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## Minutes from October BOE Meeting

The West Kingman County Board of Education meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, October 16, 2024, by President Brent Miller.

President, Brent Miller; Vice-President, Bjorn Halderson; Members, Vicki Oldham, Megan Green, Travis Thimesch, and Abby Bock; Superintendent, Dr. Kelly Arnberger; Principal, Cody Dunlap; Clerk, Stacy Webster and guests Chad Higgins, Emma Harden, Dagim Reed Payton King, Luke Albers, Trent Schnittker, Ellie McGuire, Ava Bock, Sheena Albers and Roberta Kobbe.

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

President Miller turned the meeting over to Chad Higgins with ESSDACK. Chad presented a proposed strategic plan. Discussion followed.

Superintendent Arnberger called for a break at 6:00 until 6:05 p.m.

Guests Chad Higgins, Emma Harden, Payton King, and Luke Albers left the

meeting at 6:05 p.m.

President Miller turned the meeting over to Principal Dunlap. Mr. Dunlap, Robin Reed, and Sheena Albers shared pros and cons of the ELA pilot the grade school is working with.

President Miller welcomed the guests to the meeting and then turned it over to Principal Dunlap. Principal Dunlap shared that this month we are recognizing the Booster club, its members and the many things they do for the kids and community.

Motion made by Bjorn Halderson, seconded by Travis Thimesch, to approve the minutes of the September 11, 2024 regular meeting. Motion carried 6-0.

Motion made by Vicki Oldham, seconded by Megan Green, to approve the payment of bills and the financial reports as presented. Motion carried 6-0.

Superintendent's Dr. Arnberger spoke with the board about the site council meeting, the South Central Education Foundation grant for Beyond the Bell and the future of football.

Principal Dunlap shared that conferences are coming up, FFA students will be going to national conference and about upcoming learning opportunities including a Delta Math night October

23, Career Expo at ESSDACK, and Scholarship night on October 29.

Member Bjorn Halderson reported that the co-op is moving payroll to ESSDACK and they have hired a Nurse.

Dr. Arnberger shared that forms are being created to send out for transportation reimbursement. He updated on the progress of the landscaping for the construction project and remaining costs.

Motion made by Bjorn Halderson, seconded by Travis Thimesch, to approve additions to the supplemental dues schedule as presented by Dr. Arnberger. Motion carried 6-0.

Motion made by Travis Thimesch, seconded by Vicki Oldham, to accept the retirement of Bob Stackhouse at the end of the school year. Motion carried 6-0.

Motion made by Travis Thimesch, seconded by Abby Bock, to adjourn the meeting at 6:51 p.m.. Motion carried 6-0.



## City Council Will Meet Monday Evening

Agenda

Meeting will be held at City Hall,

- 1) 6:30 p.m. – Call to Order
- 2) Approval of Agenda
- 3) Approval of Minutes of October 28, 2024 meeting
- 4) Public comments, concerns, & communications
- 5) Fire Department – Chief's Report
- 6) Discussion – Water Tower Contract
- 7) Consideration of CMB License Renewals
- 8) 2025 Council Meeting Schedule
- 9) Reports
  - Property Officer
  - Planning & Zoning – permit applications
  - Maintenance
  - Swimming Pool
  - Clerk
- 10) Employees' Holiday Bonuses
- 11) Financial Report & Payment of Bills
- 12) Adjourn

RE M I N D E R:

Next meeting: December 30th @ 6:30 p.m.

## Minutes from Kingman County Board of Convassers

Convasser Henning called the County Convass to order at 8:33 a.m. November 12, 2024, in the County Commissioners room at the Kingman County Courthouse.

Carol Noblit, County Election Officer submitted the Election Night results to the Convassers.

Ms. Noblit let the Convassers know that several voters were sent to Kingman County from other counties.

Ms. Noblit presented 100 provisionals to the Board of Convassers.

The Provisionals ballots were reviewed by the Convassers and separated by full, partial and not counted.

Fully Counted Ballots	30
Partially Counted Ballots	22
Ballots not counted	48

MOTION: Convasser Thimesch moved to recess the County Convass at 9:00 a.m. Convasser Elpers seconded the motion. The motion was approved with a unanimous vote of 3-0.

MOTION: Convasser Elpers moved to reconvene the County Convass at 12:25 p.m. Convasser Thimesch seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

MOTION: Convasser Thimesch moved to approve the County Convass at 12:25 p.m. Convasser Elpers seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of

the County Commissioners 3-0.

Sheriff Brent Wood was in to discuss a possible new employee.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Commissioner Thimesch made a motion to go into executive session at 9:30 a.m. with Sheriff Brent Wood and Brandon Ritcha, County Counselor to discuss an individual employee's performance pursuant to the exception under the Kansas Open Meetings Act for discussion of non-elected personnel matters of nonelected personnel in order to protect the privacy interests of the individual(s) to be discussed, and they will return to open session in the Board Meeting room at 9:40 a.m. Commissioner Elpers seconded the motion. The motion was passed upon the unanimous vote of 3-0.

Commissioners returned to regular session at 9:40 a.m.

MOTION: Commissioner Elpers moved to approve the new hire at the Sheriff's Department and waving of the 30-day waiting period for Health Insurance. Commissioner Thimesch seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners 3-0.

LaDawn Stegman, Financial Officer was in to discuss computer replacements with the County Commissioners.

Commissioners discussed if all the computers listed are needed.

Charles Arensdorf, Public Works Director was in to let the Commissioners know that Tanner Yost will present the post audit on Kingman Wind Farm Repair Project on November 18, 2024.

Mr. Arensdorf let the Commissioners know that the plans are under review for the FAS 56 bridge repair.

Mr. Arensdorf let the Commissioners know that the guardrail projects are complete.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to go into executive session to discuss pending administrative proceedings at 10:20 a.m. with Charles Arensdorf, Public Works Director and Brandon

Ritcha, County Counselor pursuant to the exception under the Kansas Open Meetings Act for discussion of matters which would be deemed privileged under the attorney-client relationship, and they will return to open session in the Board meeting room at 10:30 a.m. Commissioner Elpers seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of 3-0.

Commissioners returned to regular session at 10:30 a.m. with no decision made.

Carol Noblit, County Clerk submitted the November 4, 2024, Commission meeting minutes for approval.

MOTION: Commissioner Elpers moved to approve November 4, 2024, Commission meeting minutes. Commissioner Thimesch seconded the motion. The motion was approved with a unanimous vote of 3-0.

Commissioners signed County Vouchers in the amount of \$114,756.66.

Commissioners signed Road & Bridge Vouchers in the amount of \$400,088.67.

MOTION: Commissioner Elpers moved to recess the Board of County Commissioners at 12:25 p.m. for County Convass reconvening. Commissioner Thimesch seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners 3-0.

MOTION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to reconvene the Board of County Commissioners at 12:28 p.m. Commissioner Elpers seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners 3-0.

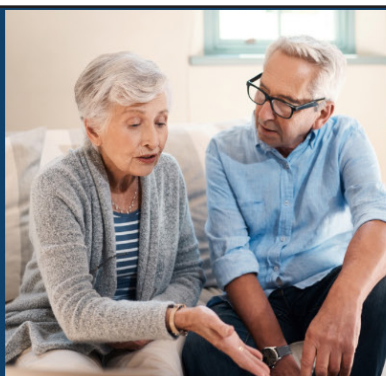
MOTION: Commissioner Elpers moved to adjourn the regular board meeting at 12:29 p.m. Commissioner Thimesch seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners 3-0.

## Minutes from the Kingman County Commissioners Meeting

the County Commissioners.

MOTION: Convasser Elpers moved to adjourn the Board of County

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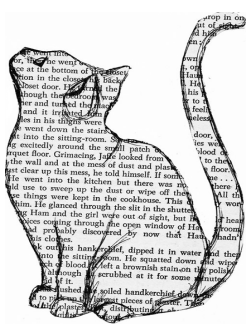
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Meanderings

Monday was a chill and rainy day. Beasts weren't much for hanging around the back deck or the backyard. The lounged around here like the spoiled beasts they are. Dusty did venture out for a little while, but he got caught in a quick shower and came knocked at the front window, and I let him in through the front door. I told him he was staying in.

I made some potato soup and baked some

biscuits. Perfect meal for the fall weather day. And it was good for breakfast on Tuesday as well.

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I consider it a challenge to see how far into the fall I can get before I break down and fire up the furnace. The winning date up to this year has been November 14th.

Now it's not to say I haven't turned it on for a day or two if it should get bitter cold, but I do try my best to be a tough pioneer and forego the luxury of the appliance. And the hit to my checking account.

This year broke that November 14th record. The date is November 19th. I don't think I've turned it on at all thus far.

Oh, it gets a bit chilly. But 62 degrees is a nice sweater-wearing tem-

perature. It might get down to 60 at night, but I don't feel that coolness under the electric blanket with beasts piled on and around me.

I'm hoping to make it the end of the month. I don't think I'll make it.. but I'm going to give it a shot.

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Yep. I was 'dinged' by Facebook again this week. Sometimes their messages just crack me up. "We removed a post you shared. It looks like you misused our platform to misrepresent yourself or fake popularity of something. This goes against our standards on inauthentic behavior." Yep. That's me. Faking popularity is my Modis Operandi. Performing inauthentic behaviors is one I use a lot as well.

Like Facebook itself is some holier-than-thou nose-in-the-air superhuman reckoning agent. Give me a break.

It wasn't the first time.

It certainly won't be the last, as no one really knows what is authentic or inauthentic on this platform.

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You know what is as annoying as Christmas lights still up in February? Political signs and flags still up at Thanksgiving. When are the signs and flags coming down? The election is over, winners declared, losers conceded, and signs and flags are still out there. Come on, folks, time to put them away - maybe when you get out the Christmas lights??

Hang an American flag if you don't like the

bare spot where your other sign or flag was taking up space. Just like Christmas lights in March are annoying, political flags and signs during the holidays are equally annoying. I thank you and your neighbors thank you for removing and/or replacing them.

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CRAFT FAIRS! I will be at the Hot and Cold Craft Fair this Saturday with my cards. Please do stop by.

I will be at the Craft Fair on December 1st in Sharon. Come on down.

I will then be at the Kingman Craft Fair on December 7th. AND on the afternoon of December 8th, I will be in Norwich at the Open House for Ye Olde General Store.

Many opportunities

to buy cards near and far. A small stack of cards and a book of stamps make nice Christmas gifts for people on your Christmas list.

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Always reading and currently reading, "Driving Miss Norma"

by Tim Bauerschmidt/ Rami Liddle, Roberta

"Worry, fear, doom, and gloom are all an absolute waste of energy"

~ Ramie" — Tim Bauerschmidt, Driving Miss Norma: One Family's Journey Saying "Yes" to Living



Tallgrass and Tumbleweeds by Gaille Pike

Dear Readers, Lately every conversation's been opening with a discussion of how rapidly the holidays are approaching, who's going where when, and of course, who's cooking what. And I'm not surprised when small talk transforms at this point because holiday foods evoke vivid and emotionally-charged memories. Scientists attribute this phenomena to the way food engages all

our senses and activates parts of our brains which make us feel good in the heightened context of memory-rich specials. Given the importance of holiday meals and my "reputation," historically I've rarely been asked to contribute anything I can't buy. So imagine my surprise to learn, via a gift of kitchen gadgets, that I'm making ravioli for Christmas.

There's no need to be alarmed or alert law enforcement. I won't be cooking alone—our household has a tradition of cooking one holiday together—and more importantly, the micro-

wave remains off limits and I won't be going anywhere near the stove unsupervised. Let me also assure you that the architect of this Grand Ravioli Plan assures ME he has not lost his mind. He has bestowed this pasta honor because I make a mean egg noodle, thanks to my mother and maternal grandmother. Others will make the fillings and the sauce so all I can screw up is, well, the ravioli-part. To prevent THAT, he gave me the ravioli stamp set NOW, to give me plenty of time to PRACTICE. And I was eager to get started...

I aimed only NOT to

blow up the house and make something passably edible that looked like ravioli. I'm delighted to report my first batch exceeded those aspirations. I had a blast. I relish trying new things and it's not very often I am "let loose" in the kitchen. I was so proud of the resulting recognizable, cheese and sausage filled pasta (served with a light homemade red sauce and topped with fresh herbs and freshly grated parmesan) I put photos on social media where friends called me a fancy gourmet. As is often the case, what's seen online is not the whole

story. The reality is that I, and my raviolis, are nowhere near ready for holiday-primetime.

Oh we could eat them and they tasted okay, but I didn't get the ravioli right. I'd heaved a sigh of relief when I slid my little babies into the bubbling pot because I thought I was on the right track, though it had taken hours longer than I thought it would AND I had a white nightmare of a flour mess to clean up. I was surprised when these gargantuan squares rose and bounced crazily atop the simmering water. But I did not suspect anything was WRONG until

I took my first bite...and chewed...and chewed. "MamaMia, thatsa tough, tasty ravioli."

So. Either I didn't get the ratios on my flour, oil and water right OR I rested the "rested" the dough too little or too long OR I didn't roll my pasta thin enough OR I messed all along the way. I'm not sure how often I'll practice but I know I'll be making lots more ravioli memories from now through Christmas.

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

Happy Here! © 2024 Tom Fobbe Poems about small town life

Win or lose, we love the teams That represent our school. We cheer them on, Each Kate and John, while looking oft uncool.

Many choose a different life That takes them far away. While others will Look for a thrill, Then come back home to stay. Open space appeal to you? With nearby fields, lakes, woods? Want room to breathe? Less need to seethe? Well, this place has the goods!

News Breaks: One-liners by Charles Keller The cost of fish continues to rise and, as a result, fishhooks have really caught on. A large shipment of hot dogs arrived from france because they owed us one millino francs. The post office annoucned it would begin shipping large fruit by boat. It is the first water-mailin'.

Poetry From Daily Life edited by David L. Harrison, Missouri's Poet Laureate Poetry from Daily Life: Read your poem aloud, for a crowd. Make them laugh, think, feel By Gemma Campanini This week's guest on Poetry from Daily Life is Gemma Campanini, who lives in Springfield, Missouri. Gemma's writing career began before she could actually write. Her grandparents transcribed her stores for her over the phone. By 14, she loved poetry and short fiction. In her teens she self-published her

first book of poems called "Embarrassing My Future Self." More recently she enjoyed researching and writing her graduate seminar paper on how to write and perform poetry as a tool for emotional growth. One unique fact about Gemma is that over the last several years she has been slowly perfecting her vegan pho recipe. ~ David L. Harrison Let your poem be heard, let yourself be seen Human speech is rich with rhythm. As a person speaks, certain syllables are naturally emphasized, whereas others blend into the background. In this way, regular conversation becomes poetic. Language is captivating, whether organized as a poem or not. Is there a particular voice, that with the person's other mannerisms, you consider simply infectious? I bet you can think of a certain voice, a person, you love to hear speak. An actor, a loved one, a musician. You'd probably call that person charismatic. Charisma is, by nature, enjoyable to witness. And what if there were a way to take charisma and blend it together with good poetry? There is. I first got involved with performance poetry as a teenager, and since then I have continued my commitment to poetry events: poetry open mics, poetry slams (think competitive open mics, involving a cash prize), and writing workshops (where people convene to write poems together). When poets read their work for a crowd, it's just about as vulnerable and human as it gets. Poetry becomes communication, a back-and-forth dialogue between poet and audience. This is true of written poetry as well, in that the reader has reactions, but here that

conversational aspect happens in privacy, in isolation. Bring the poem on stage instead, and poetry becomes a catalyst of community-building. Supportive audience reactions serve to empower the poet. There is no greater way for a poet to feel truly heard and seen. When I perform my own poems, I like to get a friend to record me. Hopefully, I get a "good" response from the crowd (laughter, murmurs, snapping, or my personal favorite: wheezing), and I analyze that recording later for two reasons. First, hearing my audience helps me improve my performance next time: I consider, for example, where in my poem to pause, where to elevate or dampen enthusiasm. Secondly, I listen to my crowd react, and I allow myself to feel honored. I did that. I made those people laugh. I am creative enough, intelligent enough, to impact those people. I made them laugh, think, and feel. That's worth something, isn't it? I must be worth something. In sum, humans are reciprocal, conversational creatures. And I see poetry that way, too: truly a tool for building community. If you haven't gone to a poetry event before, I highly encourage you to do so. Join the conversation. You have something to say, too. Gemma Campanini manages multiple poetry projects, such as the "Show Me Poetry" slam on every last Sunday in downtown Springfield. Her work appears in the 2023 Bards of Moon City anthology and in two anthologies in 2024. Books she recommends are: "The Artist's Way," by Julia Cameron; "Freed Verse: A Step by Step Guide to Free Verse Poetry," by Robert Stephens; and "Garden of Thoughts," by Noah Weaver.

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**Community Bulletin Board**

<b>Thursday, November 21</b> Scholars' Bowl at South Barber	<b>Thursday, December 5</b> JH BB vs Pretty Prairie at HOME
<b>Friday, November 22</b> HS FB 6-Man Sub-State Playoffs	<b>Friday, December 6</b> HS BB vs Minneola at HOME
<b>Monday, November 25</b> JH BB at Chase	<b>Monday, December 9</b> BOE Meeting
<b>Wednesday, November 27</b> Thanksgiving school break begins	<b>Tuesday, December 10</b> Scholars Bowl at St. John ***
<b>Saturday, November 30</b> HS FB 6-Man State Playoffs in Greensburg	<b>Thursday, December 12</b> HS BB - Falcon Classic ***
<b>Wednesday, December 4</b> Winter Sports Pictures ***	JH BB vs Norwich at HOME
332 Shop Guild ***	<b>Friday, December 13</b> HS BB - Falcon Classic ***
2nd Quarter Site Council Meeting ***	Beef Expo
FFA Train the Trainer	

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Saturday: 8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. 620-243-5791

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Sat. : 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. 620-532-3061

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**Chicken Hearts**

By Kenn Allan  
In tepid brooders long ago,  
They met as pristine chicks;  
Lucetta, a Rhode Island Red,  
Camille, a hybrid mix.

Their differences were cast aside,  
And friendship came to dwell;  
It was as if before they hatched,  
They'd shared a single shell.

Throughout their awkward capon years,  
The bond between them grew,  
Forsaking all who would divide,  
And formed a flock of two.

At last, the age of nesting came;  
They settled in to lay,  
And screeched aloud an egging song,  
Which kept raccoons away.

“Whither thou layest, I will lay,  
May all our eggs be blessed,  
And of the feathers I collect,  
With thine I'll line my nest.”

One dreadful day Lucetta gazed,  
Forlorn between her hips,  
The anguish clear upon her face,  
Despite her lack of lips.

“Woe unto me!” came her lament,  
“No eggs can I provide!  
All older hens who can't produce,  
Are fricasseed or fried!

“I'll never peck or scratch again,  
Or ever cross the road,  
Oh! where within me lies the strength,  
To bear this heavy load?”

Camille heard poor Lucetta's sobs,  
And hurried to her side,  
She gathered her beneath a wing,  
But found too much to hide.

“I'll find a way, my sister dear,  
To cure this twist of fate,  
I shan't allow a friend of mine,  
To sizzle on a plate.

“This crisis o'er thy empty nest,  
Has caught us unprepared,  
But I thee pledge to never roost,  
Until thy life is spared.”

Camille engaged her tiny brain,  
For schemes it might impart,  
But finding nothing useful there,  
She searched within her heart.

In selfless love she hatched a plan,  
To solve their desperate plight—

She'd lay Lucetta's eggs by day,  
And lay her own by night.

She sacrificed the life she had,  
To quell Lucetta's fears,  
Hence both survived 'till ninety-five  
(That is, in poultry years).

With squawks and clucks their leg-  
end grew,  
Retold with fervent zeal,  
So o'er the years no hen forgot,  
Lucetta and Camille.

And every morn the roosters sing,  
Their story without end;  
No greater love hath hens than this...  
To lay one for a friend.

**Christmas Before Thanksgiving**

By Dixie Phillips  
The move from a spacious home to a small, one-bedroom apartment was devastating to my grandmother. Devastating but necessary because she was diagnosed with inflammatory breast cancer. In her apartment complex other women, who were experiencing the same pain she was; terminal illness, limited income, loss of spouse to death or a nursing home surrounded her. A remnant of these women formed a weekly

Bible study. Grandma became a faithful member. This band of women became “kindred spirits” as they prayed for one another and comforted each other from God's Word.

It became apparent by fall that Grandma would not be with us much longer. Her spirit was strong, but her body grew weaker. The Sunday before Thanksgiving, she had to be hospitalized. The cancer had metastasized to her lungs and colon.

Word spread quickly among her little Bible study group that “Eleanor” was dying. Some had seen the ambulance take her away.

Loving cards and concerned phone calls began pouring in.

Wednesday morning a knock came to her HOSPICE room. An elderly woman appeared at the door. In her arms was a plain, brown grocery sack. She tiptoed to Grandma's bedside, and stooped over the metal bedrail and planted a kiss on Grandma's cheek. Grandma's dark chocolate eyes danced as she recognized her friend.

“Mable, how did you get here?” Grandma asked.

“Took a cab, Eleanor. I just had to.” Mable chuckled, “It's cold out-

side, but it was warm in the cab!”

“Oh Mable, you shouldn't have come out in this bitter cold.”

“I had to, Eleanor! Christmas is coming. I wanted you to have your Christmas card and the gift I made for you! It's all right here in my bag.”

Mable rummaged through her brown bag. She pulled out a bright red envelope.

“This one is from me to you, Eleanor!” She showed Grandma the card. The sunlight shone through the window. Sunbeams splashed on the colorful card causing Mable's eyes to squint.

“Let me read it to you.” Mable said as she began to read aloud,

“What can I give Him poor as I am?  
If I were a shepherd, I'd give Him a lamb.  
If I were a wise man, I'd do my part,  
I know what I'll give Him,  
All of my heart!”

Tears glistened in Grandma's eyes as she whimpered, “Thank you, Mable.”

“That's not all, Eleanor, there's more! Christmas is coming! I

just wanted you to have your Christmas present a little early this year.”

Mable grinned as she pulled out a small package wrapped in previously used Christmas paper topped with a recycled, red bow.

Grandma was too weak to open her special gift. Mable handed it to me. I gently tore the paper off the small box and opened the lid. Peering back at me was a teddy bear holding a lacey parasol.

“Yep, it's true, Eleanor! Christmas is coming, and I just had to give you your present a little early this year.”

Mable squealed as she reached for Grandma's hand.

“Mable, thank you for being my friend this past year. You tell our little group goodbye for me. Thank them for all their prayers. Tell them I'll be spending Christmas with Jesus this year.”

Tears trickled down Mable's face and fell on her quivering lips.

“I love you, Eleanor!”

“And I love you!”

Grandma answered.

Mable then turned to me. We embraced. We wept.

I walked Mable to the door, and when I returned to Grandma's bedside, she was fast asleep.

I placed the little teddy bear on the table beside Grandma's bed. I wept quietly as I realized that Grandma's “homegoing” would be soon. I looked at the teddy bear holding the lacey parasol. I reread Mable's Christmas card,

“What can I give Him poor as I am?”

I realized that I had just witnessed these verses lived out before my eyes. A loving friend with meager means had given her very best. She even celebrated Christmas before Thanksgiving knowing my Grandmother wouldn't live until Christmas.

I closed my eyes and silently thanked God for giving me such a wonderful grandmother, and for giving my grandmother such a wonderful friend.

Grandma went home to be with Jesus two days after Mable's visit! She did just what she said she would. She celebrated Christmas with Jesus!

**Giving Opportunities in our Community**

**4C Day Care** Leave a donation with the Methodist Church.

**West Kingman County Education Foundation**  
Use your Dillon's Card! (to donte contact Janet DeWeese 620-298-2717)

**Hands of Hope** (contact any church)

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

**Cunningham Community Center** (leave donation at the bank)

**Lions' Club**

**Cunningham Museum** (to donate contact Alan Albers or Mike McGovney)

**Cunningham Public Library** (to donate, contact Kerri Steffen)

**Cunningham EMS** (to donate, contact Monte Rose or Kathy Albers)

**Cunningham Hands of Hope, Inc.**

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

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

**What:** Food

**When:** **First and Third Tuesday 2:00-5:00 p.m.**

**Where:** 117 N Main (Old School Board Office)

**Why:** To provide food assistance to those in need.

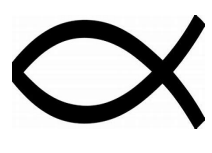
**How:** Attend weekly distribution. Adult of household must be present.




Do you need assistance outside distribution hours?

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

Free Groceries at the Cunningham Methodist Church 2 to 5 p.m. on Tuesdays

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



 <p><b>Catholic Churches</b></p> <p><b>Sacred Heart, Cunningham</b> Sunday 10:00 a.m.</p> <p><b>St. Leo</b> Saturday 4:00 p.m.</p> <p>Father Daryl Befort 316-706-1627 620-246-5370</p>		<p><b>St. John, Zenda</b> Saturday 5:30 p.m.</p> <p><b>St. Peter Willowdale</b> Sunday 8:30 a.m.</p>	
<p align="center">† † † † † † †</p> <p align="center"><b>Lutheran Churches</b></p> <p><b>St. John, Nashville</b> 620-246-5220 Sunday School &amp; Bible Class 9:15 a.m. Worship Service 10:30 a.m.</p> <p><b>Trinity, Medicine Lodge</b> 620- 886-3397 Sunday School &amp; Bible Class 9:45 a.m. Worship Service 8:30 a.m.</p> <p align="center">Pastor vacancy until further notice.</p>			
 <p><b>Church of Christ</b> <b>Penalosa</b> Sunday 11:00 a.m.</p>		 <p><b>United Methodist Church</b></p> <p><b>Penalosa</b> Worship 9:15 a.m. Pastor Mathew Ndambuki Musyoki 620-298-2090</p> <p><b>Cunningham</b> Worship 10:45 a.m.</p>	
<p align="center">† † † † † † †</p> <p align="center"><b>Zenda Methodist Church</b> Worship 9:00 a.m. Sunday School: Children 8:30 a.m. Adults 10:00 a.m.</p> <p align="center">Pastor J L Nichols 620-243-6953</p>			



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**1919**

Editing a Newspaper: If it contains any advertisements, the subscribers claim they take up too much room.

Editing a Newspaper is a pleasant business - if you can stand it. If there is a scarcity of advertising it is unpopular and the people won't have it. If we attend church regularly, they say we do it for effect. If we stay home from church, they say we are monstrously heathenish.

If we accept an invitation to a wedding they say we are invited to 'write it up.' If we are on the street much, they say we neglect business. If we avoid going on the street, they say we don't hustle around after the news.

If we reject a long winded communication, its author becomes furiously enraged and discontinues his paper. If we publish lengthy communications, our subscribers say we lack discretion, and put it in to fill up.

If we omit decorating our window on Washington's birthday, they say we lack enterprise and that there isn't a drop of patriotic blood in our degenerated carcass.

If we omit jokes, they say we are poor miserable fossils. If we are single they say we are helpless to get married. If we are married they say it's a pity for our wives.

We are liable to receive these raps and many more, and we are always ready to receive visitors, whether accompanied by dog or not. Of course we do not claim there is any work in running a newspaper. Everybody knows it's a snap.

**1969**

November 20, 1969- Mr. and Mrs. Larry Ruckle announce the birth of a son, Friday, Nov. 14, at the Memorial Hospital in Kingman. He weighed seven pounds, 14 ounces, and has been named Jason Dale.

The Junior Class will present the play, "The Many Loves of Dobie Gillis," at the school gymnasium, Tuesday evening, Nov. 25, at 7:30 o'clock. Helen (Jill Rose), whom Dobie (Jim England) adores, is going steady with Petey Bellows (Mark Dafforn).

Through three breathless acts, Dobie pursues Helen, followed by Bonnie (Barbie Cornelius), whose heart throbs for Dobie, the David pitted against Petey, the Goliath. In his efforts to win Helen, Dobie almost wrecks the school lab, fails to get Helen elected as "Miss Echo," and instead of a "name" band hires Stella Kowalski's (Janice Schnittker) Schottische Five for the school dance.

Admission prices are adults 75¢, and students 50¢. All are welcome.

The regional square-off between the Nashville-Zenda Thunderbirds and the Ensign Wildcats at Kingman tomorrow night (Friday), matches two fine teams with identical season's records, eight victories and no defeats. Each is their league champion - Nashville-Zenda in the Golden Plains League, and the Wildcats in the Santa Fe Trail League.

The Thunderbirds racked up 374 points in their eight games, an average of 47 points per game. Their eight opponents scored just 40 points, an average of five per game. The opposition failed to score in three of their games.

The Thunderbirds' season record is as follows: N-Z

58, Cunningham 6; N-Z 26, Attica 8; N-Z 48, Hardtner 0; N-Z 86, Partridge 0; N-Z 68, Wichita Collegiate; N-Z 32, Sharon 14; N-Z 42, Norwich 0; N-Z 14, Braman, Okla. 6;

Golden Plains League Final Football Standings - League Games: Nashville-Zenda 6- 0; Sharon 5 -1; Norwich 4 -2; Cunningham 3- 3; Attica 2 -4; Hardtner 1- 5; Partridge 0 -6

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**1974**

November 21, 1974 - Zenda News: Mrs. Edd Nichols attended Teachers' meeting in Wichita Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. James Youngers and children, Wichita, were Sunday supper guests of Mrs. Rose Cunningham.

Brad Mantooth, Cunningham, spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Edd Nichols.

Sister Cassian of Wichita, daughter of Mrs. Anna Ebenkamp of Cunningham, was honored Sunday, November 17, for her 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in the St. Joseph Order. A family dinner was held in Sister Cassian's honor at the Sacred Heart Hall in Cunningham. Those attending were sister Cassian, Father Robl, Mrs. Anna Ebenkamp, Mr. and Mrs. Herman Rohling, Kingma, Mr. and Mrs. Victor Rohling, Dodge City, Mr. and Mrs. Lawerence Ebenkamp and Kevin of Pampa, Texas, Ronnie Ebenkamp, Amarillo, Texas, Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Urban and Barbara, Larned, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Albers and Marlene, Cunningham. Mr. and Mrs. Bernie Albers, Michelle and Jennifer, St. Leo, Mr. and Mrs. Leo Stucky and Shawn, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Rohling, Kathy and Brenda, Mr. and Mrs. Ron Katuzman, and Mrs. Ron Wenrich, and Tammy, all of Wichita, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Kummer, Tony, Terry and Steve, Mrs. Larry Miller, Debbie, Chris, Elaine, Annette and Andy, all of Great Bend, Mary Ann Albers and Janice Urban of Hutchinson, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Rohling and Larry Joe of Kingman and Mr. and Mrs. Joe Rohling and Janet of Cunningham.

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**1979**

November 21, 1979 - There was good public support for the viewing of the play "Little Women" as presented by the junior class on November 13, who gave an outstanding performance. Those juniors presenting the play were Sherry Schnittker, Ellen Colucci, Janice Stillwell, Bonnie Fischer, Naola Thimesch, Shawn Rohr, Debbie Mills, Mike McGovney, Mark Crawford, and Rusty Walter. Other junior class members were in charge of stage settings, light, and technical matters. The play was directed by Jean Anne Willhite.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Pelzl are being honored with an Open House at the Stucky Hall at the High School on Sunday, Nov. 25 beginning at 2 p.m. The community is cordially invited to attend. The Pelzls have completed

a total of 63 years of service to the local and county 4-H clubs, between the two of them, he serving 34 years, and she 29.

The senior home economics classes served Thanksgiving dinner to the Cunningham High School faculty. The two classes, home living and the senior girls home economics class, served 34 hearty eater son Thursday, November 15. On the menu turkey and dressing, mashed potatoes, sweet potatoes, corn, peas, rolls, cranberry sauce, two fruit salads, and pumpkin pie.

The students responsible for this terrific meal were: Brenda Vierthaler, Nancy Albers, Nancy Kerschen, Paula FitzSimmons, Connie Meireis, Bonita Thornhill, Mary Hageman, Kelly Welch, Duane Panek, Eric Meyers, Randy Hageman, Rob Fischer, Brian DeWeese, Mike Beat, Bill Schilling, Rick Sterneker and Maylon Stucky. The cooks worked well together and found out what their mothers go through on Thanksgiving and any holiday where large families get together. The dinner was a big success.

Bill and Judy Cundiff of Hardtner announce the birth of a baby girl Nov. 17. She weighed 6 lb. 11 oz. and has been named Christina Jo. Grandmothers are Eva Cundiff, Cunningham and Florence Neises of Pratt.

**1984**

November 21, 1984 - The Cunningham Grade School was a busy place on Thursday evening, November 15, 2h3n parents and friends gathered to visit the various rooms and marvel at the decorations and displays in each room. The kindergarten room was perhaps the most elaborate.

Donations are needed to save the Cunningham Santa Fe Depot and make the depot into a Museum at Cunningham. A January 15 deadline has been set. Funds are needed NOW for removing the building to its permanent location and for renovation.

All donations are tax deductible! Everyone in the Cunningham Community and others interested can help make this project a reality. No matter how small or large a contribution you can give, it will all help reach the goal. Everyone will benefit by your efforts.

Penalosa 4-H Club: We learned about horses Poncho Helm gave an illustration talk "How to Get Your Horse Ready for a Horse Show." Connie Oak showed us how to make blueberry muffins. We played a balloon game planned by Neil Campbell. Brandy Oak played "Perfect Day."

The meeting was Nov. 12. It began with installation of officers. Orin Stillwell, president; Poncho Helm, vice-president; Chad Webster, secretary; Kenny Kienzle, treasurer; and Eric Webster, reporter gave 4-H Pledge and lit candles.

Two members of the Cunningham High School Volleyball team were chosen to the Great Golden Plains 1984 All-League Team. They were seniors Robin Liebl and Genelle Westerman. These two girls played consistently throughout the year, with Robin being a defensive specialist and Genelle pulling double duty as a setter and spiker.

**CORRECTION:** The headline in last weeks Clipper concerning scholarships should have read McGovney receives three scholarships. Sorry, Mike.



High School Students Solve Cold Case Murder

*"It's murder by numbers, one, two, three. It's as easy to learn as your ABC's."*

Song by The Police

Alex Campbell is a high school teacher in the small town of Elizabethton, Tennessee. In the spring of 2018, he presented his Sociology class with an idea for a class project. And it all began with an unsolved 40-year-old murder case and a potential serial killer that was never caught.

Proposing that they study sociological profiling through cold case murder, Mr. Campbell at first had the students focus on a young girl whose unidentified body had been found in their community in the early 1980s. As teacher and students dug into the details of that initial case, they discovered a pattern of murders that had occurred predominately in the 1980s in Tennessee and neighboring states. And the victims had one thing in common. They all had red hair.

To aid in their project, Mr. Campbell reached out to a friend and retired FBI agent. He connected him with another agent whose specialty was behavioral analysis. This agent was a criminal profiler, and his name was Scott Barker. He gladly offered to help the class. The students learned from him and got to work.

They began by study-

ing murderers, specifically serial killers. Students learned how to identify related murders through the criminal's M.O. (Modus Operandi - a criminal's habitual way of operating), signature (unique patterns or behaviors used), time frame (when the crimes were committed), and geography (the locations of the crimes). They found 14 redheaded victims whose bodies were discovered between 1978 and 1992 in six different states - Tennessee, Arkansas, Kentucky, Mississippi, West Virginia, and Pennsylvania. Building a profile of the victims, it appeared six were connected. Students began referring to them as the six sisters. All were unidentified except for one.

Students soon began gathering evidence and built a case file. They poured over old newspaper articles, spoke with investigators, interviewed retired detectives,

and began online sleuthing. They held a press conference drawing attention to their efforts in an attempt to identify the victims. The student's work brought renewed interest from the public and law enforcement. Over the course of the semester, the students were able to identify all six sisters.

Students then began working on a profile of the killer. Dubbing him the Bible Belt Strangler, they compiled a list of suspected attributes. He was assumed to be a male Caucasian (serial killers statistically strike within their own race - all the victims were white), 5' 9" to 6' 2", 180-270 lbs., raised in an unstable home with an absent father and domineering mother, right-handed, heterosexual, with an IQ above 100. It was also determined that the killer was likely a truck driver because all the victims had been dumped along

the interstate, most off of I-75 and I-40 in multiple states.

As an interesting side note - in doing their research, the students discovered a change in trucking privacy regulations that they believed may have benefited their killer. The Motor Carrier Act of 1980, signed into law by President Jimmy Carter, deregulated the trucking industry. It gave truckers more autonomy over the information they reported meaning routes and schedules were less monitored.

Publicity in this case sparked renewed attention by law enforcement officials. And the case broke wide open when overlooked DNA evidence from one of the victims identified her killer as Jerry Leon Johns, a Tennessee truck driver. Mr. Campbell's students had found the killer! Amazingly he fit every one of the 17 points in the criminal profile the

students had created.

Jerry Johns died in prison in 2015. He had been incarcerated, serving a 73-year sentence for the assault and attempted murder of another woman in 1985. Although yet unproven, it is believed that Jerry Johns is responsible for the murders of all the student's six redheaded sisters.

As a continuation of their project, Mr. Campbell's students compiled their findings and produced a ten-episode podcast entitled Murder 101. It has been ranked in the top 10 crime podcasts for some time now. You can find Murder 101 on Spotify, Audible, Apple, and more. You can also listen to the podcast on YouTube. It is a fascinating true crime story. Rumor has it that a movie is soon to come.

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### JH Lady Wildcats take down Macksville

On Monday, November 11, 2024, the Cunningham Jr. High Lady Wildcats tipped off their 24-25 season playing host to the Macksville Lady Colts and came away with wins in both the B-team and A-team games. The A-team raced out to a 9-3 lead after the first quarter and never looked back and defeated the Lady Colts 28-8 to begin their season 1-0. Scoring for the A-team Lady Cats: Lux Thimesch 2, Carly McGuire 4, Sage Thimesch 4, Alyssa Osner 6, Leah Rogers 12. Earlier in the evening the B-teamers got the night started off with a convincing 31-10 win. Scoring for the B-team Lady Cats: Lux Thimesch 6, Ava Neywick 2, Mackley Glenn 7, Alyssa Osner 3, Leah Rogers 9, AnnMarie Kerschen 4.

-- Coach Bart Ricke



Alyssa Osner



Anna Marie Kerschen



Vaughn Preisser



Leah Rogers



Mackley Glenn



### Ready or Not, Basketball Season is Here!

For the junior high boys it was a long wait after the football season, and they were ready to go. Traditionally we start with Macksville; a formidable, non-league opponent that helps prepare us for league play. The Colts did not disappoint.

The Wildcats started off strong holding the Colts to only two baskets in the first quarter, giving the cats a 9-5 lead. The second quarter evened out even though Macksville did not score a basket. They hit 9 of 10 free throws to keep pace with the Cats. The halftime score was 18 to 14 Wildcats. The third quarter was more to the Cats liking as they out scored the visitors 7-2. It was a Wildcat victory, 31-22, at the final buzzer.

Carson Strohl led the team in rebounds with 11. JP Kerschen and Liam McGuire both had 5 as the Cats out rebounded the Mustangs. Landon Green had three steals.

-Coach McGuire

#### Wildcat Scorers

Liam McGuire	14
Carson Strohl	6
Wesley Preisser	5
Brody Halderson	4
Landon Green	2

Score	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Final
Cunningham	9	9	7	6	31
Macksville	5	9	2	6	22



Landon Oldham



Landon Green



Liam McGuire



Brody Halderson



Carson Strohl



Casyn Miller



**Finally!  
Football!**

After a six-week intermission, longer than anyone remembers in the history of Wildcat football, the Cats took to the gridiron again. Considering all the challenges that come with that much time between games, the Cats weathered it pretty well. There was some grumbling (from players AND coaches, and maybe a few parents) from time to time but nothing too bad. The young guys helped quite a bit. On one scout team practice play a freshman was trying to block in the open field for the ball carrier. He ended up on the ground, rolled up by an upperclassman who happened to be a little grumpy that day from not playing for so long. The freshman said something to the effect of letting him get me so he would smile a little bit today. So goes the humor of 6 weeks off!

Ironically, in their first week back the Cats ended up going to Otis Kansas to take on the Cougars of Otis-Bison, the last team they faced before the long layoff.

The Cats played extremely well the last time the two faced off.

With over a month in between games the Cougars changed some things up and focused on stopping the big plays on offense. However, that did not stop an opening Kickoff return for a touchdown by Skyler and a 2 point kick by Dagim.

After that big play the game slowed down into more of a traditional football game with the Cougars grinding out first downs and eating up the clock. They had an 8 play drive stopped on downs. The Cats took 7 plays to score. Will stacked 5 completions in a row highlighted by three to Stephen (11, 16, 11), a 15 yarder to Skyler and a four yard TD to Dagim. Another good extra points kick by Dagim and the Cats were up 16 to 0.

The teams went back and forth with the ball for a few series. The Cats had a Field Goal attempt and the Cougars gave the ball up on downs several times. Cunningham struck again after a tough 27 yard catch by Luke and a 39 yard touchdown pass from Will to Stephen. Extra points

kick was good and the Cats were up 24 to 0.

After stopping the Cougars again on downs, the Cats had a quick strike from Will to Skyler. He had a man child run after the catch for a 30 yard touchdown. With the extra points added, the score moved to 32-0 for half. The second half was a momentum swing for the Cougars even though Cunningham kept scoring.

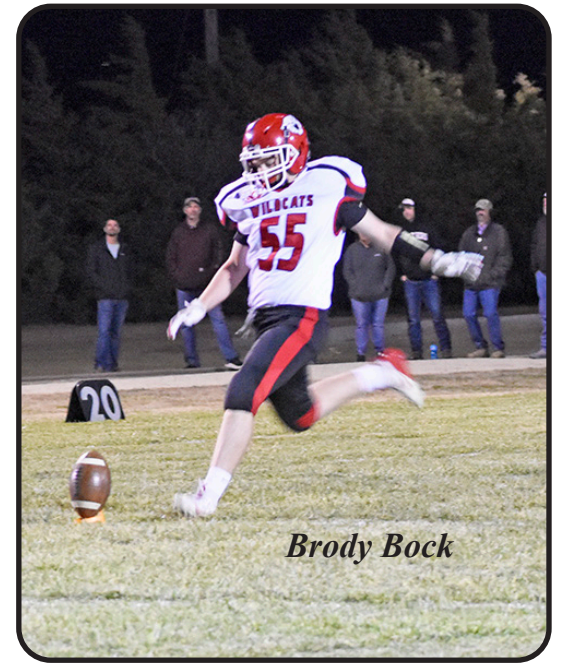
The Cats scored a touchdown after a 13 yard run by Will and an 18 yard completion from Will to Dagim for a score. After missing the extra point the score was 38 to 0. Then Otis Bison scored after controlling the ball for 9 plays but missing the extra point. Cats up 38 to 6. The Cats responded with a 5 play scoring drive. Will had a 12 yard run. Will connected with Dagim for an 18 yard gain and a 17 yard touchdown. The extra points kick by Dagim was good for a 46-6 lead.

The Cougars did not give up and had an 11 play drive that ended on the 3 yard line. The Cougars had 4 chances on the goal line and did not get in. A goal line stand is very rare in 6

man. The Cats, with their back to the wall, took the momentum of the stop and put on a clinic on the offensive side. Will connected with 5 straight completions. Dagim 30, Skyler 17, Dagim 15, Skyler 12, and Luke 3 yd TD. Cats win 52-6.

It was great to get back on the field. It was great to have the same team defend us differently and go into the 4th quarter. It was great to see the stands filled with fans! See you under the HOME lights next week!

-Coach Lance McGuire



Brody Bock



Team offense



Stephen Kerschen



Excellent team defense



Molly Morgan photos

**USD 332 Staff Spotlight:  
Kelsey Beat,  
Title 1 Teacher**

**STAFF SPOTLIGHT** *Kelsey Beat*

**WHAT DO YOU ENJOY ABOUT USD 332?**  
"I enjoy being a part of our great staff and being able to work with kids of all different ages and getting to see my own kids throughout the day!"

<p><b>ABOUT ME</b></p> <p><b>experience:</b> 5 years, all in Cunningham</p> <p><b>family:</b> Garrett, Avery, Asher, Atlee, and Andie</p> <p><b>pets:</b> Dog - Tess</p> <p><b>hobbies:</b> Family time, going on walks, working out</p>	<p><b>FAVORITES</b></p> <p><b>food:</b> Mexican</p> <p><b>place:</b> Wherever family is!</p> <p><b>book:</b> Like a River by Granger Smith</p> <p><b>subject:</b> Math/Reading</p>
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submitted by Cody Dunlap

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# Turkey Giveaway

**Drawing for turkeys  
November 22nd**

Enter to win by ONE of the following ways:

1. Comment on our Facebook Turkey Giveaway post from November 11th - 21st.
2. Stop by a SCTelcom office in Anthony, Kiowa or Medicine Lodge and fill out an entry form.

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Kingman County Sheriff's Report



**Sunday, November 10**

Traffic Stops	4
Civil Paper Service	1
Disabled Vehicle	11000 Blk E Hwy 54, Cheney
Animal Complaint	SW 120 St & SW 77 Ave, Zenda
Non-Injury Accident	SE 60 St & SE 100 Ave, Murdock
Trespassing	300 Blk S Somerset St, Norwich
Suspicious Person / Arrest	400 E D Ave, Kingman
Non-Injury Accident	W Hwy 54 & SW 30 Ave, Kingman
Non-Injury Accident	SE 170 Ave & SE 180 St, Kingman

**Monday, November 11**

Traffic Stops	2
Civil Paper Service	2
Suspicious Person	300 Blk SE 100 Ave, Murdock
Arrest	200 Blk N Douglas St, Kingman
Miscellaneous	300 Blk S Main St, Norwich
Animal Complaint	E Hwy 42 & SW 80 Ave, Zenda
Animal Complaint	E Hwy 42 & SW 80 Ave, Zenda
Traffic Complaint	12000 Blk S Hwy 14, Rago

**Tuesday, November 12**

Traffic Stops	1
Civil Paper Process	2
Non-Injury Accident	700 Blk NW 170 Ave, Cunningham
Animal Complaint	E Hwy 42 & SE 30 Ave, Rago
Transport Prisoner	120 N Spruce St, Kingman
Suspicious Activity	60 Blk SE 120 Ave, Murdock
Transport Prisoner / Court	130 N Spruce St, Kingman
Welfare Check	8600 Blk SE 2nd Ave, Kingman
Follow Up	16000 Blk SW 120 Ave, Zenda
Miscellaneous	7000 Blk SE Sugar St, Kingman
Animal Complaint	W Hwy 42 & SW 80 Ave, Zenda
Non-Injury Accident	6000 Blk W Hwy 54, Kingman
Debris in Roadway	16000 Blk E Hwy 2, Norwich
Non-Injury Accident	13000 Blk W Hwy 54, Cunningham
Non-Injury Accident	8600 Blk W Hwy 54, Kingman
Disabloed Vehicle	E Hwy 54 & NE 70 Ave, Kingman

**Wednesday, November 13**

Traffic Stops	2
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Traffic Complaint	5000 Blk W Hwy 54, Kingman
Disabled Vehicle	11000 Blk W Hwy 54, Cunningham
Non-Injury Accident	11000 Blk E Hwy 42, Norwich

**Thursday, November 14**

Civil Paper Service	2
Animal Complaint	SE 110 St & SE 110 Ave, Norwich
Traffic Complaint	1000 Blk W Hwy 54, Kingman
Miscellaneous	200 Blk S Parkway St, Norwich
Domestic	300 Blk N Douglas St, Kingman
Fraud	4200 Blk NW 70 Ave, Cunningham

**Friday, November 15**

Traffic Stops	6
Civil Paper Service	2
Traffic Complaint	13000 Blk E Hwy 2, Norwich
Animal Complaint	SW 80 Ave & W Hwy 42, Zenda
Disabled Vehicle	N Hwy 11 & NW 60 St, Kingman
Disabled Vehicle	NE 10 St & NE 60 Ave, Kingman
Follow Up	300 Blk N Main St, Kingman
Non-Injury Accident	11000 Blk W Hwy 54, Cunningham
Follow Up	130 E A Ave, Kingman
Traffic Complaint	2000 nBlk E Hwy 54, Kingman
911 Accidental Dial	5700 Blk N Berry Ave, Kingman
Miscellaneous	8600 Blk SE Burns Ave, Kingman
Miscellaneous	120 N Spruce St, Kingman
Check Welfare	200 Blk W Rowlen Ave, Nashville
Domestic	1100 Blk E Hwy 54, Kingman

**Saturday, November 16**

Domestic	1900 Blk E Hwy 54, Kingman
Injury Accident	SW 90 Ave & SW 30 St, Kingman
Traffic / Chase	400 S Main St, Kingman
911 Accidental Dial	11000 Blk SE 130 Ave, Norwich
Civil Matter	300 Blk N Somerset St, Norwich
Non-Injury Accident	2600 Blk E Hwy 54, Kingman
Non-Injury Accident	2000 Blk E Hwy 54, Kingman
Non-Injury Accident	S Main St & W Hwy 42, Zenda
Miscellaneous	1900 Blk E Hwy 54, Kingman
Miscellaneous	200 Blk E Grover Ave, Spivey
Traffic Complaint	6000 Blk E Hwy 54, Kingman
Miscellaneous	500 Blk W D Ave, Kingman



Accessing Your Personal My Social Security Account

For over 10 years, my Social Security has helped many people access our programs and services online. Soon, we will change the way you sign in to all our online services — including my Social Security. You will no longer be able to sign in to your personal my Social Security account using your username and password. Instead, you'll need to use one of our credential service providers, Login.gov or ID.me. If you already have a Login.gov or ID.me account, and can sign in to our online services,

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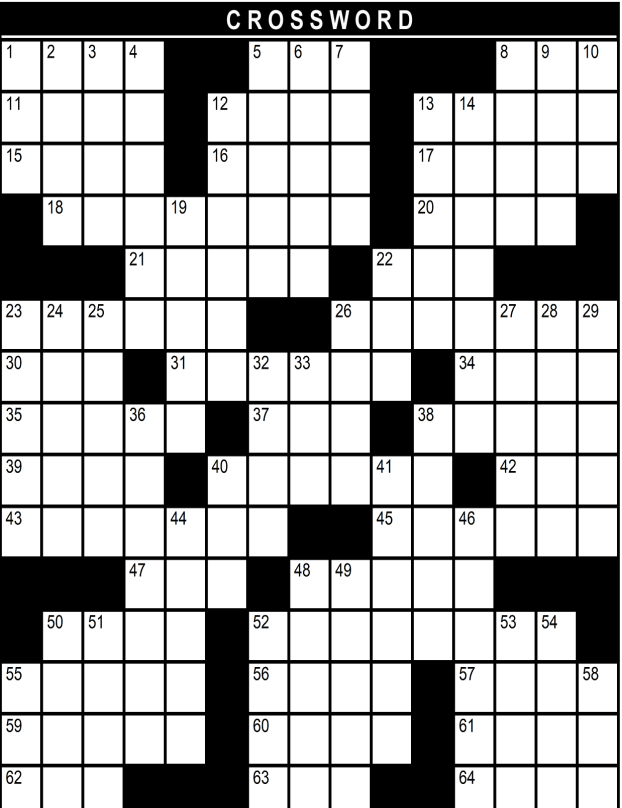
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  - Spacious
  - Last word of "America the Beautiful"
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  - Against the stream swimmer
  - Say "pretty please"
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  - "Battleship" success
  - Kind of mushroom
  - Grind down
  - Glittery stone
  - Carpet style
  - Lily genus, pl.
  - Angers
  - "All for one and one for all," to Musketeers
  - Egyptian goddess of fertility
  - Hair raiser
  - \* \_\_\_ effect, or compulsive handwashing
  - Pileus, pl.
  - Entomologist's catcher, sometimes
  - Agora, plural
  - Tannery supply, pl.
  - Delphi talker
  - Room partitions
  - Lowest deck on a ship
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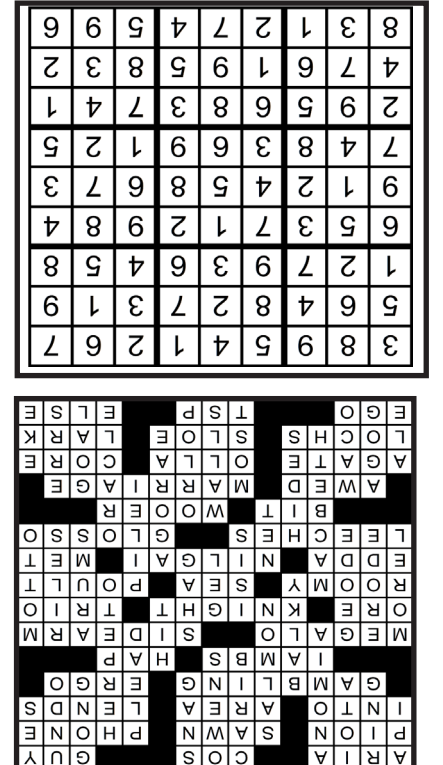
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## Minutes from the Pratt County Commission

The pratt county commissioners met in regular session Tuesday, November 12, 2024, at 2:00 p.m. in the commissioner room, 1st floor of the courthouse. The following members were present: Thomas W. Jones III, Rick Shriver, Dwight Adams, Tyson Eisenhauer, county counselor, Lori Voss, county clerk and Mark Graber, IT director.

Heather Morgan, economic development consultant, reported the KCC agreed on the language for the RFP for the cities of Sawyer, Hardtner and Sharon. They will have to reply by the end of the year. To apply for the HEAL (Historic Economic Asset Lifeline) grants the new owners of Woody's need permission from the county commissioners for Heather to work with the county and the new owners. The state gives the county the funds and the county then gives to the grantee, as a pass through. They will receive half

the money up front and the other half when finished. Commissioner Jones made a motion to allow Heather to assist in applying for the HEAL grant for the owners of Woody's. Commissioner Adams seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Adams made a motion to approve the minutes from November 4, 2024. Commissioner Jones seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Tyson presented the road use agreement to be signed. It was signed in the incorrect spot so it needs to be redone. He presented the supplement to the road striping agreement. The state of Kansas will pay up to \$650,000. It could run \$10,000 to \$20,000 more. Doug has it in his budget. Commissioner Jones made a motion to approve the supplement for the road striping agreement with the state of Kansas. Commissioner Adams seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

The bi-annual bridge inspection agreement from Kirkham Michael is up for renewal. There is an increase in cost due to software increases

from the state of Kansas. Commissioner Jones made a motion to approve the 2025 bridge inspection agreement for 92 bridges at \$144.00 each for a total of \$13,248.00 with Kirkham Michael. Commissioner Adams seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Jones made a motion to recess into executive session for ten minutes at 2:13 p.m. for an attorney/client matter concerning the tax delinquent sale. Commissioner Adams seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. Commissioner Jones made a motion to return at 2:19 p.m. with no action taken. Commissioner Adams seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Tara Pagenkopf, RSVP presented matching grant funds for general public transportation for FY2026 in the amount of \$38,506 from tax levy funds.

Commissioner Adams made a motion to approve the grant match for FY2026 grant. Commissioner Jones seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Jones made a motion to up-

date Title VI plan for the Pratt County Council on Aging. Commissioner Adams seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Adams made a motion to approve the letter of support for the FY2026 5311 grant funding. Commissioner Jones seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Jones made a motion to approve the certifications and assurances for the FTA assistance. Commissioner Adams seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

She presented checks for signatures. Commissioner Adams made a motion to recess into executive session at 2:27 p.m. for fifteen minutes for non-elected personnel. Commissioner Jones seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

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

BJ Hayes, EM/zoning, presented a quote for a 2024 Chevrolet Tahoe located in Andale for \$66,275.34. He stated he has the funds in special equipment. EMS would like to ac-

quire his 2016 Chevrolet truck. EMS would sell the Ford Expedition on Purple Wave. The Commissioners made no decision on the purchase. He attended a conference last week and got recognized for his Facebook live weather.

Brian Atteberry, EMS, reported he got the new transport van back from Osage after they put the graphics on. He presented quotes on a preventative maintenance agreement with Stryker for the cots in the ambulances. The annual contract is \$13,401.20. Commissioner Adams made a motion to approve the preventative maintenance agreement for \$13,401.20 with Stryker for the cots in the ambulances. Commissioner Jones seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

He presented a quote on a ventilator pump compressor from Zoll for \$4,518.00. Commissioner Adams made a motion to approve the repair of the ventilator pump compressor for \$4,518.00 from Zoll. Commissioner Jones seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

He reported there would be a core train-

ing the weekend before Thanksgiving for continuing education credits.

Morgan Trinkle asked about the hospital rent being figured into the budget. Tyson stated the rent goes to the bond trustee.

Commissioner Jones made a motion to recess into executive session at 2:57 p.m. for ten minutes for an attorney/client matter concerning ARPA. Commissioner Adams seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. Commissioner Jones made a motion to return from executive session at 3:00 p.m. with no action taken. Commissioner Adams seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Jones made a motion to approve the payment vouchers for November 12, 2024. Commissioner Adams seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Chairman Shriver gave an update on a meeting he had concerning the Quivira Wildlife water situation.

Commissioner Jones made a motion to adjourn at 3:11 p.m. Commissioner Adams seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.



## Wheat Scoop:

Kansas Wheat launches campaign conveying the benefits of wheat beyond the value of grain

Kansas Wheat, in collaboration with Kansas State University researchers, has officially kicked off a new educational campaign aimed at farmers, landowners, financial institutions and policymakers. "Wheat: Beyond the Value of the Grain" emphasizes the wide-ranging advantages of including winter wheat

in a cropping system, extending far beyond the grain's market price.

"The role that wheat plays in global food security is unquestioned," said Aaron Harries, Kansas Wheat vice president of research and operations. "But what about wheat's role in a sustainable cropping system? There is more value to winter wheat than the price received for the grain. And now a study has been done to analyze wheat beyond the value of the grain."

To further explain the campaign and the research behind it, Harries

sat down with Romulo Lollato, K-State associate professor of wheat and forage production, for an episode of the "Wheat's On Your Mind" podcast. The duo discussed the well-documented, multifaceted role of winter wheat in a sustainable cropping system, including its economic and environmental advantages.

"Wheat as a crop brings many benefits to the cropping system," Lollato said. "In areas such as Kansas, where wheat historically has been an important crop, by excluding it from rotations, we may be missing

out on some of those benefits that have made our cropping systems here successful."

The idea behind the "Wheat: Beyond the Value of the Grain" campaign kicked off just before the 2020 pandemic after the pair investigated a continued reduction in winter wheat planted acres, particularly in Kansas. The project started with a review of the multitude of studies that have been published over the years, not only looking at grain production, but also at the other benefits wheat provides as part of a cropping system. That initial review yielded more than 60 pages of benefits cited from more than 300 studies, highlighting the incredible versatility of winter wheat.

"For us, the versatility and the flexibility of winter wheat gives options to the wheat farmer," Harries said.

From the very first steps in the growing season, winter wheat offers a significant advantage to producers through its broad planting window, providing much-needed flexibility in managing farm operations. This adaptability also extends

to its dual-purpose nature, allowing for both grain and high-quality forage production, ultimately increasing potential economic returns.

Research has also consistently demonstrated the positive impact of incorporating winter wheat into crop rotations. Studies conducted globally, including long-term projects in Kansas, Illinois and Wisconsin, show that including wheat in a cropping rotation significantly boosts yields of other crops like corn and soybeans, compared to monoculture systems. A long-term Kansas study reported a 12-bushel-per-acre increase in soybean yields when rotated with winter wheat, regardless of the tillage system used, compared to continuous soybean cultivation. Similarly, western Kansas corn yields were 14.7 bushels per acre higher after wheat than after grain sorghum.

Furthermore, wheat helps improve soil structure, organic matter content and nutrient cycling, enhancing soil health. Wheat's presence also helps control pests and diseases, reducing the need for chemical

pesticides.

The research is clear — integrating winter wheat into cropping systems represents a strategic approach to maximizing crop yields and productivity. By leveraging winter wheat's diverse benefits and addressing associated challenges through informed management practices, farmers can achieve sustainable agricultural practices that support long-term profitability and environmental stewardship.

These quantified benefits of winter wheat and more are now a research paper, but the campaign's goal is to disseminate more digestible, two-page extension-style publications that focus on each benefit separately.

Read the full publication and keep watch for additional added resources as they are released this winter at [kswheat.com/wheatrx](http://kswheat.com/wheatrx).

Listen to the full conversation between Harries and Lollato and all other episodes of the "Wheat's on Your Mind" podcast at [wheatsonyourmind.com](http://wheatsonyourmind.com).

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## KCHS Pets Ready for Adoption

### Margo

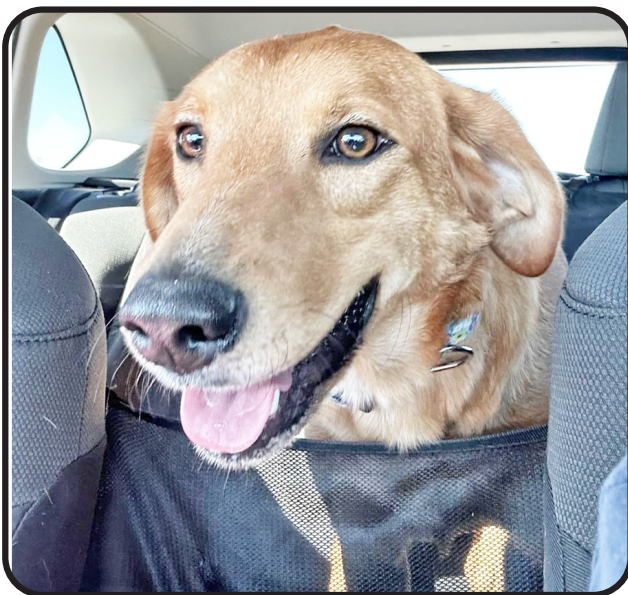
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Margo is a 5-month-old short-haired go-getter with lots of energy and personality. She likes being around big cats and dogs but prefers to spend most of her time cuddling. And she enjoys car rides. Her adoption fee is \$85.00

### Scooby

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This gentle-looking soul is Scooby. She is a one-year old Australian Cattle dog/Blue Heeler/Labrador Retriever. She weighs about 50 pounds and is a very gentle and loving dog. She is just a bit shy and unsure of herself but will become a very sweet family pet. She is good with cats and other dogs.

She's only been an outside dog so she hasn't been housetrained but she very young and eager to please so she should be easy to train. She's only been with us since October 22, but she is quickly becoming a staff favorite. Her mom was a heeler mix but Scooby looks more like a lab and has the sweet personality of a Golden retriever.

Her adoption fee is \$180.00.



## Beware of Deer

Greg Doering, Kansas Farm Bureau

The other weekend I watched two deer wander out of a creek bed and meander through a meadow until they caught a scent they didn't like and took off running. After a few strides, it was difficult to pick out their tan hides against the khaki grasses as they ran toward the tree line in the distance.

I was walking in a local park at the time so I could safely admire the quick, graceful escape. There's been plenty of times where I wasn't so happy to see a herd of deer galloping, mainly along the side of the road when I'm driving.

Thankfully I've never had the misfortune of hitting one with a vehicle, though there've been several close calls. Oddly, though, my close encounters have usually come during the summer months rather than this time of year when deer are more active when people are likely to be heading to and from work.

There are plenty of reasons for fall to be the peak season for vehicles to collide with deer, but the main ones are the animals are most active at dawn and dusk. In the fall, that activity coincides with most peoples' commutes. It's also the time of year deer wander farther than normal and are less wary of potential hazards as they seek to find a mate, which increases the chances they cross paths with you.

The Kansas Department of Parks and

Wildlife has the following advice on how to avoid deer collisions:

- Watch for more than one deer, as they seldom travel alone.
  - Reduce speed and be alert near wooded areas or green spaces such as parks or golf courses and near water such as streams or ponds.
  - Deer crossing signs indicate where high levels of deer/vehicle crashes have occurred in the past.
  - Use your bright lights to help you detect deer as far ahead as possible.
  - Don't swerve to avoid hitting a deer – the most serious crashes sometimes occur when drivers swerve and collide with another vehicle or run off the road and hit an obstacle.
  - Always wear a seat belt and use child safety seats for the kids.
- If you're driving in

Kansas anytime of year, these tips will serve you well, but they're especially important in the fall. Deer are also just one more reason to keep your eyes on the road when traveling. In 2022, 37 percent of single-vehicle crashes in Kansas involved a deer. There were also 575 injuries reported and six deaths.

If you do hit a deer, pull as far onto the shoulder as you can or off the road entirely if possible. Engage your emergency flashers and contact local law enforcement or Kansas Highway Patrol. Don't attempt to remove the animal from the roadway.

Beware of the deer. Remember slow and steady is the best course, and it's always better to be late than never arrive.

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CASE NO. KM-2024-PR-48 (Pursuant to K.S.A. Chapter 59)

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THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:

You are hereby notified that on November 14, 2024, a Petition for Issuance of Letters of Administration was filed in this Court by Kayla D. Sheahan.

You are required to file your written defenses thereto on or before December 10, 2024, at 10:00 o'clock a.m. in the

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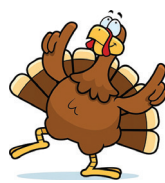
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### Ray Youngers

Raymond Gerald Youngers age 90, passed away on Saturday, November 2, 2024.

Rosary: Wednesday November 6, at 10am Funeral Mass November 6, at 10:30am both at St. Peter's the Apostle Catholic Church 11000 W. Southwest Blvd, Wichita, KS 67215.

Preceded in death by his parents; William and Alice (Smith) Youngers; children Lindon, Kent, Diana Youngers, and Anita Jackson; siblings, Lester, George, Delbert, Joyce Funke, Fredrick "Fritz", and Leo Youngers.

Survived by: wife, Colleen (Hammeke) Youngers of Wichita; children, Kimberly (Bob) Thornton of Clearwater, Serena Lubbers of Wichita; son-in-law, David Jackson of Magnolia, TX; siblings, Tom Youngers of Ephrata, WA, Mark Youngers of Wichita, Jane Meyers of Cunningham; grandchildren, Alan, Kevin, and Shaun Weaver, Nate and Seth Lubbers, Joshua and Olivia Jackson; 10 great-grandchildren; 1 great-great grandchild.

In lieu of flowers, Memorial: St. Peter the Apostle Catholic Church 11000 W. Southwest Blvd Wichita, KS 67215.



### Deb Massey

Debra Sue "Deb" Massey, 63, died Nov. 16, 2024 after a long battle with cancer at her home in Kingman.

She was born Nov. 22, 1960, at Kingman the daughter of Richard and Doris Brown Funke. A lifetime resident of the Kingman community, she was formerly the Mountain Man Nut and Fruit Company representative and was co-owner/operator of Bobz Bikz.

Deb was a member of the St. Patrick Catholic Church; the NBHA, Central 4D, CePRA and AQHA.

On Aug. 14, 1982, she married Bob Massey at Kingman. Other survivors include a son Austin; daughter Randi Merritt and her husband Thomas; brother Dan Funke and wife Becky and Dave Funke and his wife Jodi; sister Julie Orth; two grandchildren Teague and Slade Merritt; and numerous nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents; sister Dawn Hoffman; and Jay Rohlman.

A parish rosary will be 1:00 p.m., Thursday, Nov. 21, 2024 at the St. Patrick Catholic Church followed by the Mass of Christian Burial at 1:30 p.m. The family will receive friends from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., Wednesday at the Livingston Funeral Home.

Memorials may be made with St. Jude's Children's Hospital in care of Livingston Funeral Home, 1830 N Main, Kingman, KS 67068.



### Lawrence Voss

Lawrence Bernard Voss, 90, passed away Saturday, November 16, 2024 at Via Christi St. Francis in Wichita. He was born on June 10, 1934 in Cunningham to Alphons Herman and Bernardine Elisabeth (Rottering) Voss. Lawrence married



Augusta "Shorty" (Spade) Voss on April 22, 1957. She preceded him in death on April 15, 2007. Lawrence married Wanda (Rose) Voss on May 16, 2009. They were married for 15 years.

Lawrence graduated from Nashville High School in 1957. He owned JVJ Irrigation. He was a member of Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Knights of Columbus and BPOE Pratt Elks. He enjoyed fishing at Lake Texoma, Oklahoma, camping, golfing, helping others and spending time with his family.

He is survived by his wife, Wanda Voss; children, Diana Howell of Pratt, John Voss of Hutchinson, Anita (Jason) Rojas of Pratt, Ken (Kim) Voss of Mulvane, Steven (Rebekka) Voss of Hillsboro, Don (Kasey) Voss of Iuka, Lana (Tom Day) Windholz of Bucklin and Kristen (Chad Houser) Wilt of Towanda; grandchildren, Amanda Howell, Jerimy (Tiffany) Howell, Jory Voss, Jarid Rojas, Samantha Rojas, Ryan (Jazzy) Rojas, Kelsie Voss, Kylie (Colby) Simon, Macie (Austin) Duncan, Garrett Tankersley, Grayce Tankersley, Collin Voss, Chandler Voss, Lauren (Aaron) Grant, Nicole (Jared) Shriver, Megan (Tyler Tresner) Meyers, Kaylee Windholz, Jocelyn Roberts and Chaten Houser; siblings, Harold (Norma) Voss of Pratt, Joyce Korth of Pratt, Virginia "Jen" (Charles) Lackey of Amarillo, Texas, Ralph (Gale) Voss of Pratt and Marilyn (Merle) Talbott of Wichita; sisters in-law, Connie Voss of Pratt, Marlene (Norman) Bortz of Texas, Rosemary (Jim) Cisco of Cunningham and Rosalie Spade of Medicine Lodge; and brother in-law, LeRoy Panek of Cunningham; and 12 great-grandchildren with 2 more on the way.

Lawrence is preceded in death by his parents; first wife, "Shorty" Voss; granddaughter, Courtney Dawn Windholz; and siblings, Alphons "JR" Voss, Jr., Doris Atchison and Jimmy Voss.

Mass of Christian Burial was held at Wednesday, November 20, 2024 at Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Pratt. Burial followed at Greenlawn Cemetery, Pratt.

Memorials may be made to Sacred Heart Catholic Church in care of Larrison Mortuary, 300 Country Club Road, Pratt.

### Gary Coyle

CROFT - Gary Edward Coyle "Coolhead", 72, a beloved local character and unofficial guardian of Croft, Kansas, passed away Tuesday, November 12, 2024, at his home. Born January 11, 1952, to Wallace and Betty (Logue) Coyle in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, Gary left this world as he lived in it-full of stories and surrounded by the legacy of countless good deeds.



A true adventurer at heart, Gary's journey took him through the landscapes of South America, with a particular fondness for the shores of Belize, before he found his true home in Croft, Kansas, in the winter of 1993. In this small town that captured his heart, Gary became much more than just a resident. While serving as the town's landscaper, city worker, and contractor, he embraced his self-appointed roles of unofficial mayor, sheriff, and judge with characteristic humor and an ever-present twinkle in his eye.

Known for his resemblance to Willie Nelson and legendary "Snooker" skills, Gary was a fixture at Woody's Bar and Grill in Pratt, Kansas, where he was always ready for his next match. His passion for history and keen eye for hidden gems led to the creation of "Coyle's Classics," his beloved antique car business. No local auction was complete without Gary's presence, as he pursued his calling as a masterful picker with an ability to find beauty in the most unexpected places.

Gary's generosity knew no bounds-he never met a stranger he couldn't turn into a friend and was always ready to lend a helping hand to anyone in need. His infectious laugh and endless repertoire of stories and jokes kept friends and family entertained for decades.

He is survived by his children, Ariel (Jared) Coyle of Tracy, Minnesota, Elsie (Tanner) Anderson of Cottonwood, Minnesota and Matthew (Brittany) Welch of Pratt; grandchildren, Rylee, Jenna, Kinlee, Kayln, Levi, Raiden, Cameron, Hartley and Alaina; sister, Linda (Blaine) Hadley of Pratt; niece, Andrea Adams; nephew, Austin Skelton and Zedaki (Emily) Hadley; and special friend, Deb Revier.

He was preceded in death by his parents. Cremation has taken place. A memorial service was held Tuesday, November 19, 2024, at Larrison Mortuary, 300 Country Club Road, Pratt, with John Hamm presiding. A celebration of life followed at Busters Saloon, 104 Main St, Sun City, Kansas.

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