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Minutes of BOE Meeting June 14

The West Kingman County Board of Education meeting was called to order at 7:03 p.m. on Monday, June 14, 2021, by Vice President Brent Hansen.

Vice President, Brent Hansen, Members; Joyce Gridley, Vicki Oldham, and Travis Thimesch; Superintendent, Robert Reed; Principal, Cody Dunlap; and Clerk, Stacy Webster.

Motion made by Vicki Oldham, seconded by Joyce Gridley, to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried 4-0.

Motion made by Travis Thimesch, seconded by Joyce Gridley, to approve the minutes of the May 17, 2021 regular meeting. Motion carried 4-0.

Motion made by Vicki Oldham, seconded by Travis Thimesch, to approve

the payment of bills in the amount of \$182,455.08 and the financial reports as presented. Motion carried 4-0.

Mr. Reed discussed Federal funding updates, Health and Dental Insurance premiums and summer work projects including stage curtains and book shelves in classrooms.

Principal Dunlap shared student success at state track. He also shared student summer activities including weights, cheer, volleyball and basketball. He presented proposed changes to the student handbook for consideration.

Member Joyce Gridley was unable to attend the last meeting that was held on the same night as the school board meeting. Mr. Reed will have the Special Education Superintendent meeting tomorrow.

Motion made by Travis Thimesch, seconded by Joyce Gridley, to go into executive session with the board and administration at 7:57 p.m. until 8:05 p.m. to discuss individual performance issues for non-elected personnel under the non-elected exception under KOMA. Motion carried 4-0.

Vice President Hansen declared the meeting in open session at 8:05 p.m.

Motion made by Joyce Gridley, seconded by Vicki Oldham, to approve the fees for the 2021-2022 School year. Motion carried 4-0.

Motion made by Joyce Gridley, seconded by Travis Thimesch, to set the July board meeting for Monday July 12, 2021 at 7 p.m. Motion carried 4-0.

Motion made by Vicki Oldham, seconded by Travis Thimesch, to approve

the supplemental positions as presented for the 2021-2022 School year. Motion carried 4-0.

Motion made by Travis Thimesch, seconded by Vicki Oldham, to go into executive session with the board and administration at 8:15 p.m. until 8:20 p.m. to discuss individual performance issues for non-elected personnel under the non-elected exception under KOMA. Motion carried 4-0.

Superintendent Reed presented KASB recommended policy updates for review.

Motion made by Travis Thimesch, seconded by Joyce Gridley, to adjourn the meeting at 8:23 p.m. Motion carried 4-0.

submitted by Stacy Webster

Kingman County Commission Minutes June 28, 2021

The Board of Kingman County Commissioners met in the Commission Room of the County Courthouse, Kingman, Kansas on June 28th, 2021. Those present:

Jerry Henning, Chairman; Fred Foley, Commissioner; Jack Thimesch, Commissioner; Carol Noblit, County Clerk; John Caton, County Counselor

Visitors: Bob Morris, The Leader-Courier; Sarah Hacker; Hadassah Hacker; Titus Hacker; Noble Hacker; Anita Drake, Council on Aging; Leslie Schrag, Economic Development Director; Jeremy Gilson, Gallagher Benefits; Jeff Carson, Gallagher Benefits; Melissa Romme, AdamsBrown Auditor; Robyn Longhofer, Kingman Humane Society; Carolyn Jorgenson, Kingman Humane Society and Josh Beckman, Kirkham Michael

Staff: John Wimer, Noxious Weed Director; Stan Goetz, HR/Planning/Zoning/Wastewater Director; Richard Schott, Emergency Manager; Linda Langley, Internal Auditor; Mary Schwartz, Health Nurse and Charles Arensdorf, Public Works Director

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

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

Chairman Henning would like to add an executive session with Stan Goetz, HR.

John Caton, County Counselor would like to add an executive session with the Commissioners.

MOTION: Commissioner Foley moved to approve the agenda with the addition of two executive sessions. Commissioner Thimesch seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Chairman Henning asked if there was any public comment.

Sarah Hacker, Hadassah Hacker, Titus Hacker and Noble Hacker were in to present the Commissioners with a picture of "IN GOD WE TRUST" and

explained the reason behind the Quote.

The Commissioners asked if they could get three more of the pictures to place one on each floor.

Ms. Hacker let the Commissioners know that she would be glad to get them three more.

Carol Noblit, County Clerk informed the Commissioners that the Department of Revenue State Assessed Section had sent a corrected certification as Evergy Kansas South, Inc and Evergy Kansas Central Inc had made errors on its state assessed property tax returns by misstating cost figures assigned to various taxing subdivisions throughout the state.

Commissioners signed Road & Bridge vouchers in the amount of \$257,945.79.

Anita Drake, Council on Aging Director was in with the 2022 Budget request and reviewed it with the Commissioners.

Commissioners asked Ms. Drake if her budget request will cover the increases in utilities and gas.

Ms. Drake let them know that she reviewed it and that it will cover the increases.

John Wimer, Noxious Weed Director was in with an update for the County Commissioners.

Commissioners asked Mr. Wimer if he is sure if he will be retiring before they decide to hire someone to train. Mr. Wimer let them know that he for sure is retiring in July of 2022.

Linda Langley, Internal Auditor and Melissa Romme, AdamsBrown were in to go over the 2020 County Audit with the County Commissioners.

The management letter was submitted for approval and signature.

MOTION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to approve the 2022 County Audit. Commissioner Foley seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Ms. Romme introduced Kayla Williams to the Commissioners who helped with the Audit from Adams Brown.

Ms. Romme let the Commissioners know that all departments were great and worked well with them.

Robyn Longhofer and Carolyn Jorgenson with the Kingman Humane Society were in to discuss the Kingman

County Humane Society and that they are celebrating 20 years of service. Ms. Longhofer gave the Commissioners a diagram of the new facility under construction.

The wanted to request help with the parking area instead of asking for monetary help with the facility.

Chairman Henning let Ms. Longhofer and Ms. Jorgenson know that he is not in favor of using tax payers money to help with the facility that is funded by community.

Ms. Jorgenson let the Commissioners know that they help the County by taking in stray animals from the county at no charge to the County.

The Commissioners would like to discuss it between themselves and talk with Mr. Arensdorf before making a decision.

Leslie Schrag, Economic Development Director was in to discuss her budget with the Commissioners.

Jeremy Gilson and Justin Carson from Gallagher Benefits were in to confirm the BC/BS quote for 2021/2022.

Commissioners asked some questions about the billings.

Stan Goetz, HR was in to let the Commissioners know that Register of Deeds has hired a new employee.

The Commissioners would like to have the new employee introduced to them.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Commissioner Foley moved to go into executive session with Stan Goetz, HR; Richard Schott, Emergency Manager and John Caton, Counselor at 10:55 a.m. to discuss an employee's evaluation pursuant to the exception under the Kansas Open Meetings Act for discussion of non-elected personnel matters. The County Commissioners returned to regular session at 11:05 a.m. with no binding action taken.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to go into executive session with Stan Goetz, HR; Carol Noblit, County Clerk and John Caton, Counselor at 11:05 a.m. to discuss an employee's performance pursuant to the exception under the Kansas Open Meetings Act for discussion of non-elected personnel matters. The County Commissioners returned to regular session at 11:15 a.m. with no binding action taken.

Commissioners signed abatements: Charles Arensdorf, Public Works Director was in with a couple of outstanding bills for damages and wanted to know what the Commissioners would like to do with them.

Commissioners would like for Mr. Caton to send another letter letting both of them know that they will file suit if not paid.

Mr. Arensdorf submitted the following permit for approval:

Haviland Telephone Co. Inc. DBA Haviland Broadband to place fiber optic cable between sections 26 & 35, Township 29, Range 05W (Allen)

Mr. Arensdorf gave an update on FAS 607 Hot Mix Project in the Mt. Vernon area.

Josh Beckman, Kirkham Michael was in with an updated list of projects they are working on.

16th Avenue RCB-Evan #8 which construction is complete and the final walk through to come.

FAS #12 Replacement KM#23006800 KDOT #48 C-5043-01 FAS #13 Replacement KM#2009830 KDOT Cost Share Program

FAS #11 Replacement KM #TBD tied to FAS #12 KDOT Cost Share Program

W.3-8.0 Superstructure Replacement KM#2008800

M.0-7.5 Abutment Repair KM#2009825

FF.4-24.0 Replacement KM #2101825 X.6-22.0 Replacement KM #2105815

X.0-21.2 Partial Replacement FEMA Emergency Relief Project

Mr. Beckman submitted a new agreement for engineering services for X.0-21.2 Partial Replacement FEMA Emergency Relief Project with Kirkham Michael.

MOTION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to approve the agreement between Kirkham Michael and Kingman County for the X.0-21.2 Partial Replacement in the amount of \$30,000.00 and it would be paid out of the bond money. Commissioner Foley seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

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CATHOLIC Masses

St. Peter's, Willowdale
Sunday
10:00 a.m..

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

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

St. Leo
Saturday
5:30.

Fr. Roger Lumbre
620-243-5451
620-246-5370

CHURCH OF CHRIST Penalosa

Worship
11:00 a.m.

620-474-9131

CHRISTIAN Cunningham

Contact the church for service schedule.

Pastor Mike McGovney
620-298-3201

LUTHERAN St. John's Nashville

Sunday School & Bible Class
9:45 a.m.

Worship Service
8:30 a.m.

Trinity Medicine Lodge
Morning Worship
10:30 a.m.
620-656-7431

Sunday School & Bible Class
9:15 a.m.

Pastor Dennis Fangmeyer
620-246-5220
Cell: 620-886-0911

Our Worship service is found on YouTube channel: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCCren-CH12I9nmpcojCFyYLA>. You can also find the service on Facebook by searching for either St. John Lutheran Church, Nashville or Trinity Lutheran Church, Medicine Lodge.

UNITED METHODIST Penalosa
Worship
9:15 a.m.

Cunningham
Worship 10:45 a.m.

620-298-2090
Pastor Mathew Ndambuki Musyoki

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH Zenda
101 N. Main
Sunday Worship
9 a.m.

Sunday School:
Children 8:30 a.m.
Adult 10:00 a.m.

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Saturday, July 17th
all day at Lions' Park - Judgement House Volleyball tournament

Monday, July 26th
6:30 p.m.
City Council Meeting

Wednesday, August 11
School Enrollment

Monday, August 16th
Fall sports practices begin

Wednesday, August 25th
First day of School

Wednesday, July 28
7:00 p.m.
Book Club

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(620) 532-1253
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July 16th - 18th
Space Jam: A New Legacy
Rated PG
Friday and Saturday at 7:30pm
and Sunday at 5:30pm.

All Seats: \$6.00
Doors open 45 before showtime.

FREE Thursday Movie
July 22nd 7:00 p.m.

American Graffiti
Rated PG
Sponsored by Ninnescah Masonic Lodge

Fundraisers & Charitable Opportunities in our Community

Cunningham Public Library

4C Day Care Shop smile.amazon.com or contact Kathy Albers 620-298-2725 or 620-388-0774

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

Hands of Hope (contact Fitzsimmons Insurance or 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 (leave your old eyeglasses at the bank)

Cunningham Museum (to donate contact Donna Glenn)

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YEARS AGO IN
The Cunningham Clipper
W.A. Bradley, Editor

1931
July 17-The wheat harvest will soon be completed in this community. The price of wheat this year has prompted most farmers to store their grain on the farm. The price of wheat during the past week dropped to 25¢ a bushel, but the price had climbed back to 30¢ a bushel yesterday (Thursday).

A bit of progress was made at the last regular meeting of the City Council. The speed limit throughout the city was raised to 25-miles-per-hour from 12-miles-per-hour.

1936
July 17-Mrs. Annice Cooley goes on record as the first city resident to have put in a call to the City Fire Department since the installation of the new city waterworks system. Firemen quickly extinguished the blaze with water from a close-by fire hydrant.

Personnel of the recently organized City Band includes Dean Cooley, Harve Manahan, Elbert Maxedon, Victor Renner, Ed Pelzl, Eugene Carter, Everett Swander, and Rev. Eugene Stump, trumpets; Mrs. William Shuler, Sherman Kincheloe, and Oliver Baber, trombones; Norman Hart, Baritone horn; Naomi Gilstrap and Betty Wetherall, alto saxophones; Sam McPeck, bass horn; Dr. Donald Thompson, Marjorie Stanley, Charles Lakin, and Mrs. John Schmitt, clarinets, and Bob Maxedon, Evelyn Solter, and Carde Cannon, saxophones. John Schmitt, Preston High School Music Supervisor, is the Band Director.

1941
July 18-Cunningham suffered its first loss in the State Semi-Pro Tournament after two wins, when they dropped a 10-inning 7-6 decision to Cheney, Wednesday. Cunningham has won tournament games from Wellington and Albert, and will play Russell tonight (Friday).

1946
July 19-Cunningham unleashed its hitting power Sunday afternoon against Langdon scoring fifteen runs before the game was called in the sixth inning due to Langdon's lack of interest.

Joe Theis held the opposition to one hit and no Langdon batters reached third base.

Features of the game were home runs by Don Huhman, Lee, and Fulks. Fulks was called out at third base after scoring for failure to touch the sack.

The annual Sacred Heart Catholic church picnic will be held on next Tuesday. A chicken and ham dinner will be served from 5:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. and an outdoor

and considerable cash. The haul was quickly recovered by reformatory officials later that evening and has been returned to the boys.

Cunningham travels to Colwich next Sunday afternoon. The local team is tied with Colwich for second place in the Prairie League behind St. Joe.

The Ninnescah 4-H Club met Monday, July 2, at the home of Alvin Kinsall.

The meeting was called to order by President Dale Boswell, and opened with the 4-H Club Pledge. 12 members, three leaders, and three visitors answered roll call with "the 4-H Club event I like best."

The club voted to prepare a window display for National Farm Safety Week, July 22-29, after which the leaders encouraged members to consider attending one of the 4-H Club Summer Camps. Sam Hundley, new Kingman County 4-H Club Agent, was introduced to the club, after which Alvin Kinsall played a cornet solo, and Joel Pelzl gave a health report. Refreshments were served at the close of the evening.

July 19-The Christian Women's Fellowship met last Thursday afternoon in the church basement, with Mrs. Doyl Duff and Mrs. Seth Whitmore as hostesses.

Mrs. Bob Stillwell, President opened the meeting with the song, "Bringing In the Sheaves," followed with prayer by Mrs. George Millhauser.

Roll call was answered with "How To Keep Cool," after which Mrs. Everett Hauser gave the devotionals, using the topic, "Beginning."

Mrs. Herbert Park had charge of the afternoon's program on the subject, "Mission Fields," with several members assisting. Mrs. Nellie Shelman had charge of the social hour during which Mrs. Alf Cooley was honored with a lovely handkerchief shower.

The hostesses served iced watermelon to 16 members, two children, and one visitor, Mrs. Carl Hart.

Cunningham defeated the State Reformatory for the second time this season in a baseball game played on the institution's diamond in Hutchinson last Sunday afternoon. The final score was 9 to 6, with Cunningham getting their nine runs on six hits and eight Reformatory errors. The Reformatory boys scored their six runs on six hits and two Cunningham errors.

Veteran Joe Theis served up the pitches for Cunningham for eight innings, with Marion Fiegel coming on to pitch the final inning. Jack Theis and Leo Zrubek shared the catching chores.

Cunningham won the ball game, all right, but almost lost more when they got back to their dressing room under one of the Reformatory cell blocks. Someone had broken into the room and made off with four watches, an ID bracelet, a ring,

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Meanderings

Folks, this paper has been a trick to put together. On Monday I was short of news and decided six pages would be a good plan. First thing this morning I made an emergency run to the vet with my little dog, Chloe. She was diagnosed a few weeks ago with lymphoma and this morning she was not able to walk or stand very well.

I couldn't find my wallet and went to Kingman sans license and money. Worrying the whole way about Chloe and my wallet. Where did I put it?

After some time at the vet, some x-rays and

some blood work, we came home without any idea what is going on with her. I gave her medications for her seizures, which she's been taking for years. This afternoon, she is not any better.

When I arrived home, I searched for my wallet about an hour with no luck. And yes, the stress level was getting rather high.

I finally decided I was looking too hard, and I should give it a rest. I opened up my email to see who sent me something for the paper. (Hoping for a great story from someone's life; but I was disappointed). My email, for some reason, decided it needed a password today. I tried the password I had written down in my little password book. Nope. I tried other passwords I use frequently, all to no avail. I clicked on the 'forgot password?' button. It gave me a phone

number to call. (This is CenturyLink mind you.) The robo-guy told me the phone number I dialed was no longer in service. What the heck? A phone company's phone number not in service when it's posted on their help page? Maybe they need to check into their customer service a bit better.

I tried the chat line with the robot-agent. It said I had to go to another site because they only dealt with residences, not businesses. (and yes, my business is in my residence). Tried chatting with the business robo-agent, but it kept telling me it didn't understand my problem. I picked up the phone and dialed, hoping I could talk to a real person after the robo-answer guy finished his spiel about pressing this number or that one.

I was told a young lady that I would have to put placed in a queue And I waited in a queue.

Forty-five minutes. The stress was really, really about to do me in.

Finally, "Barry" came on the line to tell me my account was no doubt suspended. I told him it had better not be and "Whatever was wrong, just go in and reset my password." He came back on "What would you like your password to be?" I gave him the one that I had written down three years ago that I'd been using since. I thanked him and hung up. But I can tell you, the survey they sent me to fill out, I made sure they understood that Barry was terrific, but their website and web's customer service was horrendous.

I got the email up. Answered a couple, then went in search of my wallet. Half an hour later I found it under the sling device for the dogs I have in the backseat of the car. Chloe must have pushed it under there when she

was sitting there on the way to the vet.

Wallet found email working. Things were looking better....except Chloe.

Vet Stacie is flummoxed as to what is wrong with her. No temperature. No change in blood work since we were there a month or so ago. No signs of anything. She is sending the x-rays to a pathologist to look at.

Now I'm wondering...could it be her ears?

As the day wore on our six-page newspaper became the usual eight. I've been working on it off and on while keeping an eye on my little Chloe. She's pretty much been lying and dozing and drinking all day. She doesn't want to get up. I did take her outside and she followed me as best she could; what with the stumbling and wavering and staggering around she did. Bless her little

heart.

I hope she makes it through this...whatever it is. She has been a good companion these last 10 years.

I won't sleep well this night, as I'll be up every 20 minutes checking on my little friend. But I can read while I'm up...

Always reading, and currently reading, 'The Burglar Who Studied Spinoza'

by Lawrence Block Roberta

"Dogs are our link to paradise. They don't know evil or jealousy or discontent. To sit with a dog on a hillside on a glorious afternoon is to be back in Eden, where doing nothing was not boring--it was peace."

— Milan Kundera

"Thank your customer for complaining and mean it. Most will never bother to complain. They'll just walk away."

— Marilyn Suttle



A Letter to the editor and her readers

"The Gossip Game"

"When I was a young child growing up in Cunningham many decades ago, in Sunday School at the Christian Church, we little ones sat on small dark oak chairs. We memorized the book of the Bible and played musical chairs. Occasionally we played a game called Gossip. We sat in a circle with the chairs pointed outward. The adult teacher

whispered something into the ear of the first child who was instructed to repeat it to the second little boy or girl and so on until it returned to the first child. Invariable the end message was so garbled that it was unrecognizable. The lesson we learned was not to pass on messages unless we first check their accuracy.

"Apparently some older residents of Cunningham never learned that lesson or have forgotten it.

From an anonymous victim of resent gossip in Cunningham."

(Name Withheld)

"Gossip, as usual, was one-third right and two-thirds wrong."
— L.M. Montgomery, *Chronicles of Avonlea*

"If you haven't got anything nice to say about anybody come sit next to me."
— Alice Roosevelt Longworth

Happenings Around Kingman

Sunday the 11th

7:30 AM Summer 2nd Sunday by Kingman United Methodist Church at Riverside Park

10 AM Worship at Kingman Christian Church

10:30 AM Worship at Kingman Church of Christ

10:30 AM Worship at Kingman United Methodist Church

3 PM 'The Absolute Basics of the Wesleyan Way' at Kingman United Methodist Church

5:30 PM 'Peter Rabbit 2' showing at Kingman Historic Theatre. All seats are just \$6.00 each!

Monday the 12th

10:30 AM Lego Club

at Kingman Carnegie Library

4:30 PM TOPS at Kingman Christian Church

Shop 10% off all wines at K-Town Wine & Liquor every Monday!

Tuesday the 13th

10:30 AM Toddler Time at Kingman Carnegie Library

6:30 PM Pickleball at Kingman Armory. Pay to play is only \$2 per person! **Please bring your own paddle. There may not always be extra to hand out.**

Wednesday the 14th

8:30 AM Mary Quilters at Kingman Christian Church

10:30 AM Scavenger Hunt at Kingman Carnegie Library

1 PM Crafts at Kingman Carnegie Library

5:30 PM Monthly Chamber Board Meeting at Kingman Armory Classroom

Thursday the 15th

6:30 AM Men's Breakfast by Kingman United Methodist Church. RSVP for location.

10:30 AM Story Time at Kingman Carnegie Library

1 PM Perler Beads & Crafts at Kingman Carnegie Library

Friday the 16th

10:30 AM Karaoke at Kingman Carnegie Library

11 AM JD's Bar-B-Que food truck will set up at intersection of Main & HWY 54

7:30 PM 'Space Jam: The New Legacy' showing at Kingman Historic Theatre. All seats are just \$6.00 each!

Shop \$5 Friday Flowers every Friday at Cleo's Flower Shop! **Grab a punch card while you're there!**

Saturday the 17th

7:30 PM 'Space Jam: The New Legacy' showing at Kingman Historic Theatre. All seats are just \$6.00 each!

- WANTED -

Old Photos for *Our Community Album*
Call (620) 298-2659 or email cunninghamcourier@embarq-mail.com or send to PO Box 38, Cunningham, KS 67035

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

Years Ago....

championship that will qualify the winner into the state tournament at Garden City in August.

The first game tonight pits Turon against Kingman at 7:00 o'clock. Other teams entered include St. Leo, Zenda, Isabel, Sharon, Pretty Prairie, Anthony, Cunningham, Willowdale, Nashville, and five teams from Pratt.

Cunningham is the defending district champion. The tournament will last ten days.

1971

July 15- The High School Girls District Softball Tournament will get underway at Nashville next Monday evening,

July 19.

Seven teams are entered in the tournament, according to Joe Strong of Nashville, District Commissioner. They are Hutch Purple Pride (Hutchinson), Bluff City, Greensburg Lions, Kingman, Central Kansas Credit Union (Hutchinson), and Nashville.

The tournament is under the auspices of the Kansas Amateur Softball Association. Jerry Stremel of Hutchinson is the State Commissioner. The tournament director is Don Lenhart of Nashville.

Pratt won the Ninnescah League Senior Babe Ruth Tournament played at Nashville last week-end, but they had

to beat Medicine Lodge twice in the finals of the double-elimination tournament to claim first place. Kingman was third.

The Cunningham Merchants won the Kingman Invitational Men's Slo-Pitch Softball Tournament at Kingman last week-end, defeating Kingman Harbert Tires in the finals, 6-2 and 4-2.

Cunningham was defeated in the first round of play by Cheney, and came back through the losers bracket, winning seven straight games, including four games on Sunday.

For the third straight tournament this year, the Merchants have dropped their first-round game,

and have fought their way to the finals through the losers bracket-the first time in the St. Leo Pre-Season Tournament where they finished second; then in the Cunningham Lions Club Tournament where they placed second, and "the third time's the charm" when they won the 24-team Kingman tournament last week-end.

Frank McClellan, Cunningham shortstop, was voted the "Most Valuable Player" award in the Kingman tournament, and received a handsome plaque.

The Merchants are managed by Jack Meyers.



4H Club Met

The Cunningham 4-H club met June 6th at 6pm at the Community Center. With the fair coming up really quick the cookie jar committee discussed the plans for

the cookie jar. Each family that signed up to make cookies for the jar are to bring a dozen individual wrapped cookies to the next meeting. Also discussed was signing up to help clean the museum. Project talks were given by Kendal, Kane, Tyler, Alyssa, Keyona, Brody, Will, Tavon, Adam and Hank. The next meeting will be held July 18th and will be our club tour - *Brianna Dittmer*

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Local Students Complete Babysitting Clinic

On Tuesday, June 29th, the Kingman County K-State Research & Extension Office and the Kingman County Health Department provided a babysitting clinic for youth in the community and surrounding areas at the Kingman Expo Center. Thirteen students, ages eleven to thirteen received training in many areas of babysitting. Participants learned about the differences in care of children depending on age, healthy food options, communicating with parents, ways to entertain children, and other lessons from guest speakers.

Kingman Police Officer, Brandon Casares, gave valuable information on safety and security, followed by First

Aid lessons and basic CPR training presented by paramedic April Lord and Michaela Youngers of Kingman EMS. A local family also brought their young child to the clinic and showed the unique interests and care of the child. Andrea Wood, Kingman County Extension Agent, presented lessons on several aspects of babysitting throughout the day.

For a list of participants ready to start their babysitting business, please contact the Kingman County Extension office at (620) 532-5131. If you were unable to attend this year's clinic, watch for information next summer about the annual event to sign up.



2021 Babysitting Clinic Participants -- Front Row: Cortlyn Hill, Kate Stauffer, Addison Giefer, Audrey Tetrick, Sage Thimesch, Abigail Clover, Paisley Gonzales
Back Row: Haley Neises, Ada Adams, Kristyn McAndrew, Ember Henning, Reese Allen, Hank Adams
submitted by Andrea Wood



Free School Meals Available for All Students During 2021-2022 School Year

Cunningham USD 332— The National School Lunch Program Seamless Summer Option (SSO) waiver allows all Kansas students the option of free breakfast and lunch each school day during the 2021-2022 school year – ensuring students are fueled and ready to learn.

The waiver allows the SSO to operate when school is open during the regular school year – through June 30, 2022. It is a continuation of a commitment to provide

safe, healthy meals free of charge to children as the COVID-19 pandemic continues to threaten food and nutrition security of the most vulnerable – our students, according to the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

The waiver also will help schools continue to plan for a safe opening in the fall. For example, it will eliminate the need to collect meal payments. This speeds up the service of meals, which reduces contact and potential exposure to COVID-19.

The USDA's National School Lunch Program SSO is typically only available during the summer months. However, extending it allows for a strong emphasis on providing fruits and veg-

etables, milk and whole grains while allowing schools to serve the meals for free. Schools that choose the SSO option will receive higher-than-normal meal reimbursements for every meal they serve, which will support them in serving the most nutritious meals possible while managing increased costs associated with operational and supply chain challenges caused by the COVID-19 pandemic.

The USDA covers the cost of the meals for all students. There is no need for families to fill out an application.

Every meal that is served helps USD 332 food service program financially and keeps local food service staff members employed.

The free meals, which are safe, nutritious and delicious, help extend family food budgets, too.

For more information, contact USD 332 Cunningham at 620-298-2473.

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Cosmosphere Celebrates 60th Anniversary of Liberty Bell 7

Cosmosphere joins the nation in celebrating the 60th anniversary of the historic Liberty Bell 7 flight of Virgil "Gus" Grissom on July 21, 2021. July also marks the 55th anniversary of the Gemini X mission on July 18, and the 52nd anniversary of the Apollo 11 moon landing on July 20. Several events are planned to celebrate July

space anniversaries.

Coffee at the Cosmo, Cosmosphere's free, quarterly speaker series, returns to in-person attendance on Thursday, July 15th from 9:00am to 10:00am with The Peril and Promise of Space Exploration, examining the risks revealed in the Liberty Bell 7 mission along with insight into the Mercury program goals and objectives, which formed the foundation of U.S. manned space exploration.

Cosmosphere President and CEO, Jim Remar,

will be the speaker. Coffee and pastries will be provided. Presentation also will be available on Facebook Live.

On Wednesday, July 21, the Liberty Bell 7 mission celebration will be all day long. Visitors can view the spacecraft and take advantage of special discounts in the Cosmosphere Café and Cosmosphere Gift Store. Limited-edition Liberty Bell 7 patches and t-shirts

will be available for purchase, and a free artifact scavenger hunt can be picked up at the Box Office.

Mercury to Artemis: Celebrating the Past and Future of Space Travel, a free, in-person event will take place on Wednesday, July 21, from 12:30pm to 2:00pm with a presentation on Liberty Bell 7 by Cosmosphere President and CEO, Jim Remar, followed by a virtual pre-



sentation from a NASA representative on the future of space travel and the Artemis mission.

"We are proud the Liberty Bell 7 is in our collection and eager to celebrate its place in history," said Mimi Meredith, senior vice president of communication and chief development officer.

"From the story of its recovery from the bottom of the ocean to the NASA career of the great Gus Grissom, there is much to be learned from LB7 and those who had the skills and tenacity to be early space explorers."

CONTACT: Mimi Meredith | mimim@cosmo.org | 620.665.9339

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Center & Space Museum is located at 1100 North Plum in

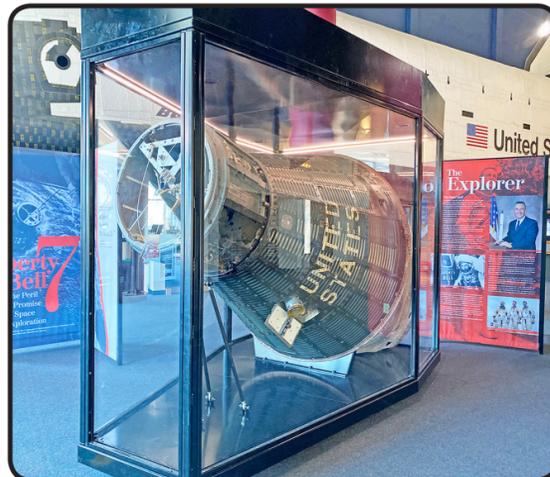
Hutchinson, KS. Its collection includes U.S. space artifacts second only to the Smithsonian's

National Air and Space Museum, and the largest collection of Russian space artifacts outside of Moscow. This unique collection allows the Cosmosphere to tell the story of the Space Race better than any museum in the world while offering fully immersive education experiences that meet the Next Generation Science Standards. The Cosmosphere also features the Carey Digital

Dome Theater offering documentary showings daily; a digital Planetarium and Dr. Goddard's Lab, where visitors experience live science demonstrations.



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Presentation Explores Rural Entrepreneurs

Cunningham Public Library (CPL) in Cunningham will host "Ruralpreneurs: Tumbleweeds and Talents in Kansas Communities," a presentation and discussion by Ron Wilson on August 18th at 7:00 p.m. at Cunningham Public Library. Members of the community are invited to attend the free program. The library board will provide light refreshments. Contact CPL at 620-298-3163 for more information. The program is made possible by

Humanities Kansas.

Ruralpreneurs are innovative entrepreneurs who built successful enterprises in small town Kansas. This presentation highlights real-world examples of Kansas entrepreneurs who have built businesses and created jobs and opportunities in a rural setting. Additionally, this presentation honors the emerging role of diversity, technology, and telecommunications that have brought profound changes in society.

Ron Wilson is director of the Huck Boyd National Institute for Rural Development at Kansas State University. He has served as a legislative assistant; a staff

member for the U.S. Senate Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition and Forestry; and as vice president of the National Council of Farmer Cooperatives. He produces a weekly radio program and news column about rural Kansas called Kansas Profile.

"Ruralpreneurs: Tumbleweeds and Talents in Kansas Communities" is part of Humanities Kansas's Movement of Ideas Speakers Bureau, featuring presentations and workshops designed to share stories that inspire, spark conversations that inform, and generate insights that strengthen civic engagement.

For more information about "Ruralpreneurs: Tumbleweeds and Talents in Kansas Communities" in Cunningham contact the Cunningham Public

Library at 620-298-3163 or visit cunningham.sckslibrary.info.

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New StoryWalk at Lions' Club Park

Hey Kids! Our friend, "Ralphie" is going "on tour" and will no doubt make more new friends when he visits the Kiddie Corral at Kingman Riverside Park:) We'll miss him, but we have another character with whom to become acquainted and he's waiting for you in Lions Park. Check out the

new StoryWalk@on loan from Kingman County Extension, The Bear Ate Your Sandwich by Julia Sarcone-Roach. "This enjoyable romp is sure to elicit giggles... Young readers and listeners will laugh out loud as they closely examine the pictures and find the jokes in

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Thanks to Kingman County Extension for the loan, and to our friend, Mona for helping us put up the new pages and trim up the grass around the posts! Looking good!

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What I Did On My Summer Vacation... at the Library!

By Angela Glascock

At the start of most school years, students head back to school with tales of their adventures during the summer and spend time catching up with friends. When school starts this fall, many Cunningham area students should have some great stories about what they did as a part of the summer programs from the Cunningham Public Library!

The Summer Reading Program started on June 7 and ends on Friday, July 16. Each week at the library, there were daily activities for both young and old(er) patrons, including (virtually) shows, interviews with well-known authors and illustrators, and visits with special guests and/or visits to special places. The daily SRP also provided in-house crafts, STEM activities, story times, and more.

Those Summer Readers who could not attend in person at the library, could join them from home by visiting the CPL website at <https://cunningham.sckslibrary.info> and clicking the on "Summer Reading" tab on the menu bar. These virtual programs and activities are available through September 7. Just click on the links! While you're there, be sure to view Jeff Quinn's Reading Safari Magic Show!

If you want to get in

a few extra steps to help you maintain your health (or lose the COVID 15), take a stop at Lion's Park. You may notice while walking there are storyboards along the way - another service provided by the Cunningham Public Library.

Ever thought about joining a book club? Cunningham Book Club meets the last Wednesday of each month. This month the club is reading West with Giraffes by Lynda Rutledge and will meet at 7:00 p.m., Wednesday, July 28th at the library. Everyone's invited. All you need to join is a love for reading. Contact the library to learn more.

Is your Internet on the fritz? Go to the library! You may bring your laptop or use one of our two patron computers. Last year we extended our Wifi hours from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m., so even if the library is closed, you may still access the library's free Wifi from parking areas nearby.

If you have heard of a fantastic book you want to read but the library does not have it, just ask the librarian or a volunteer about Interlibrary Loans. We can get that book for you by borrowing it from another library - all at no cost to you.

Are you headed on a long trip or have a commute each day? Have you thought of listening to books on tape? Maybe you'd like to check out an ebook to read on your digital device? All of these options are free to you by signing up for a Kansas Library e-Card at CPL.

With your Kansas Library eCard, you'll have access to a vast collection provided by The State Library and it's free!

So far this seems like a lot, but is there more? Why, yes, there is more!

If you enjoy digital magazines, visit the library's website to access the children's magazines, Cobblestone and Eco Kids Planet. The older set may be interested in Discover, Eating Well, Wired, House Beautiful and Prevention. All you need to access these new and backlist magazines from your home computer or mobile device is a library card!

Your library card also gives you access to Kanopy, a streaming video service. Sign up for a free account and browse family films and K-12 lessons. These videos include animated children's books, documentaries, and Indie Films. You can even take a course through Great Courses. Patrons can have up to 10 film checkouts per month, one of the Great Courses per month,

and an unlimited number of Kanopy Kids videos and animated story books per month. And, it's all free if you have a CPL library card.

Need a library card? You can now sign up for one online through our online catalog at cunningham.biblionix.com. Online sign-up is just another way the library is working to make using the library easier for our patrons. Of course, you may still stop in at the library any time during our regular library hours to sign up for a library card. With your new library card start exploring our online catalog--see what's popular and new, explore our electronic resources, read book summaries and reviews, learn more about your favorite authors, find Accelerated Reading information, book recommendations and more.

Be sure to explore all your options on the library's website and online catalog. Even if you are a bigger kid, there is plenty for you to do on your summer vacation... or any time!

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The Kingman Area Chamber of Commerce would like to thank all those who volunteered, hosted, and sponsored events for our annual All-American Family Fest on Saturday, July 3rd. Without their support, this would not have been possible. Thank you to:

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Pratt County Commission Meeting July 6, 2021 and July 8, 2021

The Pratt County commissioners met in regular session Tuesday, July 6, 2021 at 2:00 p.m. in the commissioner room, 1st floor of the courthouse. The following members were present: Rick N. Shriver, Dwight Adams, Thomas W. Jones III, Tyson Eisenhauer, county counselor, Lori Voss, county clerk and Mark Graber, IT director. Also, present, Michael Blackford, Pratt Tribune and Bruce Kuppers.

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

Heather Morgan, economic development consultant, advised there were funds available for childcare assistance for home based or church based through a COVID grant. She presented the Rural Opportunity Zone student loan repayment program resolution 07-06-21 for the commissioners' approval. Commissioner Jones made a motion to adopt resolution 07-06-21. Commissioner Adams seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Jones made a motion to approve the minutes from June 21, 2021 and the recessed meeting minutes from June 28, 2021 as presented. Commissioner Adams seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Tim Branscom, emergency management/zoning director, gave an update on the Pratt County emergency operations plan, which is due by the first of August.

Jimmy White, sheriff, reported issues with

KDOT not directing or diverting traffic on highways due to accidents, fires, etc.. It is costing the county in overtime pay. He is setting up a meeting with KDOT with himself, Tim Branscom, Doug Freund and Dwight Adams.

Doug Freund, road/lake supervisor, reported the roads are in bad shape in the NW 40th and 20th Avenue and 60th Street due to trucks hauling out of Pratt Feeders.

Heft is back producing asphalt.

Commissioner Adams made a motion to adjourn into executive session at 2:46 pm for fifteen minutes to discuss non-elected personnel. Commissioner Jones seconded. Motion carried 3-0. Commissioner Adams made a motion to return from executive session at 3:01 p.m. with nothing to report. Commissioner Jones seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Scott Harris, EMS director, reported he had

received grant money in the amount of \$625 from Skyland Grain. He would like to purchase CPR cards with this money. He would like to replace Medic 3 with a remount. He will get bids. He reported they are a year out on the list for chasises. He has an appointment with Doug reh to get another ambulance in for repairs.

Commissioner Shriver made a motion to approve payment to Heather Morgan for invoice #4 in the amount of \$24,000 for economic development consulting.

Commissioner Adams seconded. Motion carried 3-0. Commissioner Adams made a motion to approve payment to Spyglass Group LLC in the amount of \$69,120. Commissioner Jones seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Tyson Eisenhauer, county counselor, requested a ten-minute executive session to discuss attorney/client matter. Commissioner

Adams made a motion to adjourn into executive session at 3:20 pm for ten minutes to discuss attorney/client matter. Commissioner Jones seconded. Motion carried 3-0. Commissioner Jones made a motion to return from executive session at 3:24 pm with nothing to report. Commissioner Shriver seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Tyson Eisenhauer, county counselor, reported he has emailed American Tower and there has been no response. He will wait for them to contact him.

Commissioner Jones made a motion to approve the payment vouchers for July 6, 2021. Commissioner Adams seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Adams made a motion to recess the meeting until Thursday, July 8 at 1:00 p.m. for a budget workshop. Commissioner Jones seconded. Motion carried 3-0. Meeting recessed.

The Pratt County commissioners met in recessed session Thursday, July 8 2021 at 1:00 p.m. in the commissioner room, 1st floor of the courthouse. The following members were present: Rick N. Shriver, Dwight Adams, Thomas W. Jones III, Tyson Eisenhauer, county counselor, Lori Voss, county clerk and Mark Graber, IT director.

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

Commissioners went over budget requests for 2022.

Commissioner Jones made a motion to adjourn at 2:30 p.m. Commissioner Adams seconded. Motion carried 3-0. Meeting adjourned.

Kingman County Commission

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Mary Schwartz, Health Nurse was in to update the Commissioners. The County has two new cases as of today.

Ms. Schwartz let the Commissioners know that they are assisting KDHE and Sedgwick County with Shigella outbreak investigation involving the Tanganyika Water Park.

Ms. Schwartz let the Commissioners know that the Southcentral Kansas Coalition for Public Health meeting is Friday, July 9th at the Pratt Fire Department.

Commissioners discussed the upcoming City/County joint meeting and the agenda.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Commissioner Foley moved to go into executive session at 12:50 p.m. with John Caton, County Counselor for pending administrative proceedings 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 12:55 p.m.

Commissioner Thimesch seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

The County Commissioners returned to regular session at 12:55 p.m. with no action taken.

MOTION: Commissioner Foley moved to adjourn the regular board meeting at 1:06 p.m. Chairman Henning seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Day 6, Kansas Wheat Harvest Report

This is day 6 of the Kansas Wheat Harvest Reports, brought to you by the Kansas Wheat Commission, Kansas Association of Wheat Growers and the Kansas Grain and Feed Association.

Harvest continues to advance northward as farmers seek out dry wheat fields in the hot summer wind. Diligent field management has made a difference — evidenced by satisfactory test weights — but disease pressure from stripe rust and Wheat Streak Mosaic Virus (WSMV)

has taken a toll on yields following the tumultuous weather during the growing season.

Disappointment is the theme of this year's harvest for McPherson County wheat farmer Derek Sawyer. He started cutting wheat on Saturday and hopes to wrap up on Thursday, stating he has the fewest acres of wheat that he's had for a while.

"The wheat is not yielding what it looks like it should," he said. "The kernels are small."

For the first time ever, his area of central Kansas saw damage from WSMV, which caused yield reductions of 15 to 20 bushels per acre in affected fields. Some of his neighbors had affected fields adjusted to only 4 bushels per acre.

The cause of the disease pressure is primarily due to the growing season's weather. Volunteer wheat didn't emerge last summer under dry conditions but did emerge in early fall following end-of-summer moisture. This late emergence of volunteer wheat was not killed off, which harbored the wheat curl mite that carries WSMV. Other contributing factors in-

clude an increase in double-cropping and cover crops in the area — which Sawyer stated, "That's here to stay."

He expects his farm yield average will end up about 50 bushels per acre, better than what he's hearing from south of his area near Inman, where wheat is averaging in the upper 20s to lower 30s. Test weights are a little above 60 pounds per bushel, and protein is ranging from 11 to 12 percent. The combination of poor planting conditions, a dry fall, a dry winter, extreme cold temperatures, too much rain and then extreme heat made for what he called "a weird year."

"We are not as good as we were last year," he said. "WSMV aside, the good wheat is not as good as what the good wheat was last year."

In far southwestern Kansas, Keith Williamson just started harvesting in Seward County on Tuesday. Some fields are still pretty green, meaning he is having to skip around fields to catch where moisture levels are acceptable.

At the start of his harvest, moisture is still rela-

tively high at 15.5 percent. Yields are averaging between the mid-40s to 60 bushels per acre with test weights at 61 pounds per bushel.

Keith's nephew Calvin Williamson farms in Ford County, where the wheat is taller than the deer fawns running through the harvest fields. He also started harvest on Tuesday with yields averaging around 80 bushels per acre on summer fallow fields and test weights steady from 60 to 65 pounds per bushel. Protein is excellent at 13 percent.

Calvin also experienced disease pressure in some fields, despite applying fungicide when clear signs of stripe rust emerged. He and an agronomist also pulled samples from one field that looked particularly rough. Analysis by K-State showed the field had both Mosaic and Russian wheat aphids present, but Calvin was unsure of the source.

He did apply 60 pounds of nitrogen pre-plant and 30 pounds of nitrogen as a top dress. Overall, Calvin reported the crop is much better wheat than he expected.

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Kingman County Sheriff's Report

Sunday, July 4, 2021

Traffic Stops	9
Traffic Complaint	SE 10 St & SE 30 Ave area Kingman
911 call/acct/hang up	1200 block SE 170 Ave Cheney
911 call/acct/hang up	15000 block SE 50 st. Cheney
911 call/acct/hang up	4000 block NE 10 St. Kingman
911 call/acct/hang up	15000 block NE 50 St. Cheney
911 call/acct/hang up	2000 block NE 10 St Kingman

Monday, July 5, 2021

Traffic stop	1
Alarm	200 block S Parkway St. Norwich
Unlock vehicle	400 block E. D. Ave Kingman
Vehicle abandoned	16000 block NE 50 St. Cheney
Welfare Check	5000 block E Hwy 54 Kingman

Tuesday, July 6, 2021

Traffic stop	6
Traffic complaint	NE 50 St & NE 150 Ave area Cheney
Traffi: debris in roadway	1000 block E Hwy 54 Kingman
Fire - Vehicle	NE 20 St. & NE 110 Ave area, Pretty Prairie
Unlock	15000 block NW 5 St. Kingman
Suspicious Vehicle	SW 10 Ave & SW 20 St. area Kingman
Theft	3000 block NE 35 St. Kingman
Vehicle Abandoned	16000 block E First St. Cunningham

Wednesday, July 7, 2021

Traffic Stop	4
Traffic complaint	NE 50 Ave & NE 60 St ara, Pretty Prairie
Vehicle Disabled	2000 block E Bluff St. Kingma

Thursday, July 8 2021

Traffic Stop	3
Traffic Complaint	SW 110 Ave & SW 30 St area Kingman
Traffic complaint	18000 block W Hwy 54 Cunningham
Animal	6000 block W Hwy 54 Kingman
Disturbance	400 block S Parway St. Norwich
Suspicious vehicle	300 block N Douglas St. Cunningham
Theft/Damage	16000 block NE 50 St Cheney

Friday, July 9, 2021

Traffic Stops	12
Traffic complaint	16000 block S Hwy 14 Rago
Traffic complaint	3000 block E Hwy 54 Kingman
Alarm	200 block S Parkway St. Norwich
Alarm	300 block N Vail St. Spivey
Suspicious vehicle	SE 10 St & SE 30 Ave area Kingman
Vehicle disabled	16000 block NE 50 St Cheney
Welfare Check	400 block S Parkway St. Norwich

Saturday, July 10, 2021

Traffic stops	7
Traffic complaint	2000 block N Berry Ave Kingman
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Celebrations of Life

Gary Brewer

November 19, 1957- July 4th 2021

Gary Brewer passed peacefully at his Cunningham home which was known by many as "the duck shack" on July 4, 2021. He is preceded in death by his parents Billy Gene and Patricia Ann Brewer. He is survived by his two daughters Kaley Brewer and Melissa Brewer, and two granddaughters Brynlee Brewer and Kinsey Brewer. Gary is also survived by his two sisters Jennifer Haines (David) and Susan Evans (Mike). Gary was a retired owner/operator of BEAR automotive, and Doggy Daycare.



As a young man, Gary graduated from North High School ('75) and went on to pursue baseball at Seward County Junior College. He was a lifelong fan of the St. Louis Cardinals, KU Jayhawks, and the Kansas City Chiefs.

He was a lover of the great outdoors and would hunt and fish at every opportunity he had. He was known for his hospitality and willingness to lend a helping hand to anyone that needed it. Gary never knew a stranger, was quick witted, and had a unique sense of humor. His tell you like it is attitude will never be forgotten. Gary loved to entertain, brought life to the party, and was also known for his unmatched cooking skills. Riding his Harley Davidson Motorcycle alongside some of his best friends was one of his favorite things to do. Gary was also a proud pet owner of his 3 dogs Harley, Rocco, and Riley. All who knew Gary knew that he loved to host a party so please come join us one last time and have a drink for the old man. A celebration of life will be held July 18th at The Vail Venue from 1pm-4pm. 210 N Mosley St, Wichita

Mel Handkins

Melvin R. Handkins was born at the family farm in Kingman County, Kansas, and died April 4, 2020 in Omaha, Nebraska, at the age of 91.



He graduated from Kingman High School, then worked at the farm implement store in Kingman, farmed with his dad, and took classes at Wichita (State) University.

He married his sweetheart Delia in 1950, after about 200 letters written while she taught music in Newton, and a couple of wrecked cars from driving late between towns. Mel then joined the National Guard and took officer's training, later serving his country in the army during the Korean Conflict, eventually retiring with the rank of Captain in the Reserves.

After returning home, Mel took advantage of the GI bill, and graduated from Kansas State University in 1960 with a degree in Industrial Engineering, while their 4 young children cheered and probably slowed him down! His first job was with Collins Radio Company, in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, which was making equipment for space launches at the time. Later, he worked for Western Auto in Kansas City, where he and Delia made their home for many years.

Mel was a woodworker, restored antique clocks, sang with his wife and many other groups, played softball, and loved rooting for the K.C. Royals. Mel and Delia were always active in church, attending weekly at least, serving on various committees, and of course singing in the choir. He was known for his quick wit, his infectious smile, and his loyalty to friends, and family.

Preceded in death by his beloved wife, Delia, his parents Earl and Pauline, and 4 siblings Paul, Harold, Eugene, and Edna Marie, he is survived by his children David Handkins (Debbie), Dan Handkins (Shelly), Dianne Karges (Todd), Becky Ziemann (Marshall), his 13 grandchildren, Tim Karges (Elissa), Josh Karges (Ty), Matthew Karges (Sunny), Joy Karges (Josiah), Natalia Hayes (Cade), Suzanne Ziemann, Ben Ziemann (Rachel), Bridget Handkins (Lindsay), Elliot Handkins, Gavin Handkins (Maranda), Rachel Handkins (Max), Jackson Handkins, and Mollie Handkins. He also leaves his joyous 5 great grandchildren, Noah, Abraham, June, Walter, and Lincoln, and many loved nieces, nephews, and friends, especially David and Susan Maughan.

Services were held Wednesday, July 14, at Westwood Presbyterian Church in Wichita, Kansas

Karen Goering

Karen Goering, 70, passed away July 3, 2021 in Webster, Texas. Born in November 1950 in Kansas City, Mo., Karen was the daughter of Charles and Ursula Hauer.



After graduating from Topeka High School she began to pursue her childhood dream of becoming a nurse. She first studied at the Kaw Area Vocational School of Practical Nursing. In 1985 she became a Registered Nurse through the Hutchinson Community College

Her love of nursing led to her meeting the love of her life, when at work she had to call for help cleaning up a spill on the fourth floor west at Stormont Vail. She and Jim were married on May 29, 1971 in Topeka Kansas. They celebrated 50 years of marriage last May.

She had a 48 year career as a very loving and compassionate nurse that can best be summed up in the words of a family friend who she once cared for, "Karen Cares". She started her career as an LPN later becoming an RN as well as spending some years working as an EMT. She served briefly as the Director of nursing in a small community hospital. She also managed operations for a home health company that specialized in helping families with children on ventilators. She spent some years working in a Urologist office and later retired from working after many years in an OBGYN office. After moving to South Texas to spend more time with her grandchildren, she even spent some time being a substitute nurse for the school district.

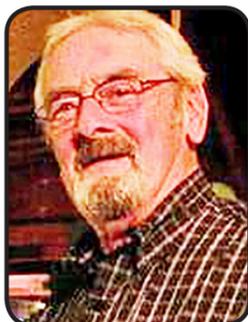
She loved spending her free time with family, attending school functions and sporting events, especially once she became an Oma. She loved music and was a "singing nun" in a group called Sisters of Habit, for a few years. She was a member of the Faith and Wisdom Church in Branson, Mo.

She is preceded in death by her parents. She is survived by her husband Jim Goering of Alvin Texas. Other survivors include sons Corey (Gen) and grandchildren Oliver and Evelyn of Overland Park, Kansas and Greg (Rachel) and grandchildren Sophie, Lucy, and Aaron of Alvin Texas. She is also survived by a brother Robert (Becky) Hauer and sister Kathleen (David) Marker of Topeka Kansas.

There will be a Celebration of Life at the Trinity Apostolic Faith Church 410 S 4th Street Alvin, Texas on July 10th at 10:30 AM. We will also hold a Celebration of Life service at the Cunningham Christian Church 125 west First St. Cunningham Kansas on July 17th at 2:00 PM for all of her family and friends in the Kansas and Missouri area. Memorials can be made to the American Cancer Society.

Ray Zang

Ray Gene Zang, 78, passed away Sunday, July 11, 2021 at his home. He was born on December 22, 1942 in El Dorado to Lloyd June and Geraldine (Lee) Zang. Ray married Debra (Greenstreet) Zang on July 18, 1981 at Pratt Free Methodist Church. They were married for 40 years.



Ray graduated from El Dorado High School in 1960. He worked for Halliburton for 25 years. He was a member of El Dorado Elks Lodge #1407 and American Legion. He enjoyed traveling, camping, lake time, family time and drinking beer.

He is survived by his wife, Deb of Pratt; daughters, Toni Rae (Lynn) Perez, Laci Lyn Brown and Jennifer Annette Zang all of Pratt; sister, Debra Jean (Norman) Kirk of Ardmore, Oklahoma; grandchildren, Reiley Adison Perez, Cade Ray Perez, Halley Lyn Perez, Darren Cody Brown, Heather Nicole Brown, Bailey Raeann (Robby Eggleston) Christensen, Kaylee Lynn Brown, Kiley Ann Zang, Abigail Brooke Zang, Madison Rose Zang and Brylee Shay Zang; and great-grandchildren, Amy Hammerschmidt and Rhett Eggleston.

Ray is preceded in death by his parents; daughter, Lori Ann Zang; brother, Lloyd Lee Zang; sister, Sheryl Zang; and son in-law, Curtis Brown.

Cremation has taken place. Memorial service will be held at 11:00 a.m., Friday, July 16, 2021 at Larrison Mortuary, Pratt with John Hamm presiding. Inurnment will follow at a later date at Greenlawn Cemetery, Pratt.

Memorials may be made to Lemon Park Lights or Pratt Area Humane Society in care of Larrison Mortuary.

A Note of Apology

To the family and friends of Darlene Schreck, I wish to offer my deepest, sincerest, and most humble apologies for the date misprint in the newspaper last week. (I had inserted the date of Darlene's memorial service as July 17th, when in fact it was held on July 10th) I can come up with a handful of excuses for this error, but in the end, I can only offer a multitude of apologies.

-the editor

David Smith

Wichita - David M. Smith, 83, passed away Saturday, July 3, 2021 in Wichita. He was born on August 18, 1937 in Pratt to Frank G. and Helen M. (Goyen) Smith. David married Barbara (Ferris) Smith in 1961. She preceded him in death in 2002. David then married Judy (Brown-Keene) Smith on June 23, 2006. She survives.



David graduated from Pratt High School in 1955. He was a member of Chapel Hill Methodist Church. He enjoyed spending time with his family, he was a jack of all trades and master of several, he could fix anything but you "might" have extra parts left over and could tell you the weather for anywhere.

He is survived by his wife, Judy; children, Catherine (Pete) Garrison of Wichita, Andrew Smith

of Pratt, Daniel (Kathryn) Smith of Columbia, Missouri, George (Tracy) Keene of Wichita, Traci (Andy) Atzenweiler-Barney of Olathe, Mark (Susan) Keene of Wichita and Todd (Angie) Keene of Springfield, Missouri; numerous grandchildren and great grandchildren; and many animals that he loved.

David is preceded in death by his parents; wife, Barbara; sister, Frances Kentling; and an infant son, Thomas Smith.

Visitation will be Friday, July 16, 2021 from 9:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m., with family receiving friends from 5-7 at Larrison Mortuary, 300 Country Club Road, Pratt. Funeral service will be held at 11:00 a.m., Saturday, July 17, 2021 at Larrison Mortuary, Pratt with Jan Blasi presiding. Burial will follow at Greenlawn Cemetery, Pratt.

Memorials may be made to David Smith Memorial Fund for student flying in care of Larrison Mortuary.

Charles Neifert

Pratt - Charles Jon Neifert, 78, passed away Tuesday, July 6, 2021 at Hilltop Manor in Cunningham, Kansas. He was born on February 2, 1943, in Sacramento, California, to Leroy Lindell and Elva Sophie (McCardell) Neifert.



Charles married Carla Jo Meredith (Olson) Neifert on June 6, 1964. They were married for 57 years.

Charles worked as a minister for 36 years. He was a member of Pratt Friends Church. He enjoyed reading, fishing, bowling, teasing children, and talking.

He is survived by his wife, Carla of Pratt, Kansas; children, Michael Leroy (Susan) Neifert of Pratt, Kansas; Jon Steven (Verla) Neifert of Otley, Iowa; Pamela Christine (Seth) Roe of Kingman, Kansas; and Patrick James (Christy) Neifert of Commerce City, Colorado; sisters, Patricia Lightfoot of Newberg, Oregon, and Ruth Bond of Nampa, Idaho; 11 grandchildren, 3 great grandchildren, 3 nephews, and 1 niece.

Charles is preceded in death by his parents; brothers-in-law, Richard Lightfoot and Ed Bond; and nephew, Jeff Lightfoot.

Cremation has taken place. A memorial service will be held at 1:30 p.m., Friday, July 30, 2021 at Pratt Friends Church, Pratt with Pastor Mike Neifert presiding. Inurnment will be in Greenlawn Cemetery, Pratt.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Pratt Friends Church or Eudora Baptist Church in care of Larrison Mortuary, 300 Country Club Road, Pratt.

A Note of Thanks

Thank you to Diane and Bernie for all the work you put into our Independence Day community meal. Thank you, as well, to all the volunteers who made this event a success.
-Marilyn Mavity

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