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Homecoming Masquerade

The 2021 - 2022 Basketball Homecoming candidates are: Madison Dowsey, Nathan Cannon, Kelden Mills, Keiden Mills, Annabelle Hansen, and Hazel Osenbaugh. Homecoming ceremony will be held Friday, January 14th.

Minutes from Kingman County Commission for January 3, 2021

The Board of Kingman County Commissioners met in the Commission Room of the County Courthouse, Kingman, Kansas January 3rd, 2022. Those present: Jerry Henning, Chairman; Fred Foley, Commissioner; Jack Thimesch, Commissioner; Carol Noblit, County Clerk; John Caton, County Counselor

Visitors: Bob Morris, Kingman Leader-Courier; Adrian Harrel, City of Kingman Mayor.

Staff: Stan Goetz, HR/Planning/Zoning/Wastewater Director; Sheriff Randy Hill 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 discussion of AEP windfarm.

MOTION: Commissioner Foley moved to approve the agenda with AEP windfarm discussion. Commissioner Thimesch seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Commissioners discussed the GAAP Waiver.

MOTION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to approve the GAAP Waiver for 2021. Commissioner Foley seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Commissioners discussed the ROZ(Rural Opportunity Zone) funding and that a resolution needs to be approved for the state.

MOTION: Commissioner Foley moved to approve Resolution 2022-R2, A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF KINGMAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS AUTHORIZING PARTICIPATION IN RURAL OPPORTUNITY ZONE STUDENT LOAN REPAYMENT PROGRAM CALENDAR YEAR 2022. Commissioner Thimesch sec-

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

Commissioners discussed the Public Building Commission and that Joe Harbert's position expired December 31, 2021.

Chairman Henning let the board know that he talked with Joe Harbert and he would be interested in continuing on the board.

MOTION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to appoint Joe Harbert to the Public Building Commission for a four-year term and it will expire December 31, 2025. Commissioner Foley seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Commissioners discussed the EMS Contract and that they support EMS.

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

Mendy Frampton, Expo Center Director was in to request vacation time

extension of 90 days.

MOTION: Commissioner Foley moved to approve the 90 day extension. Commissioner Thimesch seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Ms. Frampton updated the Commissioners on a window that was broke and being repaired in the foyer.

Ms. Frampton discussed spending reserve funds.

Linda Langley, Internal Auditor was in to go over end of the year transfers.

Ms. Langley discussed the Pilot money received. \$800,000.00 was transferred to the Capital Improvement Fund and \$300,000.00 was to go into the employee benefit fund per budget.

Ms. Langley let the Commissioners know that the \$1,000,000.00 from AEP was received and will be put into the Capital Improvement Reserve fund.

Commissioners let Ms. Langley know that they are thinking of 9.8 miles of overlay in the Norwich Area.

Commissioners discussed with Ms.

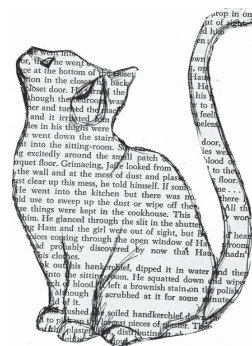
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Amy Miller, APRN
Julie Huhman, RN
Deanna Cheatum, CNA





Meander with me a bit. I promise to bore you with my stories about pets and food and whatever other mental path I head down.

I fixed slow cooker chicken recipe on Saturday. It was tasty. The only note I made was to cut back or eliminate the garlic. I'm not a huge fan of garlic, and this had two cloves in it, so maybe one would do it. One other person told me she made it and the family enjoyed it. I've eaten leftovers for three days and have put the rest in the freezer. Now the one ingredient I really liked was the bacon. EVERYTHING can be improved by adding a bit of bacon. (Wright's is the best, but it's expensive).

City Pets

Keeping a pet in the city is a little different than keeping one on the farm (like litter boxes and picking up poop). After moving to the “big” city and getting married, I decided I needed a cat to keep me company since my husband was working rotating shifts and I was often alone in the evenings. Hey, I figured this was my first line of defense – pick up the cat and throw it at the intruder! Of course, one would have to be able to find the cat.

Just so happened, a co-worker had a batch of kittens so I selected an all-black male with a white tip on his tail. We named him Harvey – not sure why, but we did. So, a city cat requires a litter box – and cleaning said litter box. Luckily, we had a drainage ditch right outside our yard that became our dumping ground – it just got washed down the ditch with a good rain. A city cat requires daily feeding.

or two pieces at a sitting. And if I'm going to cook bacon, which I do in the oven, then I'm going to make it worth my time and put the whole package in the oven. Then comes the trial of trying my best not to devour it in one sitting. It's like cake, eat a small bit, wait, eat another small bit, shave off the side, even up the edges, and before you know it, the whole cake or package of bacon is gone.

But now, a new dilemma has formed. After the ultrasound last Wednesday, the vet at the emergency hospital told me the scan showed two tumors on Clarence's spleen and one on his liver. The spleen could be removed, and Clarence could have a good life for a while longer. Not so the tumor on the liver.

When I asked about Clarence collapsing the Sunday before, Dr. Vet said one of the tumors started bleeding, making Clarence ‘melt’ so to say. That is what he did. He’d be standing there and suddenly he was on the ground. When the bleeding stopped, his veins and vessels started filling up with blood again, and he went back to normal. The vet could not tell me what caused the tumor to bleed. He told me Clarence might have a couple of months of quality life left. I should spoil him and enjoy the time I have with him. This makes me so sad. Just writing about it brings

Even though we fed him cat food, he was a beggar when we sat down to eat. We made the mistake of feeding him “table” food that eventually we had to fix him a dish of our “table” food before we could sit down to eat. Understand, this included vegetables, potatoes, and meat! This same cat liked the outdoors and was a roamer at night. We’d let him out in the yard after we got home from work, and he would return about 2 AM, notifying us that he wanted in by hanging on our bedroom window screen and yowling at us. Boy, were we trained! Within two years, this poor cat got run over in the street on a cold winter’s day after my husband left on a business trip. My husband claims he committed suicide being left at home alone with me.

Our next cat was another black cat, Roscoe (again, not sure where we got that name). We had this cat for many years. We definitely resolved to

tears to my eyes. He's such a good and loyal dog, as most dogs are.

Guess who got to eat most of the bacon from the package I bought for the recipe? Well, it wasn't me. I guess I might be buying bacon a bit more often. Clarence, it seems, has sworn off dry food; even when I mix it with canned, which I've always done, he won't eat it. SOOO... He is getting chicken livers and gizzards and a bit of bacon and some good, canned dog food and even a little cat food. I feel I have to entice him to eat... probably all I'm doing is spoiling him.

I talked to Stacie, our vet, about the situation here with Belle. She is on the same page as I am. Belle needs to be rehomed. My girlfriend can cause a lot of stress and frustration for Clarence because she won't do what he wants her to do. She galumphs around on the bed, not minding where she steps, and Stacie and I just don't think she needs to be walking on his stomach and causing him discomfort, crashing into him when she's trying to play-- possibly causing the bleeding again.... I will be taking Belle to the Kingman County Humane Society this week.

I feel guilty because she is happy here. She curls up next to my pillow at night and dozes there. But if I should move or some beast moves,

she's up, checking things out, galumphing around until she settles down again, usually after she has a bit of a wrestle with Quin, and I yell at them to go to bed and go to sleep. Petting her to quiet her doesn't work. She squirms around and wiggles around and tries to lick me.

Here at the Kobbe Café and Cabana for Kitties and Canines my Belle has a big yard to run in and a friend in Quin. I know she can find another good home with room to run and kids and/or dogs to play with, but she will have to be kept in a kennel at the shelter, and that bothers me. She is kept in a kennel here only when she's in time out, which when I think about it, is pretty frequent.

The kennel at the shelter will definitely be larger, but it still makes me sad she will not have that freedom to go outside on a whim, or sleep in a large warm bed with a person, two dogs and three cats. It makes me sad that she will miss me and Clarence and especially Quin. I think, though, that Belle will be happy in any home with people who care for her.

It makes me sad and guilty that Quin is going to miss his buddy. Belle won't be around to encourage him with 'Let's play like we're Michael Vicks' dogs. Then The Lady will come out and yell at us to 'knock it off' and we can mob her

because we will be really happy to see her. The fiercer we are the sooner she'll come out to yell!" And the playing and snarling and biting and fighting commence.

As I write this, Belle is in her timeout spot because she and Quin were getting way too rough in their “Michael Vick” play. Quin is outside running around the yard with his rope, throwing it up in the air and trying to catch it. When he does, he gives it a good shake, no doubt the rope won’t pull that trick again. Then off he goes running like a madman, rope trailing behind him. He will run until he is exhausted. Quin does do a good job of entertaining himself.

I also feel a great deal of guilt because of the relief mustering in my heart. I can have my bedroom back. I can take the little trash can off the nightstand and pile it with books. I won't have to keep my slippers in the nightstand drawer. I can dismantle the Rubbermaid container fortress around the table with the cat food on it. I can move the chest of drawers back in the corner where it belongs. I won't have so many shredded toys and whatever all over the bedroom floor. I won't have my blankets dragged out into the backyard. Life will be the old 'normal' (before Belle) once again. And I feel guilty.

Now, because of all
this mounting guilt I am

feeling, guess what I have done? I have signed up to volunteer at the Kingman County Humane Society. Thursday afternoons at 4:00. They are desperate for volunteers and the more volunteers they have the more pets they can take in to re-home. If you have an hour or two a week, volunteering in this no-kill shelter would warm your heart. You can fill out a volunteer form online, or head on into the facility on West C Avenue in Kingman and fill it out there.

I'll go first and let you know how it is. My pets will be fascinated by the odors and smells I will bring home with me. That will entertain them quite a bit. They love new smells-- especially my Clarence.. just another way to spoil him... bring home odors for him to enjoy.

Always reading, and
currently reading,
"Her Own Rules"
by Barbara Taylor
Bradford
(recommended by
Eilene Crick)
Roberta

*"When it comes to
bacon, the answer is al-
ways yes."*
— Jennifer L.
Armentrout, *A Kingdom
of Flesh and Fire*

"You cannot protect yourself from sadness without protecting yourself from happiness."
— Jonathan Safran Foer

new came to the house. This one also preferred to sleep with us – especially between my knees. She wouldn't move – I had to slide my legs around or under her to turn over or get out of bed!

Of course, after the girls were born, we got a dog. Funny how you go on a canoe trip and end up getting a dog. This was an Akita/Chow mix named Socks. This was a very protective dog and it was HIS backyard. Another change from the farm, you had to pick up the dog poop from the yard. Our front gate latch was broken one day – we decided the meter reader ventured into the yard and left in a hurry! Socks was content to stay in the back yard. He was an outside dog, went camping at the farm with us, and hated to go indoors – especially to the Vet (at least for me – he was perfectly willing when my husband or daughter took him!). He even hated the inside so much that one stormy night, we

wanted him in the garage. The only way to get him in was to open the pickup topper so he could jump in the back – that's where he rode when we took him to the farm. Taking him for a walk was a challenge since he was taking YOU for a walk/trot. In the spring, he looked like he was molting and my husband spent many hours combing out the shedding hair – it looked like we had multiple dead rabbits in the yard! He was definitely my husband's companion and we were very sad when he left us after so many years.


We also had the hamsters and guinea pigs. Those cages were the nastiest things to keep clean. You knew the hamsters pulled a Houdini when you found cat food in their cages.

We didn't have another dog for a few years, but then our youngest

daughter got one from my brother while she was still in high school. This was a white, short-haired, Australian Shephard/Lab/something mix named Molly. Hyper dog – loved chasing tennis balls (returning them most of the time) and loved the water and fetching the tennis balls in the water. She also loved chasing dragon flies and frogs at the creek. She loved people. She would escape and make her way to visit the firemen at the fire station that was just a few blocks away. I think the first time she escaped, they brought her home in the fire-truck. After that, they just played with her until we arrived to retrieve her. Molly went to college when our daughter was accepted into Veterinary School – but that starts a whole new set of pet stories.

From the City – Beth Blasi

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Thursday, Jan. 13th

JH BB at Attica

Friday, January 14th

HS BB vs South Barber at HOME--
HOMECOMING

Saturday, January 15th

HS BB B-Team
Tournament at HOME

Powerlifting at Wellington

Monday, January 17th

Martin Luther King, Jr. Day - Government offices and banks are closed

No School - Teacher Inservice

Tuesday, January 18th

HS Boys BB 54
Classic at Skyline

Lions' Club

Thursday, January 20th

Ag Ed Symposium

4:00 p.m: JH BB vs Fairfield at HOME
Parents' Recognition Night

4:00 p.m.
HS Scholars' Bowl at Pretty Prairie

Friday, January 21st

HS Boys BB 54
Classic at Skyline

Ag Ed Symposium

Saturday January 22nd

HS Boys BB 54
Classic at Skyline

Ag Ed Symposium

Ninnescah Valley Bank

will be closed Monday, January 17th in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.

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Cunningham Community Center,
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(620) 770-9153 or 318-6042

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Tues., Thurs., Sat.
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298-3163

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8:30 a.m.- 12:30 p.m.
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4:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
Saturday:
8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
620-243-5791

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Carnegie Library

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

Pratt Public Library


Mon. - Thurs.
10:00 - 7:00
Friday: 10:00 - 6:00
Saturday: 10:00 - 2:00
Closed on Sundays
(620) 672-3041



“There's a sunrise and a sunset every single day, and they're absolutely free. Don't miss so many of them.”

— Jo Walton


reader photo



Martha Hellar photo

“Beavers, the animal that doubles as an ecosystem, are ecological and hydrological Swiss Army knives, capable, in the right circumstances, of tackling just about any landscape-scale problem you might confront. Trying to mitigate floods or improve water quality? There’s a beaver for that. Hoping to capture more water for agriculture in the face of climate change? Add a beaver. Concerned about sedimentation, salmon populations, wildfire? Take two families of beaver and check back in a year. If that all sounds hyperbolic to you, well, I’m going to spend this book trying to change your mind.”

— Ben Goldfarb, Eager: The Surprising, Secret Life of Beavers and Why They Matter




Upcoming Auctions

Saturday, January 15, 2022
Consignment Auction - 9:30
Hamm Auction Center

Wednesday, January 26, 2022
Lane Co, KS Land Auction
- Lane Co Fairgrounds

For more information and a complete list of auctions, see our website at
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January 14th - 16th

237 N. Main in Kingman
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http://www.kingmantheatre.org/
All Seats \$6.00
(cash or local check only)
Showtimes:
Friday & Saturday at 7:30
Sunday at 5:30

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No Way Home

Rated: PG-13

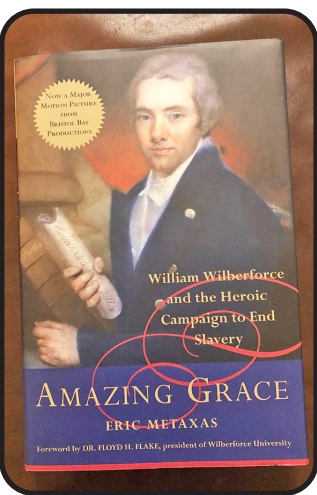
Dear Roberta and Courier Readers,

For the past few months I have been immersed in eighteenth and nineteenth century England, reading the New York Times Bestseller, *Amazing Grace*, and the *Heroic Campaign to End Slavery*. In November, I had the privilege of briefly meeting the author, Mr. Eric Metaxas, and even had my picture taken with him, and my book signed, at one of his speaking engagements in Wichita! At the time, I was only a few chapters in. When I finished, just a few days ago, I was so inspired, I felt compelled to share some highlights and my own thoughts as well!

I told my husband, Russ, that meeting Mr. Metaxas was a little like him meeting one of his favorite pro-athletes, and getting a signed game ball and picture to take home!

Following is a short and very inadequate summary of one of the best books I have ever read.

William Wilberforce was born in Hull, England, on August 24, 1759. He could trace his Yorkshire lineage to the 12th century. Grandfather William Wilberforce had changed the family name from Wilberfoss—Foss



meaning vassal or servant, to Wilberforce. Grandfather certainly had a forceful personality. Young Wilberforce would be a “force to be reckoned with” in an effective but genteel way in the years to come!

William Wilberforce, small of stature (5 ft. 3 in.), was a giant in social, moral, and political reform! He excelled in academia, particularly in the art of public speaking, in and out of Britain’s Parliament! His speeches sometimes lasted for hours and even his adversaries admired them, even if they didn’t agree. He is most noted for being a selfless, persistent, and tireless crusader for the cause of the abolition of the African slave trade in particular and moral justice in general.

All acknowledged that Wilberforce had a brilliant mind! At age fourteen, he wrote an essay against the slave

trade, which would be a foretelling of his life-long mission. He was labeled the “moral conscience of Great Britain.” His health was poor throughout most of his life, and his doctor shockingly prescribed him opium for his various ailments! This greatly weakened his eyes and wreaked havoc on his general well-being. William would retreat to the ancient city of Bath occasionally to well—bathe in the healing waters.

Although respected by almost everyone he knew, Wilberforce did have enemies. Many opposed him fiercely and ruthlessly. More than a century later, another famous orator and political leader, Winston Churchill, would pronounce a very fitting quote. “You have enemies? Good. That

means you’ve stood up for something sometime in your life.”

William did have a sanctuary of sorts to retreat to. He had a home, a beautiful wife, and six children who believed in him and supported him greatly. He also had the somewhat eccentric “Clapham Society.” They were a community of like-minded individuals and families who encouraged him through the mountains and valleys of his passionate life! One of the most endearing members of this group was an intellectual fellow by the name of Granville Sharp. He was a renowned musician in the mid-eighteenth century. He married a Miss Flat and they went on to have seven children named Doey, Ray, Mimi, and so on. Granville had

the habit of signing his name G #! I AM NOT MAKING THIS UP! Yes, truth is stranger than fiction! Just as the Alcotts’ in early America had their Emersons’, Hawthorns’, and Thoroughs’, in Concord, MA, so Wilberforce had his own supportive and close-knit community.

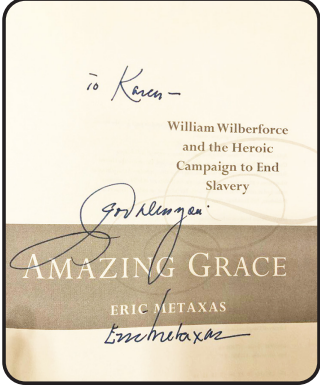
Wilberforce, being most noted for his die-hard abolitionist stance, experienced the end to the buying and selling of African slaves in the year 1807. This was after doggedly presenting anti-slavery bills in Parliament for twenty years! For twenty years he fought, not with gun or sword, but with pen and voice! Even though this was an extreme victory, the PRACTICE of slavery in Great Britain and her territories, would not be abolished until three days before his death in July of 1833. His lifelong goal along with his very life had ended. He could truly “Rest In Peace.”

Upon Wilberforce’s

death he was buried in the infamous West Minster Abbey next to some of his deceased fellow members of Parliament. The words inscribed upon his tomb are lofty and eloquent, entirely fitting for an outstanding human being who lived his life to honor his Lord and Savior and convey goodwill towards all of his fellowmen, whether friends or foes. One year after his death, Wilberforce’s success would be immortalized by the emancipation of 800,000 slaves at midnight in the West Indies, on July 31, 1834. “It was one of the greatest events in the history of mankind.”

Proverbs 31:8, 9 states: “Open thy mouth for the dumb in the cause of all such as are appointed to destruction. Open thy mouth, judge righteously, and plead the cause of the poor and needy.” So will we open our mouths? Will we, dear readers, plead the cause of the poor and needy, the innocents who are being similarly used, abused, killed, and sold today? May the heinous and abhorrent practices of our day someday soon be as UNTHINKABLE as the African slave trade is today! Where is our William Wilberforce? Is it you?

Blessings,
Karen Cornelius Eck



Consider this...

by Mike Johnson

Angels in Disguise

You never forget them. Perhaps they're cousins. Coaches. Seat mates on a plane. Or an old boss, co-worker or high school teacher. Call them what you like, they share the same title.

They're angels in disguise.

Somehow, for some reason, these angels see something special behind your eyes. They single you out -- giving more time, more instruction, more encouragement -- reminding you of something you'd forgotten or refused to believe in the first place.

How great you really are.

You see angels everywhere, once you've developed the vision. Usually, they arrive just when you need them most, delivering the words you most need to hear.

"You have priceless talents. Respect them. Develop them. Use them. No one else can provide them as uniquely as you."

Angels promote a great truth -- encouragement lasts forever.

Because they see your best traits and reflect them back to you, angels make you feel better about you when you're around them. So your life changes for the better, you thank them profusely, they flit off to some new assignment, and you're left savoring their pleasant memory. A nice, clean experience.

But sometimes, when the teacher is ready but the student is not, angels speak languages packaged in time release capsules, dissolving months -- or even years later -- surprise-turned-to goose bumps as they erupt into understanding.

When you're an 11th grade creative writer, you haven't yet learned about angels. Or priceless talents. Or words you won't understand for years. They compete with 50 other things you're trying to sort out. Like girls. Or geometry. Or that part-time job.

"Writing? Yea, yea, yea. It's fun and all, but what's for lunch? Who's playing the Twins tonight? Did Nancy come to school today?"

So when writing instructor Trudy Grimes gasps for air from your latest chuckle-ache induced poem, or shares your submission with the entire class as a sparkling example of word play, or uses her red felt-tip to write lengthy, elegant letters of compliment while the other kids are getting chicken-scratched grammatical corrections, you fail to see the significance.

"I'll place a small bet that notes to your milkman and yes, even your

geometry problems must rhyme!! I mean, can you say anything that doesn't rhyme? Really, Mike, your innate sound skills are exceptional. You are a fortunate fellow. I hope you'll write and write and write!" - T. Grimes

But instead of writing, you skip a few classes. Miss some homework assignments. And watch the pain of disappointment cross her face after reading your hastily-prepared work, amplified by her sweeping red reply.

"I honestly don't know what to say. I carefully screened the advanced class, I had faith in you. I would like to restore that faith. No one can make you write anymore than anyone could make you fall in love or make you earn a college degree. It's your baby. I happen to see in you one of the most enjoyable abilities with humor since I've begun teaching (Lord knows that's a long time!). You are clever, perceptive and you handle words well. You are also a lazy rascal at this point. Does this matter? 'All that is necessary for the forces of evil to take over the world is for enough good men to do nothing.' I hope you care about Mike's talent. I really do." -T. Grimes

Ouch.

Years later, you read these notes and realize how insensitively you treated them -- precious gems tossed haphazardly into the same folder with math tests, book reports and class schedules.

And worse, what you didn't realize at the time, was that her disappointed face, and her powerful

letter, were busy imprinting themselves as the very last memory you'd ever have of her.

Years later, Trudy's messages finally erupt in your head -- you publish a book, syndicate a column, write for magazines, start a newspaper. She was right! Writing was my talent. How did she see it so many years before I?

Filled with awe and gratitude from her gift across the years, you seek to reconnect -- to say in words what is felt in hearts. Show her recent work proving her faith wasn't misplaced. See her smile, make her laugh -- just one more time. But alas, your angel is long gone, never properly thanked.

So, you do what you can. Appreciate other angels who drop into your life. Strive to be one yourself now and then. Write about them in columns.

And then, researching Trudy's notes, you discover one more, long forgotten written comment. The last you'd ever received.

"I knew all along you had a good conscience, Michael. I hope -- now that you're in gear -- you'll keep writing. Your talent deserves it..." -T. Grimes

And then you grasp the extent of Trudy's timeless messages.

Present or not, she's no longer sharing writing lessons.

She's sharing angel lessons.



Catholic Churches

Sacred Heart, Cunningham
Saturday 4:00 p.m.

St. John, Zenda
Sunday 10:00 a.m.

St. Leo
Sunday 8:30 a.m.

St. Peter Willowdale
Saturday 5:30 p.m.

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



Lutheran Churches

St. John, Nashville
620-246-5220
Sunday School & Bible Class
9:15 a.m.
Worship Service
10:30 a.m.

Trinity, Medicine Lodge
620- 886-3397
Sunday School & Bible Class
9:45 a.m.
Worship Service
8:30 a.m.

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

Pastor Dennis Fangmeyer
Cell: 620-886-0911



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



First Christian Church
Cunningham

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



United Methodist Church

Penalosa
Worship 9:15 a.m.

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



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

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W. A. BRADLEY, EDITOR



1927

Wetherall Brothers are losing no time in getting up the building which is to house their ice plant. They expect to have the building up some time this week if the weather will permit. The big engine to turn the compressor is almost ready to go and the brine tanks have been placed under the ground and the building built over them.

The Allbritten Grain company have lately added some new equipment in their elevator. A new electric motor has been installed to run the conveyor and also a motor runs their loader. This new equipment saves lots of time, and they can load a car of wheat in just a little while. The nice part of the arrangement is that they have no engines to start on a cold morning.

The boys interested in 4-H Club work met at the High School building Wednesday evening to organize their community club. Mr. Speer, the County Agent, and Mr. Sam McMichael conducted the meeting. Devere Doty was elected President, Darrel Kelley, sec-treas., and Vernon Ratlief, reporter. All boys and girls interested in community club work are invited to attend the next meeting, Wednesday evening at 8:30, at the high school auditorium.

1932

Fire caused by a defective flue or soot burning out and falling on the roof, consumed the country home of Mr. and Mrs. Eldon Hart, 3 ½ miles south of town about six o'clock, Saturday evening. Most of the downstairs furnishings were rescued, but very little from the second floor was saved. Lack of a telephone, and muddy roads together slowed up the rescue work, or else more furnishings of the home could have been saved. Should the fire department and the engine from town have arrived on the scene ten or fifteen minutes earlier, it is believed that the house could have been saved with very little damage.

At the meeting of the City Council, Monday evening, Mayor Frank Doty appointed a City Welfare Board. Members of the board are Chairman Mrs. Frank Allbritten, Mrs. J. C. Groves, Alf Cooley, Charley Franks, and Ora Anderson. The board will supervise and regulate theatres, dance halls, and other places of public amusement or recreation conducted for profit in the city.

The City Council passed an ordinance establishing a Volunteer Fire Department in Cunningham. There is a necessity of this because the city is being re-rated by the Kansas Inspection Bureau.

Three members of the Kansas State Highway Commission met with the City Council, Tuesday, with reference to hard-surfacing Highway 54 through Cunningham. The council granted the commission permission to hard-surface the highway through the city, and agreed to furnish the right-of-way.

1937

1937 – The terrific explosion of a tank of Butane, at the Skelly Gasoline Plant, three miles northwest of Cunningham, shortly before nine o'clock Saturday night, caused great excitement as residents of the town rushed outdoors fearing something dreadful had happened within their own home. Two blasts occurred which shook homes and rattled windows, although no window panes were broken. The explosion was felt as far away as twenty miles.

The two employees on duty, Glenn Pearson, Engineer, and Frank Parker, Stillman, miraculously escaped death by jumping an eight foot fence encircling the plant, and running for their lives. The exploding gasoline tank, which stood with six other similar tanks, on the east side of the plant yard, crashed through the boiler room of the cracking plant, some 150 yards to the west, tearing a huge gap through the center of the building, and crashed through the high fence missing Parker's house by only a few feet.

The cause of the explosion is not known, although some conjecture has been made that the extreme cold weather might have been one contributing cause, perhaps freezing the "pop-off" on the Butane tank in some manner. The damage to tanks, loss of 65,000 gallons of casinghead gasoline, 16,000 gallons of Butane, and 8,000 of lubricant, besides the damage to the boiler room and other equipment will amount to between \$10,000 and \$15,000. Fire raged all day Sunday as the gasoline from nearby tanks fed the flames from the exploded tank. The tanks were shot with rifles, to allow them to drain and thus eliminate the danger

of other explosions. All the employees families, whose homes were in line with the burning tanks left their homes Saturday night, and all the children in Skellyville were gathered together and taken from the field, to the home of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Miles.

Children and lovers of winter sports have been enjoying the weather this past week to the utmost. The heavy sleet and snow of last Thursday, which froze solid on the ground, has made sledding and skating ideal.

1942

The tire rationing board appointed for Dresden, Rural, and Union townships is composed of three members, Eldon Hart, Edwin Renner, and Frank C. Miles, who have appointed Francis Dafforn as Inspector of the local rationing board. The board has been allotted one passenger car tire and one tube, and four truck tires and four tubes for the month of January, out of the county's total of fourteen passenger car tires and twelve tubes and 47 truck tires and 39 truck tubes.

A fire of undetermined origin did considerable damage in the new home of Mrs. Daisy Harris, Tuesday afternoon, burning a hole in the kitchen floor beside the cook stove, and smoking the wallpaper and walls throughout the house. The fire was discovered when Zona Harris arrived home from school that afternoon to find the house filled with smoke. The family had been away from home since early that morning, the younger children in school, and Mrs. Harris and Lelland working at the school cafeteria.

Cunningham scored an easy 37-16 win over a league opponent, Zenda, last Friday night. This was Prof. Zink's first game as basketball director and he indeed has the team working nicely.

1947

Mr. and Mrs. James Luce took the train from Wichita, Saturday, for Lima, Ohio, where they will get one of the school buses and drive it back to Cunningham. They plan to return Saturday.

The Cunningham town team took an easy game from the Isabel town team, 51 to 21, in the high school gym last Thursday night. Ford of Isabel scored the first basket of the game then the locals started clicking and scored 19 points before Isabel could register again. Jack Kincheloe, home on Army furlough, gave the locals their scoring punch, sinking 10 field goals and 2 free throws for 22 points.

The high school Wildcats edged out the Turon high school Eagles, 38 to 36, in a thrilling basketball game here Tuesday night. Urban took scoring honors with 15 points, Schnittker totaled eleven points and Stanley racked up eight counters. L. Ream took scoring honors for Turon with ten points.

1952

John F. Kaster, local attorney, was elected President of the Community Men's Club at the annual election of officers meeting held in the Lodge Hall, Tuesday. About forty members present heard reports of the Club's activities for the past year.

A fire of undetermined origin, completely destroyed the garage at the Guy Remy home in Skellyville, Wednesday evening about five o'clock, and badly damaged the house. The roof was burned from the house and the walls badly scorched before the fire was brought under control. The family was not at home when the fire was discovered, but neighbors removed all the furniture and belongings from the house in time to save everything. The damage to the house is estimated as a seventy-five percent loss.

Mr. and Mrs. John Albers, of Cunningham, announce the birth of a son, Tuesday, January 15. He weighed six pounds, nine and one-fourth ounces. Mrs. Albers is the former Delores Hageman.

The Willing Workers Sunday School Class of the Cairo Methodist Church did a neighborly good turn, Tuesday, and sawed wood for Mr. and Mrs. Claude Barker and family, who live southeast of Cairo. Mr. Barker is a patient at Grace Hospital in Hutchinson. Wood was gathered from the farm of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Sellon. The ladies brought covered dishes and a bountiful noon dinner was served to the men at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Fitzsimmons.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Long left Wednesday for Minneapolis, Minnesota, where they will make their new home. Bob will be associated with the Honeywell Thermostat and Regulator Company, serving in the capacity of Electrical Engineer in the Aeronautical Division.

The Cunningham Rural High School Wildcats finished in fourth place in the Isabel Invitational Basketball Tournament held last week. Friday night Cunningham lost their semi-finals game to Isabel, 51-43, and on Saturday night the Wildcats were defeated 54 to 42 by Hazelton for third place.

1957

The Cunningham Rural High School Wildcats were rather unceremoniously ushered out of the Pretty Prairie Invitational Basketball Tournament, Tuesday evening, by Burrton High School. The final score of the game was 61-42. Cunningham was the defending champion of the tournament, having won it in 1956.

Linotype No 57, Model 1, has set it last line of type and has been "retired" to the Kansas State Historical Society Museum in Topeka. Through a donation of Publisher and Mrs. William A. Bradley and family, Editor and Mrs. Bill Bradley and family, the faithful old type-setting machine for many years in the Cunningham Clipper was trucked to Topeka, Monday, by Raney's Trucking Service, where it will become a part of Kansas history. The old Linotype, over 60 years old, will become a part of an exhibit depicting an old printing shop many years ago.

1962

Cunningham tromped Partridge by a 51-32 score at Partridge last Friday night, finishing the first half of Ninnescah League play with an unblemished league record, 7-0.

Wilmer (Billy) Huffman of Pratt has been given permission to build a radio station at Pratt. The Federal Communications Commission gave him a permit for a 24-hour station with 5,000 watts of power during the day and 500 at night. The station plans to operate from 5:30 o'clock in the morning until midnight. Billy said the station will be located two and a half miles east and about a quarter of a mile south of Pratt on a 20-acre site. It will have four transmitting towers. The station's daytime range will be from Wichita to Lamar, Colo., and Dalhart, Tex., to McCook, Nebr. Billy is a former Cunningham boy, the son of Mrs. Mable Huffman of this city.

1967

The Cunningham Wildcats won their sixth game in ten outings and their third straight Ninnescah League victory at Alden last Friday night, when they out-pointed Alden, 54 to 51, in a game that went into one overtime. Jim McCune and Dennis Theis paced a balanced Cunningham scoring attack with 12 points each; Danny Meyers came up with 11 points; Duane Schnittker had 8; Ned Albers 6; Frank McClellan 3; and Harold Stark 2.

The Cunningham Lions Club held their regular bi-monthly dinner-meeting at Virginia's Café, Tuesday evening, Jan. 10. Secretary-Treasurer Dean Mantooth conducted the business meeting in the absence of President Fr. Eugene Robl. Larry Nolte was welcomed as a new member of the club, after which Milton Brooks, Supt. of School District No. 332, gave a brief talk on the value of a Lions Club in a community.

Farm Bureau Insurance in Kingman announced the appointment of John. R. Parsons as agency manager in Kingman County.

Quitting Business – 20% off all merchandise with purchase of \$5 or more. Cunningham IGA.

1972

January 13-Six counters spent eight hours on December 29, driving and tramping over the Kingman County Game Area east of Cunningham around Calista, to make the annual Audobon Society Christmas Bird Count. This is the 10th year for the local count.

An open house for friends and family of Mr. and Mrs. P.L. Poland of Isabel, will be held at their home, Sunday afternoon, Jan. 16, from 2:00 to 5:00 o'clock, in honor of their 50th wedding anniversary.

"Dandelion Wine," a reader's theatre adaptation of a novel by Ray Bradbury, will be presented in the Pratt Community College Auditorium, Monday evening, Jan. 17, at 7:30 o'clock, by the Wichita State University Touring Theatre.

Mr. and Mrs. Gene Albers announce the birth of a son, Monday, Jan. 3, at Pratt County Hospital in Pratt. He has been named Gary Eugene.

The Wildcats won their second straight Golden Plains League victory, defeating the Hardtner Tornadoes here last Friday by a 55 to 44 score.

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Lady Cats Kick Off the New Year

High School girls basketball kicked off 2022 with a home game against a talented Macksville team. The participation in voluntary holiday practices had been pretty good, but there was still some unknown about coming out of break with a tough opponent. The girls rallied and showed their toughness in a very physical game. They did not back down and showed determination playing from behind. This brand new team is improving each and every day, and the results will show on the court gradually throughout the year. We are setting goals beyond wins and losses and reaching them, working on fundamentals and playing the underdog role. Ellie McGuire led the team with 10 rebounds followed by Maranda with 6, and Alice with 4. Ellie led in steals with 3. Ava Bock and Ada Adams each had 1. Ellie also led in points with 12 while Kaitlyn had 5 which rounded out our scoring for the night.

by Coach Lance McGuire



Mattie Jump



Ellie McGuire



Katie Hennessee



Lady Cats Lose to Kinsley

In the first away game after Christmas break, the Cats traveled to Kinsley. It was a new gym for the young Lady Cats, but the rim is still measured at 10 feet. When the oos and ahhs were done about the gym, the girls were ready for action. The girls trailed but put up 15 points in the first half, which ranked as the second-best of the year. They rebounded better as they had more defensive rebounds than the larger team. The new gym did not seem to affect the team as they shot better than they did at home, putting up 37 total points and winning the 4th quar-

ter! In the end, the Cats had too much ground to cover and could not pull out the win losing 37 to 54. However, the Lady Cats are learning to play a different brand of ball. Leaning on scrappy and physical, they are getting more confident and starting to jell on offense and defense.

Maranda led the team in rebounds with 7, followed by Ellie with 5. Matilyn and Alice both chipped in 4. Ellie and Matilyn both had a steal to pace the team. Ellie led in assists with 4 while Ava had 2.

by Coach Lance McGuire

Lady Wildcat Scorers

Ellie McGuire	24
Maranda Lohrke	6
Matilyn Jump	3
Alice Huelskamp	2
Elizabeth Paris	2



Some of Our Wildcat Support



Band director Nicole Kerschen and Principal Cody Dunlap



Ada Adams, Henry Huelskamp (CHS alumnus) and Alice Huelskamp



Maranda Lohrke

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Boys State of Kansas Taking Registrations for 2022 Session

January 10, 2022 — The American Legion Boys State of Kansas is now taking registrations for its 2022 session. The event is scheduled to be held Sunday, June 5, through Saturday, June 11, at Kansas State University in Manhattan. The program, which was cancelled in 2020 due to the coronavirus pandemic, will be in its 84th year. Traditionally, Kansas

Boys State is for individuals who completed their junior year of high school in the spring just prior to the start of each session. However, the ALBSK program is expanding the pool of registrants again for this year’s session to include those who will complete their sophomore year of high school this spring. The American Legion Boys State of Kansas program provides a relevant, interactive, problem-solving experience in leadership and teamwork that develops self-identity, promotes mu-

tual respect and instills civic responsibility to inculcate a sense of individual obligation to community, state and nation. Boys State is a “learning by doing” political exercise that simulates elections, political parties and government at the state, county and local levels, providing opportunities to lead under pressure, showcasing character and working effectively within a team. It’s also an opportunity to gain pride and respect for government, and the price paid by members of the military to preserve democracy. Those wishing to attend the program should visit ksstate.org to register. In addition, anyone can nominate individuals to attend Kansas Boys

State by going to ksstate.org/nominate and submit the nomination form. You can also submit nominees for future years as well. The deadline to register to guarantee a spot in the program is Thursday, March 31. The cost to attend the Boys State of Kansas program is \$350; however, in many instances, sponsors pay the majority of the fees, with the delegate or his family paying \$50. The first 150 paid registrations received by Monday, Feb. 14, will receive an additional Kansas Boys State t-shirt and KBS graduation cord upon arrival for the session. The next 200 paid registrations received by Monday, March 14, will receive a KBS graduation cord.

Additional registrants paid by the deadline will have the opportunity to purchase a KBS graduation cord for \$10 (a 50% discount). Potential sponsors, such as American Legion posts, civic organizations, businesses, clubs and interested individuals, or those with questions, should contact the ALBSK at info.1937@ksstate.org or (785) 550- 6492. — #KSBoysState — The American Legion Boys State of Kansas is an interactive simulation that teaches high school seniors-to-be the value of democracy and civic duty. Participants form mock governments and campaign for positions at the city, county and state

“It is a curious thing, Harry, but perhaps those who are best suited to power are those who have never sought it. Those who, like you, have leadership thrust upon them, and take up the mantle because they must, and find to their own surprise that they wear it well.” — J.K. Rowling, Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows

Cunningham Comes Up Short Against Macksville

Wow, what an exciting way to start the new year. The Cunningham Wildcats played host to the Macksville Mustangs on January 4, 2022. Cunningham came up on the short end of a 52 to 51 score.

The game was a back and forth affair with neither team managing much of a lead until the fourth quarter. Five Wildcats scored in the first quarter to total 13 points and lead by one after one quarter, 13 to 12. Luke McGuire, Trey DeWeese, and Isaiah Reed each scored three points. Lane Halderson and Dagim Reed added two points each.

Both teams tallied 14 points in the second quarter which allowed the Cats to take a one-point lead to the locker room at the half. DeWeese scored six points, Isaiah Reed added five points and Dagim Reed hit a three-point basket to round out the scoring. Zero for four free throws will prove fatal in the end.

A g a i n , b o t h

Cunningham and Macksville scored the same number of points in the third quarter to retain a one-point lead for the Cats going into the fourth quarter. DeWeese lead the way with five points. McGuire and Will Wegerer scored three points and Halderson added two points.

Foul trouble, inexperience in tight games, poor coaching and lack of rebounding position led to the Wildcats surrendering a five-point lead. With less than 10 seconds left the Cats took a one-point lead on a shot from Wegerer. The Cunningham team got what they needed when Macksville got off a shot and missed. Macksville got the offensive rebound and put it back in to take a one-point lead with 3.4 seconds on the clock. After a timeout Cunningham set up a full court play that put the ball in DeWeese's hands at midcourt. A pass to a Wildcat under the basket was mishandled and the undefeated Mustangs retained their spotless record. The final was Cunningham 51, Macksville 52.

by Coach Bob Stackhouse



Dagim Reed



Trey DeWeese



Isaiah Reed



Luke McGuire



Lane Halderson

[illegible]

	1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th	Final
Cunningham	13	14	13	11	51
Macksville	12	14	13	13	52

Cunningham Wins on the Road at Kinsley

Cunningham traveled to Kinsley on January 7, 2022 and spoiled their Homecoming with a 59 to 37 win.

Kinsley brought the energy in the first quarter and had their best scoring quarter with 15 points. The Wildcats kept pace with Luke McGuire scoring four points. Will Wegerer and Dagim Reed each made a three-point basket and Trey DeWeese and Lane Halderson each scored two points. Cunningham trailed by one, 14 to 15 after one quarter of play.

Cunningham continued their offensive ways in the second quarter with 16 points. The defense slowed the Coyotes down and allowed only eight points giving the Cats a seven-point lead heading into the half, 30 to 23. McGuire continued his sharp shooting with seven points. Wegerer added another three-point basket and DeWeese, D. Reed and Isaiah Reed each scored two points.

Both teams cooled off in the third quarter but Cunningham still increased their lead adding nine points to their total and holding the Coyotes to six points. Halderson and Wegerer accounted

for all nine points with four and five points, respectively. Cunningham increased their lead to 10 points, 39 to 29 entering the fourth quarter.

The Cats pushed on the accelerator in the fourth quarter adding 20 points and not letting the Coyotes back in the game holding them to eight points. DeWeese scored eight points with Erik Paris adding four points. Wegerer and McGuire each had three points and Halderson made two free throws. The final Score was Cunningham 59, Kinsley 37.

by Coach Bob
Stackhouse

Name	2pt. made	3pt. made	FTM/FTA	TP	Reb.	Asst.	Stl.	Chg.
McGuire	2	3	1/2	14	4	2		
Halderson	3		2/6	8	7	3	2	
Wegerer	1	4		14		1	1	
DeWeese	5		2/2	12	12	3	1	1
D Reed	2	1		5	2	1		
Paris	2			4	5			
I Reed	1		0/1	2	3	1	3	

	1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th	Final
Cunningham	14	16	9	20	59
Kinsley	15	8	6	8	37



The image is a promotional graphic for Southern Pioneer Electric Company's scholarship program. It features a large, stylized sawtooth pattern in red and white at the top. Below this, the text 'SCHOLARSHIPS' is written in large, bold, red capital letters, followed by 'NOW AVAILABLE' in smaller, black capital letters. A horizontal red line separates this from the application details below. The application deadline is 'FEB. 1, 2022' in red, and the website 'WWW.SOUTHERNPIONEER.NET' is in red. The Southern Pioneer Electric Company logo, which includes a stylized red and white sawtooth pattern and the text 'SouthernPioneer ELECTRIC COMPANY A Not-For-Profit Utility', is located in the bottom left corner.

“Two sounds of autumn are unmistakable...the hurrying rustle of crisp leaves blown along the street... by a gusty wind, and the gabble of a flock of migrating geese.”
— *Hal Borland*

Minutes from Kingman County Commission

Langley about the Expo Center funds for some updates to equipment.

Stan Goetz, HR/Planning/Zoning/Wastewater Director was in to introduce Tonya Stamm to the Board.

Ms. Stamm and Mr. Goetz discussed the work in the courthouse that may need to be done.

Mr. Goetz let the Commissioners know that Babson Landscaping took care of the ice removal around the Courthouse and Law Enforcement Center.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to go into executive session with Stan Goetz, HR and John Caton, County Counselor

at 10:15 a.m. to discuss an individual employee’s request for leave pursuant to the exception under the Kansas Open Meetings Act for discussion of non-elected personnel matters and they will return to open session in the Board meeting room at 10:20 a.m. Commissioner Foley seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Commissioners returned to regular session at 10:20 a.m.

MOTION: Commissioner Thimesch approved shared leave for an individual employee. Commissioner Foley seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Mr. Goetz submitted the following building permits:

David Hageman for a machine shed in Section 7, Township 28, Range 11.

Matthew & Nichole Nesser for a house & shed in Section 24, Township 30, Range 5.

Steve & Armella Ayres for a house & attached garage in Section 12, Township 29, Range 5.

David Young for a shed in Section 5, Township 30, Range 7.

Tracy Chamberlin for a storage shed in Section 36, Township 29, Range 9.

Donna Werner for a sunroom in Section 28, Township 30, Range 9.

Clint Devore for a shop in Section 13, Township 28, Range 5.

Kevin Warner for a swimming pool in Section 11, Township 29, Range 7.

Skyland Grain for a dry fertilizer storage in Section 4, Township 28, Range 10.

Shawn Carson for a

garage in Section 11, Township 27, Range 8.

Commissioners discussed the executive sessions wording in the newspaper.

Charles Arensdorf, Public Works Director was in with Construction Contracts to be signed for FF.4-24.0 with L & M Contractors.

Mr. Arensdorf let the Commissioners know that he will go out for bid letting on February 14, 2022 at 11:00 a.m. for FAS 693 Hot Mix Project.

Mr. Arensdorf discussed a date of March 14, 2022 for the Annual Township Board Meeting for 2022.

Commissioners agreed for that date and to have a meal.

Mr. Arensdorf discussed the disposal rates for demolition houses in the rebate program and proposing to bill regular

rates at the landfill then issue a final bill after official review by the County Commission.

Commissioners let Mr. Arensdorf know that the regular demolition rates are to remain in place as they are at a reasonable rate and the County is providing funds for the Dilapidated Structure Program through Economic Development.

Mr. Arensdorf discussed Zenda and St Leo roads are the next roads to think about overlaying.

Commissioners would also like to get a plan for the Varner Road so it can be ready for a future overlay.

Chairman Henning discussed the KAC(Kansas Association of Counties) membership in the amount of \$2384.13.

MOTION: Commissioner Foley moved to be mem-

bers of KAC for 2022. Commissioner Thimesch seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Commissioners approved abatements.

Commissioners discussed Flat Ridge 3 and the agreement with AEP on the pilot payment for this year with Mr. Caton. Mr. Caton let the Commissioners know that he will look at the agreement.

MOTION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to adjourn the regular board meeting at 12:10p.m. Commissioner Foley seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Pratt County Commission Minutes for January 3, 2022

The Pratt County commissioners met in regular session, Monday, January 3, 2022, at 2:00 p.m. in the commissioner room, 1st floor of the courthouse. The following members were present: Rick N. Shriver, Thomas W. Jones III, Dwight Adams, Tyson Eisenhower, county counselor, Lori Voss, county clerk and Mark Graber, IT director.

Tyson Eisenhower, county counselor, please state your name and title when speaking, public comment will be allowed to the extent that it is on topic. Persons participating via zoom are currently muted. If you have a comment, please let Mark know via the chat function. Mark will then inform chairman Shriver, who can take up the comment in a manner that does not disrupt the agenda. In the event an executive session is needed, it will be muted when recessed and turned back on when they return from executive session.

Heather Morgan, economic development/COVID consultant, stated the ROZ program needs to be updated for 2022. The resolution will be presented January 10, 2021, for approval. Stated on the ARPA funds \$1000 to full time employees. It will cover the year 2021. There was a specific time frame, prorated for time worked. Chairman Shriver stated

part time employees are not included in the hazard pay.

Commissioner Adams made a motion to approve \$1,000 in COVID premium pay for any person on the county payroll who was on the job full-time in person from January 1, 2021 to December 31,2021.

If a person started work with Pratt County in a full-time position part-way through the year the amount the employee receives will be prorated based on the number of in-person weeks they actually worked for Pratt County from their start date to December 31, 2021. All premium pay will be paid to employees on their February 9, 2022, paycheck.

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

Commissioner Adams made a motion to approve the minutes from December 27, 2021. Commissioner Jones seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Adams made a motion to donate \$500.00 to Pratt High After Prom.

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

Commissioner Jones made a motion to approve the engagement letter with Morris, Laing, Wichita, to assist with the ERSP for tax year 2019. Commissioner Adams seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Adams made a motion to approve the contract in the amount of \$37,804.44 with Howard Law for

public defender services. Commissioner Jones seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Sheriff White stated he wants 3% raises for his people. He stated he has promised his employees 3% and he wants the 3%. He has cut services such as the web site. The pay between the city police department and the county sheriff department was discussed. Chairman Shriver stated the benefits being offered to the employees should be considered as part of their salary.

Tiffany Ailstock, RSVP, presented checks for signatures. She presented pay slips for two new employees. Commissioner Adams made a motion to hire Crystal Swinney at \$10.00. Chairman Shriver seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Chairman Shriver made a motion to hire Jan Pope at \$10.00 for RSVP. Commissioner Jones seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Tim Branscom, emergency manager/zoning director, presented an estimate for the EMS generator. It is needing a cooling repair. The quote for repairs is \$1,679.83 from Central Power & Equipment, Wichita. Commissioner Adams made a motion to approve the quote for the EMS generator from central power & equipment, Wichita in the amount of \$1,679.83. Commissioner Jones seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Doug Freund, road supervisor, presented a pay

slip for a new employee. Commissioner Jones made a motion to hire Greg Kessler at \$15.00 per hour for the road department. Commissioner Adams seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Adams made a motion to recess into executive session at 2:45 pm for twenty minutes to return at 3:05 pm to discuss attorney/client matter. Commissioner Jones seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Jones made a motion to return from executive session with no action taken. Commissioner Adams seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Chairman Shriver made a motion to recess into executive session at 3:07 p.m. for twenty minutes to return at 3:27 pm. Commissioner Jones seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Adams made a motion to return from executive session at 3:27 p.m. Commissioner Jones seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Chairman Shriver stated Sheriff White has the authority to spend his budget, he can go ahead with the 3% raises for his employees. The sheriff’s employees will not receive the \$1000 COVID hazard pay. Chairman Shriver made a motion to not pay the sheriff’s office the \$1000 COVID-19 hazard pay to help offset the cost of health insurance. Commissioner Adams seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

The elected officials’ salary was discussed.

Sheriff White stated he would not be tak-

ing any raise for 2022. Chairman Shriver read Resolution 01-03-2022 for elected official’s salaries:

County commissioners \$ 23,500

Chairman commissioner \$ 24,500

County attorney \$115,566

County clerk \$ 60,180

County treasurer \$ 57,630

Register of deeds \$ 53,550

Sheriff \$ 69,500

Chairman Shriver made a motion to approve resolution 01-03-2022. Commissioner Adams seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

It was discussed to contact IMA consulting to provide information to employees on the benefits provided by the county.

Chairman Shriver discussed updating our county policy.

Commissioner Jones discussed hiring an accountant for the county. Tyson will contact Scot Lloyd to get prices on his services.

Darcie Vander Vyver, health director, discussed the new quarantine orders. She stated the schools have COVID tests available. She handed out instructions on the COVID-19 resource center.

There was no public safety building meeting because of the holidays.

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

Commissioner Jones made a motion to adjourn at 4:14 pm. Commissioner Adams

Seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

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IN THE THIRTIETH JUDICIAL DISTRICT

DISTRICT COURT OF KINGMAN COUNTY, KANSAS

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF:

MARCELENE E. HENNING, Deceased.

Case No. 2021 PR 47

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

NOTICE OF HEARING AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS

THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:

You are hereby notified that on December 28, 2021, a Petition was filed in this Court by Ty A. Eason and Kelly R. Feril, the Co-Executors named in the "Last Will and Testament of Marcelene E. Henning," deceased, dated October 30, 2017, praying the will filed with the Petition be admitted to probate and record; Petitioners

be appointed as Co-Executors, without bond; and Petitioners be granted Letters Testamentary.

You are required to file your written defenses thereto on or before January 25, 2022, at 10:00 o'clock a.m. in the District Court, Kingman, Kingman County, Kansas, at which time and place the cause will be heard. Should you fail therein, judgment and decree will be entered in due course upon the Petition.

All creditors are notified to exhibit their demands against the estate within four months from the date of first publication of notice under K.S.A. 59-2236. If demands are not thus exhibited, they shall be forever barred.

Ty A. Eason & Kelly R. Feril, Petitioners

Matthew W. Ricke, #20995
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Attorney for Petitioner

Kingman County Sheriff's Report

Sunday, January 2		
Traffic stops	3	
Welfare check	200 block W Florence Ave. Cunningham	
Monday, January 3		
Traffic stops	4	
Traffic complaint	NW 60 St. & NW 110 Ave. area, Penalosa	
Animal	E Hwy 42 & S Hwy 14 area Rago	
Animal	5000 block NE 10 St. 8 Kingman	
Theft	100 block N Douglas St. Cunningham	
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Tuesday, January 4th		
Traffic stop	15	
Traffic complaint	N Chariton St & E. E Ave area, Kingman	
Animal	NW 20 Ave & W Hwy 54 area, Kingman	

Wednesday, January 5th		
Traffic stop	6	
Traffic complaint	6000 block E Hwy 54 Kingman	
Traffic complaint	5000 block W Hwy 54 Kingman	
Animal	200 block W Ave. A Zenda	
Suspicious person	2000 block SE Viney Ave. Murdock	
Thursday, January 6th		
Traffic stops	1	
Traffic Complaint	16000 block E Hwy 54 Cheney	
Burglary	400 block E Washington Ave. Kingman	
Friday, January 7		
Traffic stops	4	
Traffic complaint	NW 30 Ave & W Hwy 54 area, Kingman	
Saturday, January 8		
Traffic stops	1	
Traffic complaint	1900 SW 90 Ave. Cunningham	
Traffic complaint	17000 block SW 90 Ave. Zenda	
Welfare check	400 block E. D Ave Kingman	

JH Wildcats vs. South Barber

On December 16th the Jr High Wildcats drove south for a tilt with South Barber before Christmas break. The Wildcats got off to a slow start and trailed after the first frame. Turnovers were all too common for the Cats. When the game was contained to the half court the Wildcats got the better of the Tornadoes, but in the full court the home team got the edge. We trailed until late in the game before taking our first lead, hanging on until the end with a few timely buckets in the last minutes to seal the deal. The Wildcats hit the boards hard, giving us multiple chances to score when it counted most.

Dylan Halderson led the team with a whopping 14 rebounds. Stephen Kerschen piled on 11 rebounds that would have led the team on almost any other night. Dylan added 6 steals with several teammates tallying 2.

We are still waiting for the official book but the unofficial totals for points were Stephen 16, Dylan 10, and Kendall 4.



Dylan Halderson



Stephen Kerschen



Adam Sterneker

Molly Morgan Photos

JH Wildcats Outscore Chargers

In their first game after winter break, the Jr. High Wildcats hosted the Burrton Chargers. The boys worked hard on shooting in voluntary workouts over break. Unfortunately, that did not show up in the game. It did not matter much as the boys pounded the boards until the ball went in. For about a quarter and a half the process was repeated until we were up over 20 points. Parents and coaches love to be up big on an opponent. The boys do, too, but when the varsity looks up and the score is really lopsided they know they are done playing. The varsity sat down before half. Inside, I think they were cheering for their team while also kind of hoping the Charger team would score a few baskets. Then maybe they could play some more. The JV had other ideas. They smiled and outplayed the visitors even

when we slowed the game down. They passed to the open man and kept scoring. The varsity knows we play for our program first, then our team, then the individual, but it is not easy to sit and watch when you want to play so badly. The boys are looking forward to some more competitive basketball. They are hungry for some hard fought wins!

Dylan led in rebounds with 9 followed by Stephen and Kendall at 4. Stephen had 2 steals to lead the team. Scoring was well rounded.

by Coach Lance McGuire



Kollin Fischer



Logan Kinsler

Scores	1Q	2Q	3Q	4Q	Final
Cunningham	13	13	14	10	50
Burrton	0	3	5	8	16

Wildcat Scorers	
Andrew Schultz	10
Dylan Halderson	8
Kendall Rogers	7
Stephen Kerschen	7
Blake Swope	6
Andrew Kerschen	4
Tyler Osner	4
Layne Green	2
Brody Bock	2

Jr. Lady
Wildcats Defeat
Burrton

On Thursday, January 6, 2022, the Cunningham JH girls' basketball team played host to the Burrton Chargers in HOPL action and came away with a 22-20 victory. The Lady Cats scored the game's first basket on a Krya Morgan lay-up and led 2-0 before Burrton hit a pair of 3 point shots to take a 2-6 first quarter lead. In the second quarter Cunningham was able to hold Burrton to just 2 points while scoring 5 of their own on a free throw from Rylee Miller and a basket each from Kyra Morgan and Grace Hageman, but found themselves trailing 7-8 at the half. Grace Hageman would score another basket in the third along with a pair of free-throws from Miller and a pair of made

shots from Macy Neufeld and an additional free-throw from Kyra Morgan as Cunningham would outscore Burrton 9-3 in the third to take a 16-11 advantage into the fourth quarter. In the fourth quarter Burrton would score 9 point to make things interesting as the Lady Cats would add 3 more two point baskets, one each from Hageman, Morgan and Brynn Wyatt to bring the final score to 22-20 in favor of the home team Lady Wildcats. Scoring for the Lady Cats was led by Kyra Morgan with 7, followed by Grace Hageman 6, Macy Neufeld 4, Rylee Miller 3 and Brynn Wyatt 2. The Lady Cats record now stands at 2-3 in the Heart of the Plains and 4-5 overall.

by Coach Bart Ricke



Macy Neufeld



Rylee Miller


50 for 50


Gwen Pike - Bishop Miega Volleyball

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Gwenn Pike : Bishop Miega Volleyball

Headed to her senior year at Bishop Miega in the fall of 1994, Laura Gorr (Bokenkroger), was about to get some unexpected news.

A defensive specialist for the reigning Class 5A state champion volleyball team, Gorr knew the Stags graduated a talented senior class, but she didn't really anticipate her role changing much.

Her coach, Gwenn Pike, had other ideas.

"She sat me down before the season, when I was a senior, and said, 'I need you to set,'" Gorr said. "I hadn't set, even in club, but I said, 'OK, I'll do what you need me to do.'"

Gorr went home that evening a little perplexed. How was she going to handle this, being the setter for one of the state's marquee volleyball programs? This was, after all, a program that had won the last three 5A titles.

"I went home and told my mom that I didn't want to let the team down," Gorr said. "My mom told me, 'Gwenn Pike wouldn't ask you to do that if she didn't think you could do it.'"

Like so often times in life, mom was right.

The Stags went 38-4 during Gorr's senior season, capping off the season with a two-set sweep of rival St. Thomas Aquinas in securing the state championship.

The kind of challenge Pike presented before the 1994 season, asking players to step out of their comfort zone, is one of the biggest things Pike enjoyed about her illustrious and unmatched high school coaching career.

During her time at Miega, Pike's Stags won 21 state titles and had a record of 1,224-239.

"Molding teams, that's what I love about coaching," said Pike, who retired from coaching Miega after guiding the Stags to the 2015 Class 4A championship. "Those little details are something I feel like I had an eye for. Like with Laura, I know a setter has to be a leader. She was the one I thought could



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get the job done."

Volleyball was still a relatively new high school sport when Pike played at Shawnee Heights, where she graduated in 1976. In 1971, KSHSAA had its first sanctioned state volleyball tournaments. The next year, Title IX became a Federal civil rights law.

"Volleyball was so vague to me," Pike said about playing in high school. "But I was a competitive person. It was fun for me and I loved it."

Pike began at Miega as an assistant volleyball and basketball coach. The head girls basketball coach then was a young man named Terry English who likewise would build a mammoth program. Pike also coached the swim team.

Pike took over a soaring Miega volleyball program in 1980, a program that had already won three state titles. The Stags continued an era of dominance under Pike by winning state titles from 1980-1983.

"I wasn't thinking about building as much as whatever year I was in, I wanted to win all the games I could," Pike said. "I expected everyone to be as competitive as I was."

Pike's success has landed her in various halls of fame, including the National High School Athletic Coaches Hall of Fame, and the Kansas Volleyball Coaches Hall of Fame.

In March, during Women's History Month, Pike was selected as the best Kansas female coach in Kansas high school history by Maxpreps.

Pike has stayed in volleyball since leaving Miega, as she coaches with the KC Power club.

When Pike thinks about how far volleyball has come since she was helping Shawnee Heights win third place in 1975, she points out the club volleyball scene.

No longer just something to keep volleyball players active in the sport for a bit in the winter, spring or summer, club volleyball is now a year-round behemoth, in Kansas City and beyond.

The quality of volleyball is so deep now compared to when Gorr played, that Gorr likes to say that the sub-varsity teams at Mill Valley High School, where she has a daughter who plays, would beat the state champion teams Gorr played on.

While many volleyball clubs are gigantic, Pike prefers a smaller club. But don't let that fool you. KC Power still helps send players to major NCAA Division I programs.

"My club is small. We focus on the quality of coaches and players so we can concentrate on the players," Pike said. "I'm most proud of the young ladies I get to work with. Seeing them, getting to work with them, and creating positive relationships is what I enjoy."

That relationship is what Gorr holds onto, as much if not more than the state titles she helped Miega win.

"(Pike) was an important figure in shaping me, not just as an athlete but also as a person," Gorr said. "She's by far the coach who I learned the most from, and the coach I played the hardest for. She wasn't there to be your friend. She was there to push you to be a better person and better player."

Emergency Food Assistance Benefits Extended for 63,000 Kansas households

TOPEKA – In an effort to continue supporting Kansans as they manage the impacts of COVID-19 and the multiple variants of the virus, the Kansas Department for Children and Families (DCF) announced the continuation of the emergency food assistance (SNAP) benefits to current participants.

The extension will increase the maximum monthly benefit for 63,000 households across the state and deliver an additional \$14,591,000 per month to Kansas.

"Our goal at DCF is to protect children and strengthen families," DCF Secretary Laura Howard said. "The extension of the emergency food assistance benefits will help ensure Kansas families continue to have access to healthy groceries and basic necessities."

The continuance of the emergency allotment is effective through July 31, 2022, or upon the termination of the federal declaration of a Public Health Emergency, whichever occurs sooner. This is the second instance the emergency food assistance benefit has been extended.

No application is necessary to receive the emergency food assistance funds. The distribution will continue to follow the standard alphabetical schedule.

Those who do not currently receive food assistance, but are interested in applying, are encouraged to visit the DCF website at www.dcf.ks.gov.

Secretary Howard issued the Declaration of Continuing Benefits due to COVID-19 — under K.S.A. 39-708c, et seq. — which directs the agency to continue taking all necessary actions to address the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic throughout the State of Kansas.

"If a free society cannot help the many who are poor, it cannot save the few who are rich."

— John F. Kennedy

"The failure of political leaders to help uplift the poor will be judged a moral failure."

— Jim Wallis

Public Notice				
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CITY OF CUNNINGHAM Annual Financial Statement				
FUND	January 1, 2021 Balance	Receipts	Expenditures	December 31, 2021 Balance
GENERAL	\$ 86,336.02	\$ 476,095.04	\$ 384,385.25	\$ 178,045.81
EMPLOYEE BENEFIT	\$ 690.46	\$ 28,966.70	\$ 28,499.03	\$ 1,158.13
DEBT SERVICE	\$ 1,833.19	\$ 24,489.03	\$ 24,737.86	\$ 1,584.36
LIBRARY FUND	\$ -	\$ 12,351.11	\$ 12,351.11	\$ -
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SEWER UTILITY	\$ 17,075.17	\$ 71,219.16	\$ 55,245.71	\$ 33,048.62
SPECIAL HIGHWAY	\$ 3,459.20	\$ 12,570.91	\$ -	\$ 16,030.11
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT	\$ 39,794.32	\$ 79.69	\$ -	\$ 39,874.01
EQUIPMENT RESERVE FUND	\$ 9,639.85	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 9,639.85
YEAR-TO-DATE BALANCE	\$ 180,540.73	\$ 762,204.68	\$ 623,615.49	\$ 319,129.92
INDEBTEDNESS:				
General Obligation Bond Series 2012 (Water System Improvements)				\$ 235,000.00
Kansas Public Water Supply Loan - Project #2929				\$ 279,084.74
Lease Purchase (Ford Super Duty Service Truck)				\$ 36,418.87
TOTAL INDEBTEDNESS:				\$ 550,503.61
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City of Cunningham				
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IN THE THIRTIETH JUDICIAL DISTRICT
DISTRICT COURT OF KINGMAN COUNTY, KANSAS
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF:
CHARLES W. THIMESCH, Deceased.
CASE NO. 2021 PR 19
(Pursuant to K.S.A. Chapter 59)
NOTICE OF HEARING
THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:
You are hereby notified that a Petition has been filed in this Court by Charles M. Thimesch, duly appointed, qualified and acting Administrator of the Estate of Charles W. Thimesch, deceased, praying Petitioner's acts be ap-proved; account be settled and allowed; the heirs be determined;

the Estate be assigned to the persons entitled thereto pursu-ant to the laws of intestate suc-cession; fees and expenses be allowed; costs be determined and ordered paid; the adminis-tration of the Estate be closed; the Administrator be discharged and Petitioner be released from further liability.
You are hereby required to file your written defenses thereto on or before January 18, 2022, at 10:00 o'clock a.m., in the District Court, Kingman, Kingman County, Kansas, at which time and place the cause will be heard. Should you fail therein, judgment and de-cree will be entered in due course upon the Petition.
Charles M. Thimesch, Petitioner
Matthew W. Ricke
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IN THE THIRTIETH JUDICIAL DISTRICT
DISTRICT COURT OF KINGMAN COUNTY, KANSAS
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF:
LENORA ZOELLER, Deceased.
Case No. 2021 PR 14
(Petition Pursuant to K.S.A. Chapter 59)
NOTICE OF HEARING
THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:
You are hereby notified that on December 23, 2021, a Petition was filed in this Court by Mary Jane Stankiewicz, duly appointed, qualified and acting Executrix of the Estate of Lenora Zoeller, deceased, praying Petitioner's acts be approved; account be settled and allowed; the heirs be determined; the Will be construed and the Estate be assigned to the persons entitled thereto; the Court find the allowances re-

quested for attorneys' fees and expenses are reasonable and should be allowed; the costs be determined and ordered paid; the administration of the Estate be closed; upon the filing of receipts the Petitioner be finally discharged as the Executrix of the Estate of Lenora Zoeller, deceased, and the Petitioner be released from further liability.
You are required to file your writ-ten defenses thereto on or before January 18, 2022, at 10:00 o'clock a.m. in the District Court, Kingman, Kingman County, Kansas, at which time and place the cause will be heard. Should you fail therein, judgment and decree will be entered in due course upon the Petition.
Mary Jane Stankiewicz, Petitioner
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Lois Kennedy

Lois Irene Kennedy, 94, passed away January 4, 2022 in Pratt, KS. She was born March 13, 1927 in Pawnee Rock, KS to Jesse William Deckert and Faye Lillian (Kerns) Deckert. Lois married A. Merle Kennedy July 25, 1945 in Larned KS. They were married 69 years.



Lois graduated Lewis High School. She was a homemaker. She was a member of First United Methodist Church, Pratt and the Glendale Mothers Club. She enjoyed working in her flower garden.

She liked to sew and do needlework. She enjoyed following her grand and great grandchildren’s activities She loved spending time at their cabin in Elm Mills.

She is survived by son, Steve (Paulette) Kennedy Madison, MS, daughters, Rhonda (Ron) Richardson of Wichita, KS, Brenda (Don) Pilger of Wichita, KS Nancy (Jay) Bailey of Pratt, KS and Julie (Ron) Volske of Salina, KS; sister, Shirley Brollier of Kinsley, KS. There are 14 grandchildren 22 great grandchildren and 8 great great grand children.

Lois is preceded in death by her parents and husband A. Merle Kennedy; sister, Glenna Mae Johnson; brother, Leon Deckert.

Funeral service was Saturday, January 8, 2022 at Larrison Mortuary, Pratt with Pastor Jan Blasi and Pastor Derek Birney Officiating. Burial followed at Greenlawn Cemetery, Pratt.

Memorials may be made to Pratt 1st United Methodist Church Scholarship Fund in care of Larrison Mortuary, Ltd.. Online condolences may be made at www.larrisonmortuary.com.

Ellen Warner

Ellen Mae Ravenstein Warner, 94, died Jan. 4, 2022 at the Prairie Sunset Home, Pretty Prairie.

She was born May 25, 1927, in Kingman County the daughter of Fred and Edna Bittner Ravenstein. A longtime Kingman resident, she was a caregiver.

Ellen was a member of the Epsilon Sigma Alpha Sorority.

She was married to Len Warner; he died Oct. 29, 1993. Survivors include son Kevin and his wife Delinda; a brother Donald; a sister Dorothy Oliver; 2 grandchildren, Andy and his wife Emily Warner and Madison Warner; and 3 great-grandchildren Blakley, Adley and Case. She was also preceded in death by a son Steven; and brothers Kenneth, Roy and Wayne.

Graveside services was Saturday at the Greenwood Cemetery, Belmont.

Memorials may be made with Serenity Hospice in care of the funeral home.



Velma Simmons

Velma Simmons, 107, passed away January 4, 2022 at Parkwood Village, Pratt, KS. She was born on the farmstead near Cunningham, KS., April 6, 1914 to William and Bertha (Kennedy) Rose. Velma married Vernon L. Thomas May 20, 1934 in Sawyer, KS he passed in 1982. She married Clyde Simmons on January 18, 1985 in Pratt. He passed in 1996.



Velma attended Hard Scrabble Grade School through the 8th grade. She worked as a retail clerk at Sweet Briar, Mode O’ Day and Jet’s Department Store in Pratt. She was a member of First United Methodist Church, Pratt, KS. A former member of the Glendale Methodist Church, Kum Double Sunday School Class, life member of the Pratt County Historical Society and EHU. She enjoyed square dancing, playing cards and Spending winters in Texas and Arizona with Vernon. She helped on the farm milking cows, cleaning chickens and cooking meals for harvest crews when custom cutting in the summer. She was a very good cook, specializing in fried chicken and cherry pies. She enjoyed her numerous grandchildren with fishing, driving in the pasture at a high rate of speed (they thought), and teaching them to take lunch to the field during harvest.

She is survived by son, Marvin (Dianne) Thomas of Pratt, KS; daughters, Marilyn Small of Garden City, KS, Nancy Neelly of Pratt, KS; Honorary son, Charles (Pat) Williams, Rexford, KS. 10 grandchildren, 23 great grandchildren, 16 great great grandchildren, 3 step grandchildren and 6 step great great grandchildren. 1 step great great great grandchild.

Velma is preceded in death by her parents, husband Vernon L. Thomas and Clyde Simmons; brothers, George Rose, Floren Rose, Ivan Rose, Roy Rose; sisters, Iva Dyche, Ann Conklin, Clara Fischer, Irene Rose.

Visitation will be Thursday, January 13, 2022 from 9:00 am to 8:00 pm with family receiving friends from 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm.at Larrison Mortuary 300 Country Pratt, KS 67124. Funeral service will be held at 10:30 Friday, January 14, 2022 at Larrison Mortuary with John Hamm presiding. Inurnment will follow at Greenlawn Cemetery, Pratt.

Memorials may be made to the Scholarship Fund at Pratt Community College or Pratt County Historical Museum in care of Larrison Mortuary, Ltd.. Online condolences may be made at www.larrisonmortuary.com.

Louise Bett

Ida Louise Snell Bett, Langdon KS, passed away on January 4, 2022 from natural causes after a long-term illness.

Louise was born on December 11, 1929, on the Snell farmstead in rural Reno County, Kansas. She was the third of four children born to Walter Glenn Snell and Alice Wilson Snell. She graduated from Arlington, Kansas, High School in 1945.



Louise met Wendell Bett of Kingman, Kansas, on a blind date and married him two years later in a private ceremony on June 30, 1951. They remained together until his death on December 19, 2001.

She leaves behind three children: Roxanne Bett-Carty of Chaparral, NM; Karen (Randy) Garber of Covington, LA and Brian (Carol) Bett of Langdon, KS. Also surviving her are four grandchildren: Brian Carty, Erin Carty, Nathan (Mary Hannah) Garber and Bambi (Joseph) Spangler and her daughter, Emelia, as well as one sister, Lucy Orth, one sister-in-law, Greta Snell, and multiple nieces and nephews.

A small service will be held for local family and friends at Livingston Funeral Home, Kingman, KS on Saturday, January 15, 2022, at 1:30 p.m. She will be buried at a graveside service on June 30, 2022, beside her beloved Wendell at Hunt’s Hill Cemetery, Rago, KS.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks for donations to Prairie Sunset Home, Pretty Prairie, KS, 67570.

Evelyn Frazer

Evelyn Mae (Powell) Frazer, 92, passed peacefully Thursday, January 6, 2022 at Pratt Regional Medical Center. She was born January 2, 1930 in Kalvesta, Kansas to Wiley Victor and Mary Lavina (Baldwin) Powell. She was the seventh of eight children. Evelyn married Edwin “Jack” Dwight Frazer on January 7, 1951 in Kalvesta. He preceded her in death on November 15, 2018.



Evelyn graduated from Cimarron High School, then received a business certificate from the Cain-Powell Business College in Dodge City. She worked for the Garden City Police Department and as secretary to the city judge. After she and Jack moved to Pratt and raised their five children, she trained and received state certification as a Nurse Aide and Medication Aide. She worked at what is currently Pratt Health and Rehab until she and Jack moved to Wichita where she continued working in that field before retiring to Pratt. She was a member of the Pratt First Christian Church and Martha Circle Group of Christian Woman’s Fellowship. She enjoyed gardening, canning, painting, fishing and spending time with family. After Jack’s death, Evelyn moved to Pratt Health and Rehab where she felt at home and liked teasing the staff. Due to health limitations in her later years, she was not able to attend church but enjoyed the televised services First United Methodist Church of Wichita.

She is survived by daughters, Karen (Dale) Nixon of Leawood, Cathy Blasi of Pratt, Sandy (David) Foster of Pratt and Patricia (Roy) Benz of Independence, Missouri; 9 grandchildren; and 22 great-grandchildren.

Evelyn is preceded in death by her husband, “Jack” Frazer; parents; son, Thomas Edwin Frazer; son-in-law, Roger Blasi; brothers, Marion Powell, Carrol Powell, Loren Powell and Thomas Powell; and sisters, Hazel Sullivan, Lorene Roth and Norma Frey.

Funeral service wasMonday, January 10, 2022 at Larrison Mortuary, Pratt with John Hamm presiding. Burial followed at Greenlawn Cemetery, Pratt. The service will be Webcast at www.larrisonmortuary.com.

Memorials may be made to Kansas Christian Home of Newton; Wichita First United Methodist Church Televised Programming; or Pratt Christian Women’s Fellowship in care of Larrison Mortuary.

Willie Johnson

Wilford “Willie” Lee Johnson 86, was born June 25, 1935, in Anthony, Kan., to Daniel “Lee” and Opal (Sullivan) Johnson. He passed away on January 5, 2022 in Kingman, Kan.

Willie grew up in Kiowa, Kan., moving to Kingman when he was in grade school. After high school graduation, he enlisted in the Marines, where he was stationed in Hawaii and 29 Palms, Calif.

On October 18, 1958, he married Carolyn “Jean” Johnson at the First Baptist Church in Kingman. The couple lived in 99 palms, Calif.; Kingman; Kansas City, Kan.; and Topeka.

Willie spent much time traveling as he worked as a chemist, then in pharmaceutical sales. He owned Kingman Lanes in the late 1970s and 80s. His later career led him to be a purveyor with Mountain Man Nut and Fruit, and most recently selling promotional items with Halo and Appreciated Advertising.

Willie loved watching sports, especially the Kansas Jayhawk basketball team, where he served as an usher for many seasons. He spent much time on the golf course and at the bowling alley. He was a member of the First Baptist Church, Kingman, Ninnescah Lodge #230 A.F.&A.M., the Scottish Rite Bodies and the Midian Shrine.

Willie was preceded in death by his wife, Jean, and his parents Lee and Opal.

Willie will be missed by his family and friends. This includes his children Leigh Ann (Clair) Roderick, Monty Johnson and Mitzi (Dustin) Bailey. Grandchildren include Jeremy (Marissa) Roderick, Kristen Birket, Dakota Weippert, Blazi Weippert (fiancé Sam Nave) and RiLee Swink. Great Grandchildren include Grant and Reagan Roderick, Caleb Birket, Skylyn and Elijah Swink. Sister Lana Priddy, niece Crystal Walsh, nephew Dion Priddy.

Graveside services was on Monday, Jan. 10, at Walnut Hill Cemetery in Kingman.

Memorials may be made with the Kingman Healthcare Systems Respiratory Dept. in care of the funeral home.

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