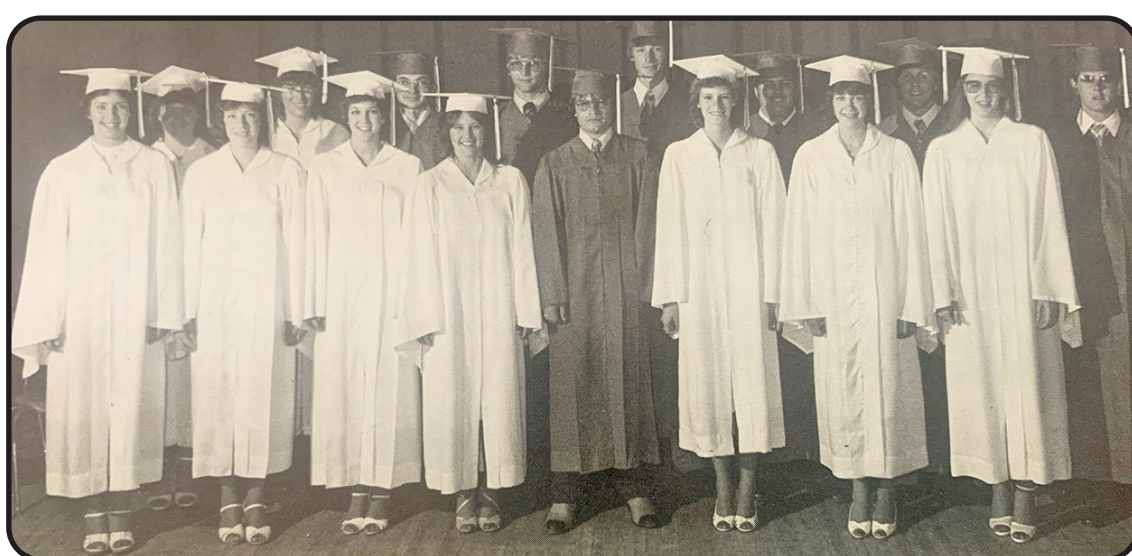


CHS Class of '83 Holds Reunion



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Middle row: Della Osner Hampton, Linda Simon, Becky Kerschen Flores  
Front row: Mari Rohr Mesh, Brenda Crick Conway  
Not pictured: Virginia Beat Dreiling

Back row: Raymond Thimesch, Steve Mertens; Steve Vierthaler  
Front row: Kevin House, David Thornhill,  
Not pictured: Charles Adamson, Dan Clark



We had a Friday night gathering in Hutchinson to kick off the weekend. 9 of us and some spouses had dinner together. David Thornhill opened up his home to us to stop by.

On Saturday, We started at the high school with a tour by Principal Cody. We haven't changed much as we interrupted him the whole time. That place brought back a flood of memories. So much has changed there over the last 40 years. Jack Crick was our chaperone during the tour. Thanks Jack.

Next we headed to Cozy's for lunch. The Murphy's gave us the south end of the restaurant and we each got up in front of the group to tell everyone what we have been doing since graduation. Some shared more than others. Ha ha.. Thanks for the dessert pizza Angela and Aaron. Coming back for more of that.

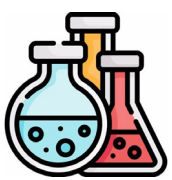
Then off to "The Slab" because why not. It looks a lot different in the daylight. Shared some libations and more memories.

Dinner at Woody's in Pratt and Lisa's back yard to cap off our reunion.

We had such a great time. Feel blessed to spend time together. We are still texting each other in our big group text and enjoying our connection to each other. *submitted by Becky Kerschen Flores*



Summer Reading Library Fun!



*We had a fun and educational morning with another round of STEM! We learned how to manipulate DASH Robots. Launching ping-pong balls into a coffee can was definitely the highlight. What fun! Thank you, Janelle and K-State Research & Extension, Kingman County, for bringing another great STEM program to CPL. STEM continues each Thursday morning at 10:00 through July 20. Next week, soda bottle rockets (weather permitting) and marble mazes. See you at the library!*

*courtesy of the Cunningham Library*







When Words Inspire Actions

Jackie Mundt, Pratt County farmer and rancher  
 Four years ago, I was asked to become a contributor to this column and had no idea that this would become a regular part of my world. I also didn't realize how much fun it would be to share experiences and thoughts about farming, rural life, community and the lessons that have formed my values.  
 It hasn't always been easy — balancing deadlines with a busy schedule, and the sometimes

daunting task of coming up with something every month worth writing about that hasn't already been done.  
 The most surprising part of this experience has been hearing about the impact of the column. I don't think I have written a column yet that didn't generate fan mail, a note from a friend or a conversation about how the column struck a note with a reader.  
 However, the biggest impact has been planting a seed that grew into a great program. In one of my first columns, I wrote about hosting an etiquette dinner for our collegiate Farm Bureau students to help them understand a prepare to follow etiquette in the working

world.  
 After the column was published, I received an email from Beth Gaines, executive director of the Kansas FFA Foundation. She inquired if I would be willing to hold an etiquette dinner for the newly elected Kansas FFA Officers to help them better prepare for the business meals they would be attending during their year of service.  
 Plans for the etiquette dinner soon turned into a day of training focused on helping the student officers to prepare for all aspects of the business meetings and visits with sponsors or supporters in the year ahead. With the support of several businesses in the Pratt area, we put together an event

that has become an annual training for the newly elected officers.  
 Most of the students come into the training far ahead of their peers as polished public speakers and great conversationalists. But these 18 and 19 year olds will be facing CEOs and elected officials; they will be expected to rattle off important facts, eloquently sharing personal examples of how FFA is impacting the future of agriculture and have the confidence to handle any situation they encounter.  
 We train the students to prepare to lead conversations with powerful adults, to emotionally connect over common values with stakeholders and how to make sure to

balance great conversation with a purposeful meeting. These are skills that a lot of adults don't even possess; skills that will be valuable beyond their time in FFA setting many on the path to become CEOs and elected officials themselves.  
 Every time I hear someone talk about the lack of interpersonal skills in young people or how that they are too dependent on technology, I shake my head know it isn't true. Here is a group of students who defy those expectations. The difference is that this group of students has been equipped to do the hard things. As someone who personally benefited from the same types of trainings, I am grateful

to be the person teaching and coaching a new generation of leaders.  
 We often don't see the impact we are making quickly or clearly. In this case, I am lucky to see how the words from this column sparked an idea that led to actions and outcomes making a group of people better prepared to help those around them.  
 Sharing my thoughts and experiences with all of you has been a joy. I hope my words continue to inspire great ideas and each of you to share your experiences and skills with the world around you.



Fun in the Sun at the Beach!

Where do the sky, ocean and... ..sky meet? At the seashore!  
 Kids: color stuff in!

Steamy, sunny summer days are a great time to visit the beach. I like to swim, leap and dive in the surf! What do you like to do? I'll be looking for you!

Throw the ball, please, Cousin Echo!

Hey, who are you talking to?

Can you find and circle 18 different words on this page that begin with the letter 's'?

treasures driftwood seagulls jetty sand water

Knock! Knock!  
 Shelly.  
 ...  
 ...  
 Nothing, he clammed up! Get it? Get it?  
 groan!

Who's there?  
 Shelly who?  
 Hey, Shelly who? What did he say?

dinner clams I love to read!

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12

people shore sun

**People at the Beach**

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Cool Break!

It's time for a cool break from the hot sun. Can you find your way through the maze to the ice cream cart?

If you happen to drop a treat in the sand, I may help clean it up.

Whew! I really need a cold treat after laying on the rocks in the sun!

Yeah, yeah... you try dodging kids' big feet all day long!

Start

Ice Cream

Who are these "underwater unicorns" with long, pointed tusks on their heads? They live in the Arctic region, but maybe you'll see them secretly vacationing at the beach! Follow the key to color in this puzzle and see!

B = Blue  
 G = Gray  
 K = Black  
 N = Green  
 P = Pink  
 R = Brown  
 W = White

What Should You Take for Fun in the Sun?

Can you find and circle these items in the top of the beach bag?

sunglasses towel shovel books  
 flip-flops sun lotion hat  
 coins keys  
 bucket

Just hanging around!

U Y T G H K T E K C U B K J S O L  
 A B H A T L O B V R E C S O U A B C  
 I M A N G R W S E S S A L G N U S N M  
 C H U T R F A E B I Y R S E W L O P H A S  
 B O O K S H D L O N G T D E S O I J H O N D  
 J N O I E N J S K E A Q I E K B T Y T E D V S A  
 K U H F N F L I P F L O P S B N I P O U T K E B N  
 P I Y G V S J I E S L P B N M R O Q U C G I D L N Y  
 E R C D F J I K O K E Y S B I E N U R T I A O N B F R

Lunch and snacks are packed in the cold pack in the bottom of the bag. Can you find and circle them?

water  
 grapes  
 cheese  
 crackers  
 sandwich  
 lemonade  
 watermelon

(Answers on page 10)



Hilltop Happenings

**Answered Prayers**  
We prayed for rain, and now we are getting it, and we are grateful. One of the hardest things to remember is that these things come in His time, not ours.

**Harvest Memories**  
Harvest time is of great interest to many of our residents who enjoy

watching the combines and array of wheat trucks moving back and forth in front of Hilltop. A lot of reminiscing goes on about good years, bad years, breakdowns, meals in the field, and how harvesting methods have changed. This year's harvest can be summed up as, short and sweet ... or maybe just short. Let's pray for better conditions next year.

The drought was hard

on the wheat, but our flowers out front are gorgeous this year! Gene does a great job of maintaining the flower beds and I'm not sure if he made the flower choices or if possibly Crystal had some input, but either way – well done!

**Here they are ... Two Fun Guys!**

Please check out our Facebook page for pictures of Jazzercise with Two Fun Guys or,

better yet, stop by on a Friday at about 11:15 and see them for yourself. These "Guys" bring a smile to everyone's face and participation in their program is overwhelming!

**Visits are Great Therapy**

Our residents truly light up when they receive visitors – and cards or letters always brighten their day. If an old friend, teacher, or family mem-

ber is in a facility, a half an hour of your time is a priceless gift. Don't know anyone in a facility? Come on in and visit with us – we can introduce you to new friends (and who has too many friends?). If your youth group, club, or family would like to come sing for us or spend a few hours playing games – we'd love it and I bet your group would too!

**God Bless America**

We here at Hilltop hope all of you had a safe and happy Independence Day celebration – we were treated to a cook out, games throughout the day, and the evening capped off with a fireworks display.

-Until next week - God Bless!

Hey! What You Want to Do Today?

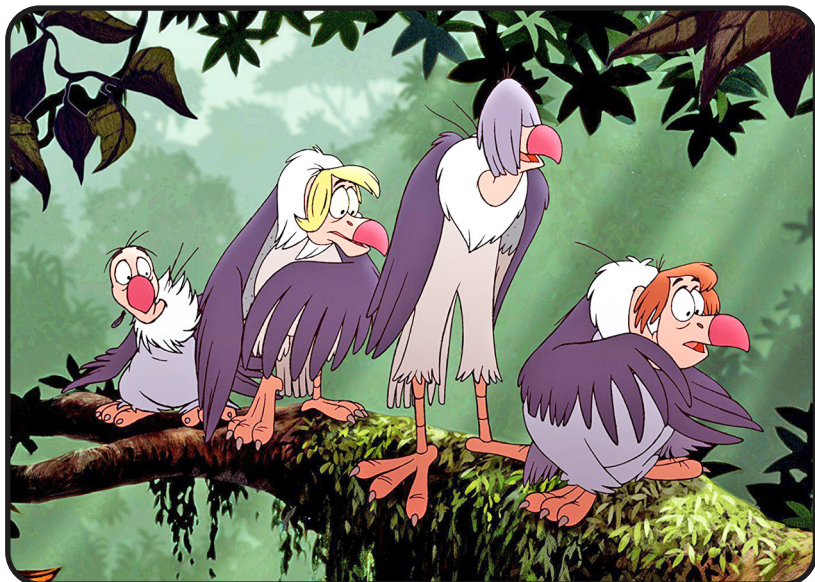


A reader sent in this photo of some vultures along a country road. He commented that the picture reminded him of the vultures in "The Jungle Book". So I found a photo of Buzzy, Flaps, Ziggy, and Dizzy to remind us all a bit of this fun story.

photo by Teresa McClendon



"He didn't give me flowers or candy. He gave me the moon and the stars. Infinity -Belly Conklin-"  
— Jenny Han, We'll Always Have Summer



An old man was sitting on his front porch, when he saw two boys walking past his house. The two boys were talking very loudly.

"Yesterday I bought a car and drove all the way to the moon!" said one of the boys. "That's nothing!" said the other boy. "This morning, I went all the way to Pluto! By walking!"

"What are you two whippersnappers doing?" asked the old man. "We found a \$20 bill on the sidewalk," one of the boys explained. "We decided that whoever can tell the biggest lie gets to keep the money."

"You should be ashamed of yourselves," said the old man. "When I was your age, I didn't even know what a lie was!"

The two boys looked at each other, and then gave the \$20 bill to the old man.

**Kingman County Humane Society Pets Ready for Adoption**

**Latte**

Sponsored by The Cunningham Courier



Female Hound / Terrier  
44 pounds  
1 year +  
\$180.00  
Latte has been at the shelter since November 29, 2022  
People friendly  
Little "ruff" around the edges but still a

puppy. High energy pup looking for an active, on the go family. Get Latte off on the right foot by enrolling him in basic obedience class. He knows "sit" but needs to develop other social skills.

**Tequila**

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Female Domestic Shorthair  
1 year +  
\$40  
Tequila has been at the shelter since June 17, 2023

Please consider volunteering or adopting or fostering or donating to your local Humane Society

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

**Swaney Veterinary Clinic**  
Stacie Swaney DVM  
620-532-5544

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(except during lunch 12-1)  
on Wed., from 8:00 - 12:00  
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1015 East U.S. 54, Kingman, KS  
KCHS Donation Wish List

The pets at Kingman County Humane Society are in need of the following items:  
13-gal. kitchen trash bags  
dry cat and kitten food  
clumping cat litter  
canned dog food  
Purina Puppy Chow  
long-lasting chews  
stainless steel flat-sided water buckets  
paper towels

bleach  
liquid laundry detergent  
poop bag rolls  
disposable gloves (large)  
The items can be brought to KCHS at 811 East C Avenue in Kingman  
Monetary donations can be sent to KCHS  
P.O. Box 103  
Kingman KS 67068

"I don't understand people who don't touch their pets. Their cat or dog is called a pet for a reason."  
— Jarod Kintz, This Book is Not for Sale

**Fun in the Sun at the Beach!**

C'mon Pinch! Come out to play.

Are all those ugly giants gone for the day?

How many words that begin with the letter "s" did you find and circle?

If you found:  
18 words = Smarty pants!  
16 words = Not bad!  
14 words = Try harder!  
12 words = Look again!  
10 words = Now really!

Who are these "underwater unicorns" with long, pointed tusks on their heads visiting from the Arctic region?

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**Narwhals!**

What Should You Take for Fun in the Sun?

Legend:  
B = Blue  
G = Gray  
K = Black  
N = Green  
P = Pink  
R = Brown  
W = White

W 5 S 6  
A 5 S 6  
T R E A S U R E S  
S H O R E 3  
U N 2  
R 4  
C 7  
L 7  
W A V E S 9  
M 9  
S A N D 11  
J E T T Y 8  
P E O P L E 10  
D I N N E R 12

U Y T G H K Q E K C U B K J S O L  
A B H A T O B V R E C S O U A B C  
I M A N G R W S E S S A L G N U S  
C H U T R F A E B I Y R S E W L O P H A S  
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### Minutes from the Pratt County Commission

The Pratt County commissioners met in regular session Monday, July 3, 2023 at 2:00 pm in

The commissioner room, 1st floor of the courthouse. The following members were present: Thomas W. Jones III, Rick Shriver,

Dwight Adams, Tyson Eisenhauer, county Counselor, Lori Voss, clerk, and Mark Graber, IT director.

Heather Morgan, economic development/COVID consultant, reported the Department of Commerce and the Patterson Family Foundation, are working together co-funding grants for rural opportunities, working with communities that have a vibrant art program.

They will co-fund a project to benefit local art programs. She asked the commissioners if they wanted her to contact the Department of Commerce to start the process of applying for the grant. She will contact the local art venues for their input.

There are also historic preservation grants. The main street buildings would qualify. They want to revitalize downtowns. It is a 50/50 match to

renovate retail main floor with housing upstairs. The state would pay half, the developer would pay the other half. The tax credits and preservation grants can be combined. Tax credits start over July 1, 2023. If there are smaller communities with water needs, there are water grants they can contact the state or they can contact Heather. She will be happy to assist.

Jason Winkel, landfill/recycling supervisor,

reported he received his ADC machine. He presented a picture of the spray at the landfill. He reported the loader being repaired is still in shop. Most of the cost will be covered under warranty. He reported they are taking in a lot of shingles at the landfill. He needs to repair the back baler at the recycling center. He presented a quote for repairs in the amount of \$3,350.52 from HWI Equipment, Inc. Commissioner Adams made a motion to approve the quote for \$3,350.52 from HWI Equipment, Inc. Shriver seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. He reported he had gone to surrounding counties to check their recycling process.

April Swartz, Varney & Associates presented the Pratt County 2022 audit. Commissioner Adams made a motion to approve the road crossing for energy transfer LP at 22-27S-15W near NW 110th Ave/NW 30th Street. Commissioner Shriver seconded the mo-

tion. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Adams made a motion to approve the minutes from June 26, 2023. Commissioner Shriver seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Shriver made a motion to recess into executive session at 2:33 p.m. for fifteen minutes to discuss a non-elected personnel issue concerning parking.

Commissioner Adams seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. Commissioner Shriver made a motion to return from executive session at 2:40 p.m. with no action taken. Commissioner Adams seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

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

Commissioner Adams made a motion to adjourn at 2:47 pm. Commissioner Shriver seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

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### Kingman County Sheriff's Report

#### Sunday, July 2

Traffic Stop 5  
Transport 120 N Spruce, Kingman  
Disabled Vehicle 3000 Blk E Hwy 54, Kingman  
Animal Complaint NE 110 St & NE 100 Ave, Murdock  
Follow Up 1300 East D Ave, Kingman  
Disabled Vehicle 300 Blk East D Ave, Kingman  
Domestic 300 Blk East A Ave, Kingman  
Disturbance 400 Blk E Burns Ave, Norwich

#### Monday, July 3

Traffic Stop 3  
Transport Prisoner 120 N Spruce, Kingman  
Trespassing 2000 SE Murdock Ave, Murdock  
Warrant Service 120 N Spruce, Kingman  
Transport Prisoner 141 W Elm St, Wichita to 120 N Spruce, Kingman  
Injury Accident SW 90 Ave & W Hwy 54, Kingman  
Fire / Field 16000 Blk NE 40 St, Cheney  
Traffic Complaint 300 Blk E 1st Ave, Norwich  
Non-Injury Accident 17000 Blk SW 90 St, Nashville

#### Tuesday, July 4

Traffic Stop 4  
Check Welfare 400 Blk E Burns Ave, Norwich  
Trespassing 2000 Blk SE Murdock Ave, Murdock  
Theft 500 S Robbins Rd, Norwich  
Recovered Property SE 140 St & SE 150 Ave, Norwich  
Non-Injury Accident 200 Blk E 4th St, Cunningham  
Disabled Vehicle 4000 NW 110 Ave, Cunningham  
Pursuit NE 50 St & N Hwy 14, Pretty Prairie  
Non-Injury Accident NE 50 St & N Hwy 14, Pretty Prairie  
Agency Assist 120 N Spruce, Kingman

#### Wednesday, July 5

Traffic Stop 3  
Non-Injury Accident 2500 Blk N Hwy 11, Kingman  
Suspicious Person N Cedar St & W F Ave, Kingman  
Non-Injury Accident SE 60 St & SE 100 Ave, Murdock  
Non-Injury Accident 2000 NW 170 Ave, Cunningham  
Alarm 9000 Blk NE 20 St, Murdock

Follow Up Traffic Complaint  
Traffic Complaint

#### Thursday, July 6

Traffic Stop  
Civil Paper Process  
Traffic Complaint  
Traffic Complaint  
Suspicious Person  
Warrant Arrest  
Disturbance  
Traffic Complaint  
Animal Bite

#### Friday, July 7

Traffic Stop  
Civil Paper Process  
Follow Up  
Domestic  
Non-Injury Accident  
Non-Injury Accident  
Non-Injury Accident  
Warrant Service

#### Saturday, July 8

Traffic Stop  
Civil Paper Service  
Disabled Vehicle  
Damage to Property  
Trespassing  
Theft  
Traffic Complaint  
Non-Injury Accident  
Trespassing  
Arrest  
Abandoned Vehicle  
911 Accidental Dial

NE 50 St & N Hwy 11, Pretty Prairie  
NE 10 St & NE 160 Ave, Cheney  
12000 E Hwy 42, Norwich

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12000 E Hwy 42, Norwich  
SW 70 Ave & W Hwy 54, Kingman  
500 E 1st St, Cunningham  
500 E 1st St, Cunningham  
11000 Blk SE 50 Ave, Rago  
200 Blk E Hwy 42, Rago  
700 Blk W D Ave, Kingman

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3000 Blk NE 50 Ave, Kingman  
NW 20 Ave & W Hwy 54, Kingman  
400 Blk E Ave D, Kingman  
4000 Blk E Hwy 54, Kingman  
10000 Blk SE 60 St., Murdock  
300 Blk E Ave D, Kingman

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1000 W Hwy 54, Kingman  
10000 Blk NE 10 St, Murdock  
1500 Blk NW 190 Ave, Cunningham  
13000 Blk SE 140 Ave, Norwich  
SE 40 St & SE 160 Ave, Cheney  
SE 30 St & SE 140 Ave, Cheney  
4300 Blk SE 100 Ave, Murdock  
4300 Blk SE 100 Ave, Murdock  
NE 40 Ave & E Hwy 54, Kingman  
18000 Blk E Bluff St, Cheney

### Public Notice

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF KINGMAN COUNTY, KANSAS  
CIVIL DEPARTMENT  
Members Mortgage Services, LLC  
Plaintiff,  
vs.

Benjamin Babcock-Sanner; Betty N. Babcock-Sanner; Citizens Bank of Kansas; John Doe (Tenant/Occupant); Mary Doe (Tenant/Occupant)

Defendants.  
Case No. KM-2022-CV-000034  
Court Number:  
Pursuant to K.S.A. Chapter 60

#### Notice Of Sale

Under and by virtue of an Order of Sale issued to me by the Clerk of the District Court of Kingman County, Kansas, the undersigned Sheriff of Kingman County, Kansas, will offer for sale at public auction and sell to the highest bidder for cash in hand, at the Front Door of the Courthouse at Kingman Kingman County, Kansas, on July 20, 2023, at 10:00 AM, the following real estate:

**Parcel 1: Lots One (1), Two (2), Three (3), Four (4), Five (5), Six (6), Seven (7) and the South 48 feet of Lots Thirteen (13) and Fourteen (14)**

**of Sebring & Easley's Sub-division of the East half (E/2) of Block Eight (8), Jones' Addition to the Town of Kingman, Kingman County, Kansas, commencing at a point 150 feet East of the Southwest corner of Block Eight (8), Jones' Addition to the Town of Kingman, Kingman County, Kansas; thence North, parallel to the West line of said Block Eight (8), a distance of 208 feet; thence East at right angles, a distance of 60 feet to the West line of said Sebring & Easley's Sub-division of the East half (E/2) of Block Eight (8), Jones' Addition to the Town of Kingman; thence South a distance of 208 feet; thence West at right angles a distance of 60 feet to the place of beginning.**

**Parcel 2: All that part of the Northwest Quarter of the Southwest Quarter (NW/4 SW/4) of Section Thirty-two (32), Township Twenty-seven (27) South, Range Seven (7) West of the 6th P.M., Kingman County, Kansas, more**

**particularly described as follows, to-wit; commencing at the Southeast corner of Lot Eight (8) of Sebring & Easley's Sub-division of the East half (E/2) of Block Eight (8) in Jones' Addition to the Town of Kingman, Kingman County, Kansas, thence North on the extended East line of Lot Eight (8) aforesaid a distance of 224.55 feet more or less to the North line of the Northwest Quarter of the Southwest Quarter (NW/4 SW/4) of Section Thirty-two (32), Township Twenty-seven (27) South, Range Seven (7) West; thence West on the North line of the Northwest Quarter of the Southwest Quarter (NW/4 SW/4) of Section Thirty-two (32), Township Twenty-seven (27) South, Range Seven (7) West, a distance of 150 feet; thence South at right angles a distance of 224.55 feet to the Southwest corner of Lot Twelve (12) of Sebring & Easley's Sub-division of the East Half (E/2) of Block Eight (8), in Jones' Addition to**

**the Town of Kingman, Kingman County, Kansas; thence East on the South line of Lots Eight (8), Nine (9), Ten (10), Eleven (11) and Twelve (12) of said Sebring & Easley's Sub-division to the place of beginning.**

**Parcel 3: The West 48 feet of Block Nine (9), Jones' Addition to the Town of Kingman, Kingman County, Kansas, commonly known as 225 W Copeland Ave, Kingman, KS 67068 (the "Property")**

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

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### A LANDMARK CELEBRATION

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### Public Notice

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IN THE THIRTIETH JUDICIAL DISTRICT  
DISTRICT COURT OF KINGMAN COUNTY, KANSAS  
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF:

DALE KIRK LIEURANCE, Deceased.  
Case No. 2022 PR 44  
(Petition Pursuant to K.S.A. Chapter 59)

**NOTICE OF HEARING**  
THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:

You are hereby notified that on June 27, 2023, a Petition was filed in this Court by Kyle D. Lieurance, duly appointed, qualified and acting Executor of the Estate of Dale Kirk Lieurance, 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 Dale Kirk Lieurance, deceased, and the Petitioner be released from further liability.

You are required to file your written defenses thereto on or before July 18, 2023, at 9:00 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.

Kyle D. Lieurance, Executor  
Matthew W. Ricke, #20995  
ATTORNEY AT LAW, LLC  
349 North Main, P. O. Box 113  
Kingman, KS 67068  
(620) 532-3103  
Attorney for Petitioner



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### Beverly Nelson

Beverly Jo Nelson, 75, died July 5, 2023, at Wichita.

She was born Aug. 21, 1947, in Hutchinson the daughter of Leonard and Opal Ellis Seifert. A long-time resident of Kingman, she was a former teacher.

Beverly was a member of the First Presbyterian Church, Kingman; a graduate of Friends University; and was active in the Ladies Quilting Circle at the Kingman Christian Church.

On June 14, 1970, she married Larry Nelson in Kingman. Other survivors include son Brian and his wife Shara; and grandchildren Emma, Aidan and Caleigh.

Funeral services were July 11, 2023, at the First Presbyterian Church. Burial was in the Walnut Hill Cemetery.

Memorials may be made with the Kingman Health Care System in care of the funeral home.



### Helen Eck

Helen Alta (Scripsick) Eck, 99, entered eternal rest on July 8, 2023 at Parkwood Village in Pratt. She was born on March 28, 1924 in Sharon, Kansas, the daughter of Martin and Augusta (Harbert) Scripsick. On January 15, 1947 she married Stephen J. Eck in Sharon, Kansas.

Helen was a loving wife, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother and wonderful homemaker. She was a member of St. Boniface Catholic Church and St. Boniface Altar Society in Sharon.

Surviving are nine children: Jeanette (Dan) Gates of Wichita, KS, Glen (Sandy) Eck of Edmond, OK, Kay Jean (Gerald) Bowman of Pratt, KS, Melvin Eck of Edmond, OK, Roger (Lynne) Eck of Larned, KS, Daryl (Margie) Eck of Sharon, KS, Dean (Kelli) Eck of Sharon, KS, Colleen (Greg) Kerschen of Cunningham, KS, Doug (Shelley) Eck of Colwich, KS; daughter in-law, Renee Eck of El Dorado Springs, MO; 32 grandchildren; 94 great-grandchildren; sister in-law, Lucille Laudick of Ardmore, OK; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Helen was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Steve Eck; son, Alan Eck; grandsons, Jason Eck and Brett Bowman; daughter in-law, Shelley Jo Eck; and five siblings, Madeline Wegerer, Wilfred Scripsick, Lucille Blick, Clara Compton and Leo Scripsick.

Mass of Christian Burial was Wednesday, July 12, 2023 at St. Boniface Catholic Church, Sharon, Kansas with Father Emmanuel Kosikumah, Father Charles Atuah and Father Ivan Eck presiding. Family Burial was at St. Boniface Catholic Cemetery, Sharon, Kansas.

In lieu of flowers, Memorials may be made to the St. Boniface Cemetery Fund or Country Care Hospice in care of Larrison Funeral Home.



### Will Bell

William D. (Will) Bell stepped into the arms of Jesus on Thursday, July 6, 2023 at Medicine Lodge Memorial Hospital.

He was born on April 14, 1951 in Nashville, KS, the son of Oliver D. Bell and Wilma M. (Austin) Bell. On March 15, 1986 he married Deb (Noftsgger) Bell in Medicine Lodge, KS. She survives.

In his youth, Will made the decision to place his faith in Jesus Christ to forgive his sins. He lived out his faith all the years of his life until the end. He loved his wife, his children, and his grandchildren selflessly and always kept them as a priority before his work and other responsibilities. Will loved people and never knew a stranger. He loved to laugh and tease and had a fun sense of humor. Will greatly enjoyed the land and worked as a farmer and rancher most of his life.

Surviving is the love of his life, Deb Bell of Medicine Lodge, KS; six children, Kristen (Dave) Skiles of Pratt, KS, Rebekah Bell of Los Angeles, CA, Andrew (Abby) Bell of Salina, KS, Bethany Bell of Wichita, KS, Anna (Gabe) Bell-Ventura of Los Angeles, CA, and Mary (Christian Noble) Bell of Colorado Springs, CO; Three grandchildren, Ellie, Adelynn, and Isla Skiles and one on the way; Several nieces and nephews.

Will was preceded in death by his parents, one brother, Harold Bell, and one sister, Glenda Singer.

Funeral services were held on Tuesday, July 11, 2023 at Community Bible Fellowship with Pastor Dwain Richert officiating. Burial will be at Highland Cemetery, Medicine Lodge, KS.

Memorials may be made to The Navigators or Focus on the Family, in care of Larrison Funeral Home, 120 E. Lincoln, Medicine Lodge, KS 67104.

Condolences may be left at [www.larrisonmortuary.com](http://www.larrisonmortuary.com)



### Naomi Schuchman

Naomi B. Schuchman, 91, died July 6, 2023 at the Prairie Sunset Home.

She was born June 2, 1932, at Kingman the daughter of Clarence and Mildred McClure Belcher. A longtime resident of the Kingman community, she was a professional business woman.

Naomi was a member of the Kingman Christian Church; the BPA, the Galaxy Credit Women's Club, a former leader of the Hawk 4-H, and the Red Hats.

She was married Bob Schuchman; he precedes her in death. Survivors include two sons, Mike and Don; daughter Deb Graber-Gonzalez; bonus children Cindy (Mark) Todd, Betty Ann (Watie) McGlothlin and Janet Schuchman; brother Roland Belcher; sister-in-law Marilyn Belcher; grandchildren Aaron (Lisa) Byers, Jennifer (Chad) Shultz, Kirsta (Jim) Byers, and Clint (Erin) Graber; great-grandchildren Maliek Miller, Blake Shultz, Cara Shultz, Mason Graber, Olivia Graber, Cassandra McCluskie Lorielle McCluskie. She was also preceded in death by her parents; brother Larry Belcher; step-son Jerry Schuchman; son-in-law Joe Henry Gonzalez; and daughter-in-law Deb Byers.

Funeral services were Wednesday, July 12, 2023 at the Livingston Funeral Home, Kingman. Burial was in the Walnut Hill Cemetery.

Memorials may be made with Rivercross Hospice or Share the Love, both in care of funeral home.



### Brenda Hood

Brenda J. Hood, 67, died July 7, 2023 at Kingman. She was born Aug. 3, 1955, in Wichita the daughter of Melvin O. Collins, Sr. and Beatrice June Lipps Collins. A resident of Spivey since 2015, previously of Wichita, she was a retired CNA at the Kansas Masonic Home.

Brenda was married to Donald D. Hood, Sr.; he died in 2014. Survivors include two sons Donald and Adam; daughter Jessica Lynn Owen; brothers Elwood Collins and Douglas Collins; sisters Patricia Morfitt, Merry Fetcher and Rayetta Jackson; and five grandchildren. She was also preceded in death by a brother Melvin Collins, Jr.; and a granddaughter Paislee Hood.

Graveside services will be 1:30 p.m., Thursday at the Greenwood Cemetery in Wichita. Friends may call from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Wednesday at the Livingston Funeral Home, Kingman.

Memorials may be made with St. Jude's Childrens Hospital in care of the funeral home.

### Golya Sterling

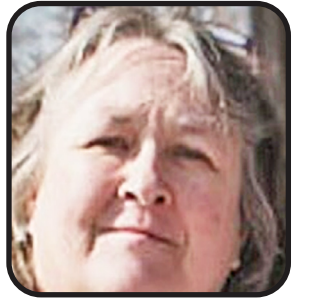
Golya L. Sterling, 60, died July 7, 2023 in Kingman.

She was born Aug. 14, 1962, at Desarc, Arkansas the daughter of Walter and Velma

Sylvia Snell Taylor. A resident of Kingman most of her life, she was a homemaker.

On July 1, 1978, she married Michael L. Sterling in Kingman. Other survivors include a son Michael D. Sterling; brothers Keith Taylor and Phil Taylor; sisters Wanita Talbot and Karen Robinson; and five grandchildren.

Services will be announced at a later date. Memorials may be made with the Kingman Library in care of the funeral home.





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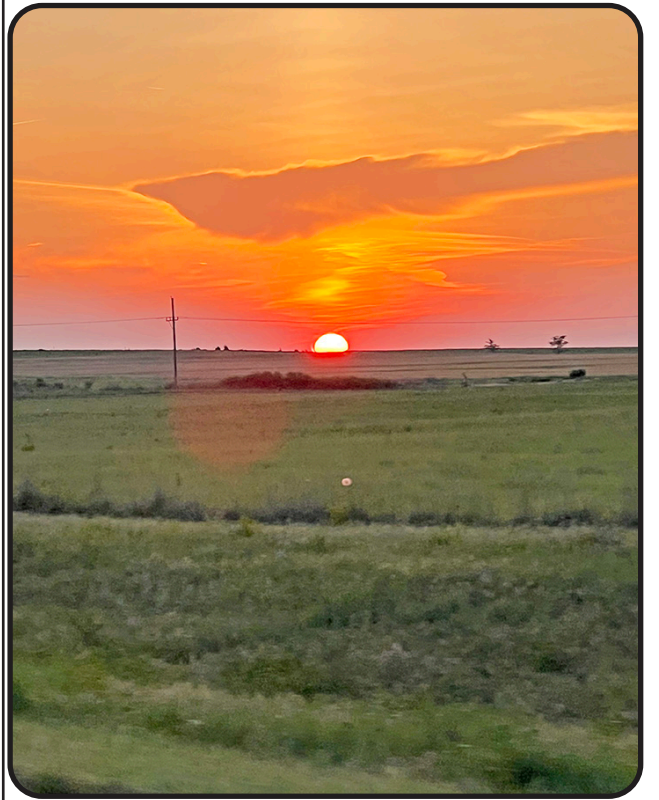
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*Many thanks for all the posts, messages, cards, visits, flowers, and gifts and most of all to everyone who attended my party. I hope you all had as good of time as I did. I have missed being out in our great community and being with all my friends. A special thank you to Connie, Natasha, Megan, and Jessica for hosting such a wonderful event. Thanks again.*  
- Louise Armstrong -



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