

The Cunningham Courier

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The Courier Will Be Sold!

I have found a buyer for our little newspaper!

Eight years ago, when I bought this paper, I told myself (and others) I would publish until the summer I turned 65. I am attending my first Medicare informational meeting on June 7th -- and just in time, as one week before this meeting, I will be officially retired from newspapering.

Maybe not altogether retired... I am considering continuing my Meanderings. But that's not really newspapering is it? It's more like meandering through the writing process. Or writing though the meandering process.

My first all-by-myself edition of The Courier was May 31, 2018. The first copy of The Cunningham Clipper that I could find online was October 17, 1902. And other than the four years of WWII and the year and a half after the death of Bill Bradley, Cunningham has supported a newspaper. Upon my purchase of the newspaper, it had already been in existence for 115 ½ years. As I hand it over to the next publisher, our community newspaper will have existed for 123 ½ years. It is the oldest business in our community and will continue to be the oldest business as long as it has

support from businesses and residents.

Because a newspaper is a bit of an 'issue' to sell, as Kerri and Dave and Jeff can attest to, I began a search for a new owner in January 2025, hoping for a local person to step into my shoes. One did not, but Jason Jump, of The Kingman Leader-Courier, expressed interest. Then I thought to myself, "Roberta, you committed to 8 years. Just stick with it. Continue with your plan. After all, what else do you have to do?"

I reached out to Jason and Stephanie in last November, but of course, they had just purchased the Gyp Hills Premier, and I really wasn't sure they'd want to take on yet another paper. I told them to think about it, and to let me know their decision by May 1st.

I sent them the pertinent information they requested. And I waited for their decision. A couple of weeks ago, they responded to my offer. They want our paper. These folks are insane about newspapers. I will let them explain their insanity in their future editions.

In the meantime they have this to say: "We are very excited to become owners and operators of the only newspaper in the world that cares about Cunningham, Kansas," M3 Publishing, LLC Owner Jason Jump said of the

company's commitment to assume ownership of the Courier. "While we have been a small part of the Cunningham community in some fashion since moving to Kansas in 2012, this community truly opened its arms and welcomed our family in during a very trying time beginning in the summer of 2020.

"We will be forever grateful for what this community has done for us and especially our children. While I have been interested in acquiring the Courier for many years, it now takes on a whole new meaning for us given our recent history. Hopefully we can give back a small portion of the love this community has given to us."

"We are honored to carry on the legacy of providing local news to a community that loves its small-town newspaper," Jump said. "And while we are excited about the opportunity, we just ask that you will continue to support us the way you have supported those that have come before us that have laid the foundation for our team to continuing building on into the future."

This editor has known the Jump children since they moved to Kingman almost 15 years ago. As the school librarian there, I adored their children. They were readers! Their oldest, Micah, was one of my best library customers.

There is nothing a librarian adores more than children who have a passion for reading. Except maybe, children who have a passion for reading and are incredibly polite, which the Jump children were. Always.

When they transferred here, to the Cunningham schools, I was quite pleased to have such nice kids in our community. The Jumps do have a commitment to our community, and they will do their best to continue our newspaper for as long as it is possible.

In the past 20 years, over 50 publications in Kansas have shuttered their doors. A few factors that foreshadow the demise of newspapers everywhere (especially small-town newspapers) are the cost of postage and printing materials, and, most unfortunately, low readership due to the fact the majority of young people do not read printed papers. The older generations love that paper with the printed word on it. No reading on a screen for us.

I am most grateful for the support that subscribers and readers and advertisers have given me over the last eight years, and I hope you continue to support the Jumps as they take over this legacy.

Roberta

Minutes From City Council March Meeting

The Cunningham City Council met in a regular session on Monday, March 30, 2026, at City Hall, 119 N. Main St.

Present were Mayor, Aaron Murphy; Council Members: Jason Ruckle, Craig Woodard, Tim Schultz, Tanner Newell, and Bryce Murphy; City Attorney, Greg Graffman; City Superintendent, Mesa Sallee; and City Clerk, Molly Morgan.

Guests present: Jackie Ruckle, Property Officer; Harold Stark, Fire Chief; and Tom Kerschen (arrived at 7:00 p.m. to be present for permit discussion.)

Mayor Murphy called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Motion by Newell, second by Ruckle, to approve the agenda. Motion carried, 5/0.

Motion by Woodard, second by Murphy, to approve the minutes of the February 23, 2026, meeting as written. Motion carried, 5/0.

Public Comments: None

Fire Department – Chief Stark reported CFD had received an 800 radio from the State. All hoses were tested and the department received ISO credit for that. ISO inspection is complete. Calls included: two mutual aid grass fires; a mutual aid structure fire in Kingman; and an alarm at the school (smoke from

burnt food in a microwave.)

EMC Insurance Renewal – Clerk reported that a premium return of \$5,499.90 was received from EMC. The premium for the policy period between April 1, 2026 and March 31, 2027 is \$63,727.15. Motion by Newell, second by Woodard, to approve the payment of the EMC insurance policy in the amount of \$63,727.15. Motion carried, 5/0.

Cyber Insurance Policy – Motion by Schultz, second by Newell, to approve the quote for cyber insurance from CFC in the amount of \$1,653.15. Motion carried, 5/0.

Lloyd Group Budget Questionnaire – It was the consensus of the Governing Body that streets are a priority in the next budget cycle. That item was added to the budget questionnaire.

Maintenance Report – Mesa gave the lab report for the nitrate tests. Nitrate levels are currently under the maximum allowed.

*Repairs were made to the sweeper on the Bobcat and a new brush was installed.

*The pedestrian bridge near the pool has all new wood and has been repainted.

*The Water Loss Report was submitted. *The pothole on Main Street has been filled with cold patch asphalt, but Mesa recommends cutting it out and pouring concrete to repair it as a long term solution.

*Flow test was completed at 120 W

Leiter.

*Safety cones near water service repairs have been stolen and/or moved.

*Repairs of the service line near 111 W Second have been completed.

*A leaky hydraulic line on the backhoe has been repaired. *Well 3 saddle was replaced.

*While investigating a possible leak at 303 S Douglas (on a meter that was supposed to be shut off,) a valve broke when trying to shut off the meter.

*In preparation for the Fourth Street repairs, four meter pits will be moved, and the sewer line will go under the road before the project begins.

*The township would like to sell the grader. It was the consensus of the Council not to purchase the grader.

Planning & Zoning – The P&Z Board is reviewing a rough draft of the Comprehensive Plan. There are two fence permits to consider, but neither has been approved/disapproved by the Board.

Motion by Ruckle, second by Murphy, to approve permit 2026-03 as amended for a fence at 111 W Second. Motion carried, 5/0.

Motion by Ruckle, second by Woodard, to refer permit 2026-04 for a fence at 321 N Logan to the Planning & Zoning Commission for more discussion. Motion carried, 5/0.

Property Officer – Clean ups are in progress.

Executive Session – Motion by

Ruckle, second by Newell, for the governing body to meet in executive session with the City Attorney and the City Clerk for consultation with the attorney under attorney-client privilege, the justification being K.S.A. 75-4319(b)(2), with the Council meeting to resume in open session in five (5) minutes. Motion carried, 5/0.

The above met in executive session from 7:53 to 7:58 p.m., at which time the meeting resumed in open session and Mayor Murphy stated that no action had been taken during the executive session.

Motion by Schultz, second by Newell, to hire Bob Stackhouse as a part time seasonal worker with a pay rate of \$15 per hour. Motion carried, 5/0.

Financial Report – Motion by Ruckle, second by Woodard, to approve the financial report and pay the bills as presented. Motion carried, 5/0.

KDOT Cost Share Grant Account – Motion by Woodard, second by Murphy, to open a "Potholes to Progress Project" two signature account with Aaron Murphy, Jason Ruckle, and Molly Morgan being authorized signers. Motion carried, 5/0.

Adjournment – Motion by Murphy, second by Schultz, to adjourn. Motion carried, 5/0.

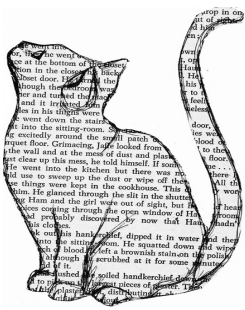
Mayor Murphy adjourned the meeting at 8:06 p.m.

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Meanderings

It was nice to get another installment of Beth Blasi's life here at the bottom of the page. I do enjoy reading her column. I hope others continue to enjoy it as well. Well, the column I have from two weeks ago is going to get pushed to that back burner once again. Life happens. And some events are worth writing about -- especially because folks seem to enjoy my stories of beasts and pets and furry creatures more than anything else I write. My life may be a huge bore, but my pets' lives

apparently, are not. Saturday evening, I went to the "Divas of Soul" concert at Pratt Community College. It was a concert sponsored by the Pratt Community Concert Series. The group performed songs from artists such as Roberta Flack, Patti LaBelle, Aretha Franklin, Tina Turner, Etta James, and many other incredibly talented women. As I approached Pratt, I could see that big black cloud hovering in the north. I arrived at the college and checked the sky. Clouds were rolling, lightning was bouncing all over the sky and thunder was announcing the storm. I went in and sat in the auditorium with about 10 other folks waiting for the concert to start. I wasn't sitting there long when the hail hit the roof. What a racket! I ventured out to the lob-

by to check out the action. And wow! That hail was golf-ball sized, and it was coming down and bouncing everywhere. Leaves and small branches were blowing in almost perfectly horizontal winds. Rain was pouring down, but that hail was incredible. There were folks waiting in their cars for the storm to abate. It had to have been very loud sitting a vehicle in that mess. The concert started late, and there were still latecomers. All and all, the 50 or so folks who had braved the weather to be entertained by this wonderful group, could say they enjoyed the music. As soon as the concert was over, I headed out to my car. My white car was covered in leaves. I had just put out my hand to open the door, when I realized it wasn't my car. "Now where did I park?"

Oh there ... it... is.. Across the parking aisle I spotted my car and standing next to the driver's door was a little cat. Meowing. I approached, calling, "Kitty! Kitty!" She came right to me. She was soaked and muddied and shaking. I picked her up and headed back into the building to see if maybe she hitched a right with one of the concert attendees. As the cat and I approached the building, a couple coming out stopped us. They told me they had waited out the storm in their car, and they could see the cat hiding under a bush. "Well, then, I'm taking her." The cat and I returned to the car. I tossed her in, she jumped into the back seat, and it wasn't long before she was curled up in my lap. I swear the relieved look she gave me

said, "Thank you so very much, Lady." I posted her photo on a couple of Pratt Facebook sites. I had many comments, but no owner came forward. One person from the college posted 'She is probably one of the cats that lives at the college. There are several that manage the mice, I think. Sometimes we see them at night. I bet she was freaked out by the storm.' The little lady hid most of Sunday and Monday. She'd come out towards evening both days and got something to eat. She is very lovable and sweet. but she doesn't like the dog. Not one bit. She didn't like the other cats, either, but who can blame her. What a terrifying experience she'd had. This morning she was acting a bit off. Something in her mouth was bothering her. I hauled her over to the vet.

Stacie found my new girlfriend has an issue with her gums. I thought she might be less than a year old, but she is missing some teeth, so most likely she's older. I left her with the vet to have more teeth removed and to be spayed, and I will bring her home again on Thursday. Bless her heart, she is going to hate me. She needed a name for the vet visit. Since she was found at the 'Divas for Soul' concert, I decided she needed a diva name. Although I've not heard her sing much, I'm certain when she does belt out a tune, she is singing "I Will Survive!" It is only proper her name should be "Gloria Gaynor". Always reading, and currently reading, "Golden Tresses of the Dead" by Alan Bradley, Roberta

Tallgrass and Tumbleweeds by Gaille Pike

Dear Readers, Here in my neck of the Flint Hills woods, as I write to you today winds are gusting between 35 to 41 miles per hour. So says the Kansas Mesonet, the K-State Wind Gust High/Low webpage. If I were a pilot, perhaps this would be useful information but I'm not. And no one around me is particularly interested in exactly how

fast the wind is blowing. We just want to know when it will stop. I've heard stories of "Prairie Madness" all my life. I've read that it's not a medical condition, that it is an only a literary term used to describe mental illness suffered by 1800s homesteaders unprepared for the harsh living conditions they encountered (or the hard work required to make a go on this land.) I've always suspected that prolonged strong winds HELPED those people go nuts but I don't have anything to back that up

except this: my neighbors and I can't remember how many windy days in a row we've had and though we remain (questionably) functional, I've begun to doubt that any of us are right in the head. We didn't pay much mind to the wind on the first day, whenever that was, but then we never do. In our defense, I don't know anyone who lives on The Plains who makes a fuss just because it's noticeably windier (by Kansas standards) on any given day. We don't ignore serious threats. For those that drive high pro-

file vehicles, more care and attention is required. Of course, we all keep an eye out for fires. Other than that, a windy day's not even worth talking about because one windy day is pretty much like any other. But when two weeks go by as 14 windy days and dust blowing from the gravel road blurs yesterday, today, and tomorrow, it shows. And suddenly wind is the only thing we talk about. As I ran my errands today, I wasn't the only one looking like chickens had styled my hair. Not a

single farmer I encountered was wearing a hat or cap. I almost didn't recognize one neighbor because I haven't seen him bare-headed for years. Nor was I the only one that walked inside with crazy, windblown-open-wider-than-wide eyes. Everybody that I asked, "How ya' doin'?" replied, "The wind's getting to me." Then they each sighed and shared their most recent windy-mayhem tale. Lots of Traegers have tipped. Too many trash cans to count have disappeared. And there have been so many

broken tree limbs flying around, some homeowners are trying to teach their roofs to duck. But sooner or later (hopefully sooner) this wind and wild weather will be a memory. I'm just hoping we don't lose all our marbles before these winds go elsewhere. We're gonna need our wits about us to get everything cleaned up. Keep your eyes on the stars and your back to the wind.

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How much money does it take To live in this small town? A whole lot less, Which means less stress. Just have a job nailed down. Urbanites oft leave their homes To venture where WE are. A getaway Just for the day, An hour or so by car.

Veterans of foreign wars Have served our nation well. We have our own, From here, home grown, With gritty tales to tell. Trouble? Sure, there sometimes is. But not too big a deal. Police report Is mostly short, No mob crime to reveal.

My Breast Cancer Experience: Part 36 By Beth Blasi 2026 Spring 2026 - My, oh my, oh my. It's already part way through the year 2026! The end of 2025 flew by. We enjoyed our Columbia/Snake River cruise in late October. There were several Lewis

way, a few winery visits, other historical stops, and many locks for the ship to navigate. This trip was on a smaller cruise line with only 180 or so passengers. We had great food and a very attentive staff. It's definitely more expensive than some of the other vacations we've taken, but we did enjoy it. We then celebrated Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Year's - all in a blur. In between all those, we've taken care of our grandson for several days a month while our daughter continues her service in the National Guard. We forget so quickly the stages little tykes go

glad to send them back home. We've changed many diapers, filled many bottles, and are in the process of moving items in our house higher up as we have watched him progress from just lying around, to rolling, to crawling, and now walking and reaching and trying to climb. Stairs are a favorite activity that keeps Grandpa busy. He's also trying to say a few words so I'm anxious to see what surprises that will bring ("out of the mouth of babes"). Thank goodness he sleeps the night through once he goes to sleep and usually waits until the sun is up before waking us! Our 'Fun in the Sun' trip took us to Puerto Rico this year. No passports, no customs! This time we stayed at an Air B&B right on a beach rather than going to an all-inclusive resort. The beach had food trucks and a restaurant during the day so we didn't have to venture far. Since we weren't at a resort, we also had to rent a vehicle. One of our days was spent driving some really curvy roads into the

mountains. Good thing our map apps still worked as the road signs were pretty non-existent and a lot of the roads looked like driveways! We were too focused on staying on the road that we didn't really see too much scenery other than it was lush and green. There is a rain forest on the island, but we didn't visit the official rain forest but we certainly saw plenty of vegetation on our drive. We tried to see the old fort at San Juan, but there were soooo many people, narrow streets, and no place to park. So, we just headed over to the Bacardi Distillery instead and got a cool drink. We didn't take the tour as we needed to get going, but we did purchase a couple bottles of rum at the store. The beach was great and our best souvenir, of course, was the sunburn! The Easter weather allowed us to actually fish this year without having to fish out the lawn chairs or hats that happen to blow into the water. The sun was out, the temperature great, and only a breeze. Unfortunately,

the fish were not as cooperative as the weather, but several small fish were finally coaxed onto the hook. They were returned to the water and we all had a great time. Anyone ready for the wind to calm down or at least bring us some rain? And how about the up and down temperatures! I guess the silver lining is I haven't spent a lot of time on the lawnmower yet. The not so silver lining is the survival of any plants I might try to plant - the ground is really hard and dry! Not to mention the crops needing some moisture! April Fools Day has come and gone which means it was Anniversary number 5 of my cancer diagnosis. The bloodwork still looked great. However, the oncologist suggested I take Fosamax to stave off osteoporosis since I am continuing to take the estrogen blocker (I am in osteopenia). I understand that estrogen affects bone health. I am still trying to decide about taking this drug. I hate to think about getting into this cycle of taking something to stave off

a potential issue and then have to take something else to make sure that drug works effectively, etc. I'm aware of horror stories about these bone drugs (broken femurs, jaw-bone issues, etc) as well as the benefit of taking them even though the docs have been reassuring me that they have seen very few issues. I don't think my dentist is overjoyed since it would also complicate dental work. I should probably run it by my cardiologist as well - my primary care physician seems to be okay with it and feels his current patients are not having issues. I think we've reached a compromise -since I'm eligible for another DEXA scan this year, we can use those results to help make the decision to either stop the estrogen blocker or to start taking the Fosamax. I realize I am probably just in denial that A.G.E. keeps creeping up on me and I just really, really, hate taking pills! Maybe if I got back into my exercise routine - ah, but that's a whole other story..... Until next time!

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Community Bulletin Board

Thursday, April 30 JH Track at Fairfield **	Friday, May 8 HS Track at Bucklin ***
HS JV Track at Medicine Lodge *** 6:00 p.m. Girls Night Out Book Club at Cozy's	Graduation Practice Saturday, May 9 2:00 p.m. Graduation
Friday, May 1 HS Track at Stafford *** Seniors Last Day	Monday, May 11 7:00 p.m. BOE Meeting
Saturday, May 2 5:00 p.m. Auction for Construction Class Little House	Tuesday, May 12 K-8 Awards ceremony *** 8th grade promotion *** Play Day
Monday, May 4 PreK- 5 Music Concert *** Senior Sneak Day	Thursday, May 14 JH/HS League Track Meet at Norwich: No School
Tuesday, May 5 JH Track at Medicine Lodge *** HS Track at Hodgeman County *** Lions Club	Friday, May 15 Last Day of School Early dismissal at 11:30 a.m.
Wednesday, May 6 Shop Guild	Monday, May 18 Drivers' Education Begins
Thursday, May 7 9:00 a.m. 4th Grade Wax Museum Program	Wednesday, May 19 Lions Club



Kingman Healthcare Center Named Top Critical Access Hospital

Kingman Healthcare Center (KHC) in Kingman, KS was recently named one of the top 20 critical access hospitals (CAHs) for overall performance in the country. Ranking in the top 20 is an outstanding achievement considering there are over 1300 critical access hospitals in the United States.

The top 20 CAHs, including Kingman Healthcare Center, scored best among CAHs as determined by the Chartis Center for Rural Health for overall performance. The rankings were recently announced by the National Rural Health Association (NRHA). An awards ceremony will be held during NRHA's Critical Access Hospital Conference in September in Kansas City, Mo.

The top 20 CAHs have achieved success in overall performance based on a composite rating from eight indices of strength: inpatient market share, outpatient market share, quality, outcomes, patient perspective, cost, charge, and finance. This group was selected from the Chartis Center for Rural Health's 2026 top 100 CAH list, which was released earlier this year.

The top 20 CAH best practice recipients have achieved success in one of two key areas of performance: Quality index: A rating of hospital performance based on the percentile rank across rural-relevant process of care measures.

Patient perspective index: A rating of hospital performance based on the percentile rank across all 10 HCAHPS domains.

"Kingman Healthcare Center is proud of the efforts of the 150 dedicated employees who have contributed to our hospital achieving this designation," says Preston Sauers, CEO. "Our providers, nurses, lab techs, literally every single staff member makes an impact on our patient's lives. Our results as a top 20 CAH means our community can count on us to deliver the services they need now and in the future."

KHC employs 150 full-time staff and offers hundreds of services to the local area. Kingman Healthcare Center is a 25-bed critical access hospital with 24-hour emergency room, inpatient services and two-family practice clinics, one in Kingman and one in Cunningham. For more information visit KHC online at www.kingmanhc.com

About NRHA NRHA is a nonprofit organization working to improve the health and well-being of rural Americans and provide leadership on rural health issues through advocacy, communications, education, and research. NRHA's membership is made up of diverse individuals and organizations from across the country, all of whom share the common bond of an interest in rural health.

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Kansas 4-H Scholarship Winners Announced

Manhattan, Kan. — Kansas 4-H youth have been recognized as recipients of the State 4-H Scholarship and the Vanier Family Scholarship for the 2026–27 academic year. In total, 68 State 4-H Scholarships and five Vanier Family Scholarships were awarded, with combined funds totaling over \$392,000.

The State 4-H Scholarships are awarded to Kansas 4-H members who demonstrate strong involvement, leadership, and citizenship. Eligible applicants must have participated in the Kansas 4-H program for at least three years and be enrolled in a post-secondary academic institution.

The Vanier Family Scholarship Program focuses on financial need, leadership, and perseverance. These awards are available to students' attending college or university for the first time and are renewable until the student graduates.

"The Kansas 4-H Program is grateful to donors and the Kansas 4-H Foundation for investing in our members and alumni as they pursue higher education and meaningful careers. Many of these young leaders discovered their strengths through hands-on 4-H project work, and these scholarships honor that dedication while opening doors to the futures, they've worked hard to build." Dr. Sarah Maass, State 4-H Program Leader, said.

Both scholarships are made possible through the generosity of donors to the Kansas 4-H Foundation.

This year, 205 youth applied for the State 4-H Scholarship, and 115 applied for the Vanier Family Scholarship.

State 4-H Scholarship winners from Kingman County are Sean Kostner for the Mary Lou Gibbs Scholarship and Andrew Schultz is awarded the Allan and Carolyn Harms Family Scholarship.

Health Clinics

Kingman County Health Department will be doing its monthly outreach clinics in May on the following dates:

Cunningham- Wednesday, May 6th
from 9:30am-12:00pm

Zenda- Wednesday, May 6th
from 1:30pm- 4:00pm

Norwich- Thursday, May 7th
from 1:30pm-4:00pm



We will be at the Kingman Senior Center on Wednesday, May 13th from 11:00am-12:00pm for free blood pressure checks.

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We ALWAYS need photos for the paper!!

Libraries

Cunningham Public Library
Mon., Wed., Fri.
2:00 - 6:00 p.m.
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*A Column
by
Dean Marple*

What's Next?

A Sunday family gathering found two individuals, after a belt loosening meal, soaking up the sun as they sat on the front steps. These two shared many similarities such as heads crowned with cowlicks and faces sprinkled with freckles, blond hair kissed with a smidge of red, and a thunderous laugh. Some people merely smiled while others snickered, but not these two. Whether it was grandpa or grandson,

both had that booming laugh that made their blue eyes dance. However, right now, there was no dancing. The absence of that laugh highlighted their differences.

He of 82 years, stooped shoulders, and hearing aids. Him of five years, missing teeth, and skinned knees. He of wisdom and weariness. Him of energy and anxiety.

"Papa, what will it be like?"

"What are you talking about?"

"First grade. I'm about done with kindergarten, and Mommy says that first grade is more grown up than kindergarten. What's that mean?"

"I'm not sure. I

suppose she means a little more studying and a little less play."

"But I like to play! What if I get a mean teacher?"

"I'd be surprised if you had a mean teacher, and besides, you're worrying about something that hasn't even happened yet. I wouldn't worry too much."

"Can I tell you a secret?"

"Sure, squirt, go ahead."

"I'm a little scared. I don't know what's next. Do you?"

Considering the lengthy amount of time Papa took to think of a response, the 5-year-old did what all 5-year-olds

do. He got fidgety and ran off, but Papa didn't mind. Now there was no need for a reply. Besides, a shadow stretched across the steps now, a shadow that resembled Papa in some ways. The same hair that couldn't quite commit to red, the same lively blue eyes, but a much prettier face and a silhouette that looked nothing like a boy's.

"Papa, can I talk with you?" she inquired.

"Sure, have a seat," he replied.

"I have a good problem, so I guess it's silly to worry, but I do."

"What are you talking about?"

"You know I'm going to graduate from the

university next month, right?"

"Sure do, Nana and I are looking forward to your graduation."

"Well, the good news is that I have two job offers. The bad news is that I don't know which one to accept. One of the jobs is right here in town but the other is a long way away."

"How long is a long way?"

"About 1,100 miles."

"That's quite a stretch. Are you leaning towards that one?"

"I'm not sure. That job would mean I'd not only move, but also have to live in a much bigger city. It's exciting, but it's also scary."

"And the other one?"

"The boss seems nicer, and I could still live with my folks. That would save me lots of money and, well, it just sounds safer. I'm not sure what offer I should take. Safe or scary? Spread my wings or be comfortable? I don't know what's next. Do you?"

The day moved on, the shadows lengthened, and Papa and Nana drove home. Lying in bed that night, Papa recalled the conversations with his two grandchildren. A 5-year-old who was scared. A 21-year-old who wondered about her future. At 82, was he any different?

What was next?



On Raising Dogs and Children

"Having children is like having a bowling alley installed in your brain."

Martin Mull

Parenting can be perilous. It is not a job for the faint of heart. And whether your charges be canine or human, being a parent requires courage.

The human side of the parenting model is more treacherous. But being a dog dad or mom can be difficult as well. Pondering parenthood this week, I have a few thoughts to share. If you are a parent, or hope to be a parent, you might want to bone up on your parenting skills with a pup.

Dogs are good practice for when you have kids.

Before you read any further, I offer this warning. This column may offend some of my more sensitive readers. That is okay. If you are offended by my observations and advice, or if you think I am just wrong, that is okay with me. Just throw this paper in the trash and go on with your life. But perhaps you might consider my words.

Let's begin with dogs. Out and about with our little dog Mac (he is a Jack Russell Terrier – kind of like the canine version of a small James Dean) I have noticed something. While the dog people we have encountered are warm and wonderful folks, some seem to operate under the assumption that their dog is in charge. Most often we see in "bad dogs" barking and yipping and irritating anti-social behavior. Dogs will be dogs. But it is okay to correct your dog. It is okay to require that your dog traverse the neigh-

borhood and interact with others in a respectful manner. If your dog has learned to respect you, then you can get him to behave. But you must require it, as his or her alpha dog parent.

Regarding children, the basic premise is the same. But this concept has been somewhat lost in current society. I once heard an elderly gentleman remark that the primary difference between his generation and the current generation was this – today the kids are in charge. When he was a child, and later a parent, the adults were in charge.

Parents bending, prostrating themselves in service and obedience to their children, where did this come from? When did this shift take place? I'm not sure. If I had to guess, I would say that it actually happened a long time ago, maybe about the time we became acquainted with Lee Harvey Oswald. But it has taken awhile to thoroughly soak into modern culture. Go into any

public space today and watch parents with their children. Often, you will see the kids in charge. "Hey little Wally, are you ready to go now?" Little Wally is probably not ready to go, and even if he is, you are teaching him that he is calling the shots and determines when mom or dad are allowed to leave. This is wrong. Just like with yapping and disobedient dogs, you don't have to live with in-charge, ornery, or self-centered children. Toss the modern and progressive parenting ideas aside and enjoy life with obedient, happy children...and dogs. Here is the fix. It begins in your mind, with understanding.

Dogs, like children, are concrete thinkers. They are not capable of abstract thought. That is why your second-grader, or your border collie, will have trouble diagramming a sentence or understanding geometry. Their thoughts are tied to present and specific physical experiences, process-

ing the world through learned associations and their senses, rather than abstract concepts. Dogs remain concrete thinkers. Children remain so until about the age of eleven or twelve. Modern, progressive parenting "experts" disregard this truth. Listen to them and you will raise disobedient and difficult feral children.

How do you teach a dog? You teach them with firm, clear, and consistent loving direction. Dogs need and want this. If your dog is misbehaving, firm words and a snap of his collar will help him learn. The same principle applies to children.

When little Wally ignores your "no" command and tries to put a metal fork in a light socket, or dashes into the street without looking for cars, your conversation and reasoning, explaining the dangers of electrical shock or passing cars, won't compute. Little Wally is a concrete thinker. What works is a

prompt swat on his bottom. With a swat, he gets the message loud and clear. He learns in a way he can immediately understand that there are consequences for unacceptable or dangerous behavior. And he learns that mom and dad are in charge. When Wally is older and capable of abstract thought, then you can converse and reason all you want with him. Then it will work, as you let him grow and make decisions in his trajectory towards adulthood.

The number one thing that you want your children (and your dogs) to learn early in life is this – their will is subservient to yours. You are the boss. As a loving parent, you are in charge and responsible for their safety and wellbeing. When you take charge, offering consistent and loving guidance, they feel secure. Secure children grow to be happy adults and good parents themselves. And they raise good dogs...

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1 John 3:7
Dear children, do not let anyone lead you astray. He who does what is right is righteous, just as He is righteous.
submitted by Alan Albers

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1961

May 4, 1961 - Grade averages for the Senior Class of 1961 reveal that Mary Leiter has the highest grade average during her four years of high school, with LaDean Cooley ranking second. Jerry Huffman had the third highest grade average, and Jerry Pelzl was fourth.

Mary has been an outstanding student all four years of her high school career. She has not only maintained a high grade average, but has been active in extracurricular activities as well. This past year she has served as President of the Kayette Club; Editor of the yearbook, "The Wildcat"; Cheerleader; Senior Class Treasurer; participant in the State Scholarship Contests; accompanist for the musical groups, and represented the school in the District and State Music Contests.

LaDean has done excellent work during her four years in high school, and has been an active participant in many extracurricular programs of the school. During this past year, LaDean has been a Cheerleader; Senior Class Secretary; Kayette Club officer, and vocal soloist in the District and State Music Contests.

The Cunningham 4-H Club met in the High School Recreation Room, Monday evening.

The meeting was called to order with the 4-H Pledge, followed by a song led by Joel Pelzl. The members answered roll call with a favorite song, after which Mary Cusenbary and Norma Greenlee played the piano duet, "The Little Prince," and Rollin Dillinger gave a project talk on woodworking.

Diane Dunn gave a demonstration on finding the grain of a fabric, followed by a talk about the music composer, Chopin, by Sue Graves. Norma Greenlee gave the history of conservation, and Sue Hellar told how a secretary should keep the minutes of a meeting.

Don Hellar led the group in playing games, after which Monte Rose served refreshments to 18 members, four leaders, and four guests, Mrs. Richard Dunn and Dick, Mrs. Leroy Kampling, and County 4-H Agent Royal Hendershot of Kingman.

Den One of the Cunningham Cub Scout Pack met at the home of Assistant Den Mother Mrs. Edwin Steffen, Monday afternoon after school.

The boys spent the afternoon painting a Cub Scout plaque and making helicopters.

Marvin Oller served refreshments to seven members, Mark Dafforn and David Bainum were unable to be present. -Marvin Oller, Keeper of the Buckskin.

1966

May 5, 1966 - Three 1966 graduating seniors at Northwestern State College in Alva, Okla., have accepted positions in Unified School District No. 443, effective when the fall school term begins, according to the college placement bureau.

They are Billy Savely of Freedom, Okla., Earl Reneau of Sharon, and John McCracken of Capron, Okla.

Mr. Savely will teach business in Zenda High School. Mr. Reneau will be at the St. Leo Grade School teaching in grades five through eight, and instructing physical education. Mr. McCracken's assignment for his new career will be as a science teacher in Cunningham High School.

All three young men will receive bachelor of science degrees in education when commencement ceremonies are held at Northwestern State, May 22.

At a regular school board meeting of Unified School District No. 332 in Cunningham, Monday evening, Supt. Milton Brooks was offered, and has accepted, a two-year contract to serve as the school district superintendent, and Mrs. Gwen McClellan was hired as head secretary of the school district for next year.

1971

April 29, 1971 - New officers for 1971 were elected at a special meeting of the Carter-Luce American Legion Post No. 114 of Cunningham, Monday evening, April 19 at the "Wildcat Den." The new officers are Dean Cooley, Commander; Dennis Raney, Vice-Commander; Donald Kitson, Adjutant; Ernest Bishop, Sergeant-at-Arms; Charles Lackey, Service Officer; Rev. Henry Dutcher, Chaplain; Ralph Baber, Finance Officer; Kent Williamson, Historian, and Bill Bradley, Jack Meyers, and Jack Crick, Executive Committee.

The post meets at the "Wildcat Den," the first Monday evening of each month at 8:00 o'clock. Plans were made for the post's Memorial Day observance at the St. Leo Cemetery, Shelman Cemetery, and Maud Cemetery.

On Memorial Day morning (May 31) at 9:00 o'clock, the post will conduct a three-man firing squad salute ceremony at the St. Leo Cemetery. An hour later (10:00 o'clock), a similar ceremony will be held at the Shelman Cemetery. A wreath will also be placed on the grave of Austin Luce.

At 11:00 o'clock that morning, a firing squad salute ceremony will be held at the Maud Cemetery.

A wreath will also be placed on the grave of Leroy Carter, after which a Memorial Day address will be given by John W. Foster of Hutchinson, a past

Commander of the Hutchinson American Legion Post No. 68, who will also conduct the dedication ceremonies of the Carter-Luce American Legion Post No. 114 of Cunningham.

A new Mayor and five Councilmen were sworn into office at the regular meeting of the Cunningham governing body, Monday evening, April 26, at the City Hall. City Clerk Jack Meyers administered the oath of office to the new Mayor, Ivan Cain, and the five Councilmen, K. C. Jones, George Urban, Kent Williamson, Gary Wegerer, and Larry Ruckle. Mr. Williamson, Mr. Ruckle, and Mr. Wegerer are new members of the governing body; Mr. Jones and Mr. Urban are returning Councilmen.

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1976

April 29, 1976 - There will be a Farm Bureau film on 'Tractor Safety' next Tuesday, May 4, at 8 p.m. in the Cunningham High School study hall instead of the gymnasium as originally scheduled.

This film is good for the entire family to review. Refreshments will be served.

Eighteen young people from Norwich presented a musical program in a school assembly on Wednesday morning. The Select Choir is under the direction of Cheryl Ann McClaren.

Mrs. Bess Hauser was hostess to Past Matron's Club in her home Tuesday evening, April 20.

Favors of miniature wooden camels, which Mrs. Hauser brought back from her recent trip to Jerusalem, were presented to the guests. The evening was spent playing games with prizes being awarded to the winners.

Mrs. Edd (Alma) Nichols of Zenda who is retiring from teaching at the end of the school year was honored with a reception at the Nashville Community Building last Sunday afternoon. Mrs. Nichols taught in the Zenda-Nashville-Spivey-Rago area around 36 years.

Hostesses for the occasion were Mrs. Evelyn Dunkelberger, Mrs. Geraldine Walker and the Nashville and the Nashville Harmony E.H.U.

Todd Rohr invited all of his classmates to his birthday party. The children rode the schoolbus to Todd's home. The boys and girls enjoyed the cookies and lemonade. Janel Rohr took the children home after the party. Favors of Bicentennial pinwheels were given to Todd's classmates. Todd liked his gifts.

Bryon Jones transferred to a Pratt School. His mother hired a baby sitter at Bratt so it was necessary for Bryon to leave our school.

Dana Murphey was seven years old on April 23, 1976. All of Dana's classmates rode the school bus to Dana's home. The boys and girls enjoyed the cake and Kool-aid. Favors of trick rings, bubble gum, Slo-Poke suckers, candy wafers, and balloons were given to Dana's classmates. They played "Pin the Tail on the Donkey." Mark Thimesch and Andrea Graves won. Mrs. Murphey took the children home. Dana liked her birthday gifts.

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1981

April 30, 1981 - City Council: Building permits to the following were reviewed: 1. Dave Larson to dig a basement under his home.

2. U.S.D. No. 332 to dig basement, move in a house, and to rework sewer system if necessary.

3. Orville Shelman to run a cement driveway.

4. Eugene Beat to dig basement under house and add on to house.

5. Earl Horton, run concrete drive and screen-in back porch.

6. Cunningham Co-op to add on to the Fertilizer Building.

7. Ed Hageman to move in a mobile home at George Hageman's.

It was moved an seconded to pay experienced lifeguards at the swimming pool \$3.50 per hour. Admission rates for this summer will be:

Ages 5 and under: Not admitted unless attended by parent or guardian.

Ages 5 and under if attended by parent or guardian, FREE.

Ages 6 thru 12, 65 cents.

Ages 13 and up 85 cents.

All season tickets \$17.50.

The evening of April 20 was an exciting one! It was interesting for the parents as for the contestants. The students of St. Leo had their annual School Spelling Bee.

The winners were Amy Chipman, Danny Oeding,

Gary Albers, Travis Rakestraw, Tracy Henning, Shawn Neises, Greg Hageman, and Becky Peters.

Under the direction of Jim Pilley, the High School will present the play, "You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown" on May 7 at 7:30 p.m. at the High School. Admission will be \$2 for adults, \$1.50 for students. Representing some of the Charles Schultz characters above are Barb Harbert playing Marci, Shawn Rohr playing Snoopy, Janice Stillwell playing Lucy, Kerry Welch playing Sally and Mike McGovney playing Linus. David Thornhil will play Charlie Brown.

1986

May 1, 1986 - Brian Ray DeWeese, of R.R. 2 in Cunningham, has been hired as a programmer analyst * in Wichita by Boeing Computer Services, according to Emporia State University director of placement, Virginia Musgrave.

DeWeese will graduate from Emporia State in May 1986, with a B.S.B. degree. He also received a B.S. degree from Emporia State in August 1984.

Gene and Connie Panek, Cunningham, are proud to announce the birth of their son, Nicholas Eugene, born Saturday, April 19, 1986, at 1:45 p.m. at Kingman Community Hospital. He weighed 9 lb. 3 oz. and was 21 inches long.

Grandparents are Delmar and Alda Hodgkinson and LeRoy and Blondie Panek, all of Cunningham.

Great Grandparents are Robert and Bertha Hodgkinson, Pratt, Genevieve Singleton, Cunningham, and Rosa Spade, Nashville.

On Saturday, April 26, the Cunningham fifth grade journeyed to the Kansas Coliseum in Wichita to see the Shrine Circus. Area Shriners annually provide tickets to the circus and pop for the youngsters to drink at the picnic before the circus performance. Students from St. Leo and Zenda also made the circus trip with the fifth grade class.

Highlights of the circus were the unpredictable car, boxing clowns, trapeze artists, tightrope walkers, and trained tiges. Everyone returned home with exciting stories, happy memories, and crazy souvenirs.

The following students attended the event: Stephen Petz, LeAnn Fischer, Amber Magnett, Bill Holcomb, Barbara Fitzsimmons, Kevin Harbert, Rusty Ormiston, Dawn Adelhardt, Michelle Rosenbaum, Jason Werner, Becky Huffman, Heath Webster, Angela Hazen, and Jeremy Betzen.

Cunningham High School will present "Cheaper By the Dozen," Saturday, May 34d at 7:30 in the High School Gym.

The play is about a father who tries to run his family with scientific management. This does not always work. The play is set in the twenties in a small town in New Jersey.

Admission for the play is - Adults \$2.00 and Students \$1.00. We hope you will come and see the show.

City Council: The admission fees for the swimming pool will remain the same as in 1985: \$25.00 for an individual season ticket; \$75.00 for a family season ticket; daily admission charges will be: Under 5 - free; Ages 6 - 12 - \$.75; Over 12 - \$1.25. Lessons will be \$3.00 per person.

The city will sponsor Coffee and Donuts Memorial Day at the Community Center from 7:30 to 10:30 a.m. This will be for the American Legion before they leave for the St. Leo Cemetery, then will be open to the public.

On April 16 Cunningham Brownie troop 131 and Junior Troop 133 of the Wheatbelt Area Girl Schouts met at the Cunningham Community Center for their Mother Daughter banquet. The program opened with the flag salute and girl scout promise.

Following the meal, the girls presented Eilene Crick, co-president of the Cunningham YWCA a certificate of appreciation for their sponsorship of the local troops.

The girls closed their meeting with their traditional friendship circle while singing "Make New Friends." Members attending the banquet were, Brownies Kim Thimesch, Nikki Theis, Sandy Ormiston, Barbara Miller, Sharon Harris, and Erin Huffman. Junior Scouts present were Leann Fischer, Barbara FitzSimmons, and Misty Ormiston.

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CHS Athletes Place 1st at Norwich Meet

Congratulations to both the HS girls and boys track teams on their 1st place finishes at the Norwich invitational. Strong performances on the windy day!

- Cole Hageman 1st High Jump 5-10
- Kaiden Keasling 1st Long Jump 19-10.5
- Skyler Thimesch 1st PV 13-10, 1st 200 23.45
- Stephen Kerschen 1st Discus 158-6, 1st 100m 11.81
- Emily Ogg 1st 100m 14.13, 1st 200m 28.62
- Grace Hageman 1st Long Jump 15-7
- Sage Thimesch 1st PV 8-0
- Kyra Morgan 1st Shot put 37-1.5
- Boys 4x400 1st Stephen Kerschen, Jack Harden, Newt Heatherman, Skyler Thimesch 3:41.24
- Boys 4x800 1st Jack Harden, Brody Bock, Blake Swope, Newt Heatherman 9:31.17

Coach Kerschen



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CHS Track & Field Girls and Boys took 1st place at the Norwich Invitational Meet last week! Pictured are Seniors Sean Kostner, Blake Swope, Kendall Rogers, Logan Kinsler, Skyler Thimesch, Grace Hageman, and Emily Ogg (not pictured are seniors Kyra Morgan, Andrew Schultz, & Dylan Halderson).



“Athletes get confidence from the leadership of their coach, the support of others, such as family and friends, the environment they perform in.”

— Noel Brick, *Strong Minds: How to Unlock the Power of Elite Sports Psychology to Accomplish Anything*

Kingman County Sheriff's Report

Sunday, April 19

Check Welfare 1200 Blk NE 150 Ave, Cheney
 Miscellaneous E Hwy 42 & SE 40 Ave, Rago
 Miscellaneous 1200 Blk NE 150 Ave, Cheney
 Animal Complaint 5000 Blk E Hwy 42, Rago
 Traffic Complaint 18000 Blk W Hwy 54, Cunningham
 Miscellaneous 120 N Spruce St, Kingman
 Agency Assist/KMPD/Civil Stand By 200 Blk N Douglas St, Kingman

Monday, April 20

Traffic Stops 2
 Civil Paper Service 1
 Court/Inmates 130 N Spruce St, Kingman
 Traffic Complaint E A Ave & N Main St, Kingman
 Disabled Vehicle E Hwy 54 & NE 40 Ave, Kingman
 Miscellaneous 120 N Spruce St, Kingman
 Agency Assist/Reno Co 11000 Blk S Hwy 14, Kingman
 Alarm 2100 Blk N Koch Industrial Rd, Kingman

Tuesday, April 21

Traffic Stops 8
 Traffic Stop/Arrest 16000 E Hwy 54, Cheney
 Transport Inmate 120 N Spruce St, Kingman
 Accidental 911 Dial 100 Blk N Main St, Norwich
 Welfare Check 13000 Blk SE 100 Ave, Rago
 Fraud 4700 Blk NE 130 Ave, Cheney
 Miscellaneous 400 Blk E C Ave, Kingman
 Suspicious Vehicle 1200 Blk E Hwy 54, Kingman
 Traffic Complaint 18000 Blk W Hwy 42, Nashville
 Miscellaneous 400 Blk N Ninescah St, Kingman
 Traffic Complaint 11000 E Hwy 54, Cheney
 Follow Up N Chariton St & NE 20 St, Kingman
 Trespassing N Somerset St & W 2nd, Norwich
 Trespassing 300 Blk W 2nd Ave, Norwich
 Agency Assist/KMPD/Miscellaneous 300 Blk W C Ave, Kingman
 Miscellaneous 200 Blk E Don Lock Dr, Kingman

Wednesday, April 22

Traffic Stops 6
 Disabled Vehicle 5000 Blk E Hwy 54, Kingman

Miscellaneous 6900 Blk NW 10 St, Kingman
 Agency Assist/KHP/Traffic Stop E Hwy 54 & N Hwy 14, Kingman
 Traffic Complaint 2000 Blk E Hwy 54, Kingman

Thursday, April 23

Traffic Stop 1
 Civil Paper Service 1
 Miscellaneous/Jail 120 N Spruce St, Kingman
 Non-Injury Accident 400 Blk N Sugar St, Kingman
 Traffic Complaint 12000 Blk W Hwy 54, Cunningham
 Traffic Complaint 7000 Blk W Hwy 54, Kingman
 Transport Inmate/Court 130 N Spruce St, Kingman
 Transport Inmate 700 Blk W D Ave, Kingman
 Traffic Control 3000 Blk W Hwy 54, Kingman
 Fire/Ditch NE 60 St & NE 120 Ave, Pretty Prairie
 Warrant Service 120 N Spruce St, Kingman
 Follow Up 120 N Spruce St, Kingman
 Traffic Complaint 1000 Blk W Hwy 54, Kingman

Friday, April 24

Traffic Stops 2
 Alarm 13000 Blk SW 140 Ave, Cunningham
 Disabled Vehicle 10000 Blk E Hwy 54, Murdock
 Trespassing 302 E D Ave, Kingman
 Fraud 15000 Blk NE Paint Pony Trail, Cheney
 Miscellaneous 120 N Spruce St, Kingman
 Agency Assist/KHP/Traffic Stop 8000 Blk E Hwy 54, Murdock
 Agency Assist/KHP/Traffic Stop 400 Blk E Leiter Ave, Cunningham

Saturday, April 25

Traffic Complaint 2
 Suspicious Vehicle 400 Blk E Leiter Ave, Cunningham
 Non-Injury Accident 15000 W Hwy 54, Cunningham
 Animal Complaint SW 70 St & S Berry Ave, Spivey
 Miscellaneous N Coronado St & E A Ave, Kingman
 Disturbance/Arrest 1200 Blk NE 150 Ave, Cheney
 Miscellaneous 200 Blk E Grover Ave, Spivey
 Disabled Vehicle E Hwy 42 & SE 30 Ave, Rago
 Miscellaneous 4300 Blk NE 20 St, Kingman
 Agency Assist/KHP/Arrest E Hwy 54 & NE 150 Ave, Cheney
 Non-Injury Accident SW 150 St & SW 90 Ave, Zenda



Opening Gates

Greg Doering, Kansas Farm Bureau

Like many people who grew up in rural Kansas, opening gates was the first job I had on my grandparents' ranch. I obtained my title of "gate getter" early, but it took some time before I was able to open all the gates on the ranch and even longer to recognize I was part of an informal apprenticeship.

The more substantial gates around the corral made out of scrap iron and hung on actual hinges were the easiest to unlatch and swing open. At some of the far-flung pastures, however, entrances were guarded by flimsy wire gates, which are really just a removable section of barbed wire pulled taut with a

cheater bar and secured with a loop of wire.

Strength certainly helped in opening and closing wire gates, but there also was a skill to getting your grip on the lever and flipping the loop to release or close the gate. Eventually I grew enough to have the strength and skill to open all the gates.

New challenges replaced the gates once they became easy to open. There were instructions on how to operate a wire stretcher, weld a uniform bead and operate all manner of machinery.

The only connection between all these jobs is that I started with no experience, but I was lucky enough to have grandparents who were willing to teach me and patient enough to allow me to make mistakes along the way and learn there were no shortcuts for doing any of the jobs the right way.

We never would have

described the progression from gate opener to running the hay baler as an apprenticeship, but all it lacked was classroom instruction. And maybe some structure at times.

Those small issues aside, my time as a ranch hand was very similar to an apprenticeship where I assumed more responsibility and increased wages through hands-on training provided by my grandparents.

While they may not have always been labeled as such, apprenticeships are merely a formal way to do what agriculture and small businesses have always done well — pass knowledge from one generation to the next.

Kansas Farm Bureau's Rural Kansas Apprenticeship Program (RKAP) was created to provide a structured path for the long-standing practice of pairing those just starting out with experienced professionals. Apprentices gain

skills, but they also gain other strengths along the way like judgment and confidence while employers can offer more than just a job — they have a chance to help someone craft a career in rural Kansas.

With this being National Apprenticeship Week, it's a good time to recognize the success of RKAP since it was founded in late 2022 with a goal of building a skilled and loyal workforce in rural Kansas. As the first apprenticeship focused on rural communities and businesses, RKAP has gained traction with employers and apprentices.

But it's still opening gates. The program is learning on the job alongside the apprentices and employers. In the past year, RKAP has received a nearly \$400,000 grant from the Patterson Family Foundation to help spread the word about apprenticeships and has strengthened Kansas

Farm Bureau's collaboration with Farm Bureau Financial Services agents through a sales associate apprenticeship.

This appreciation is a reminder that we all learn by doing, whether it's

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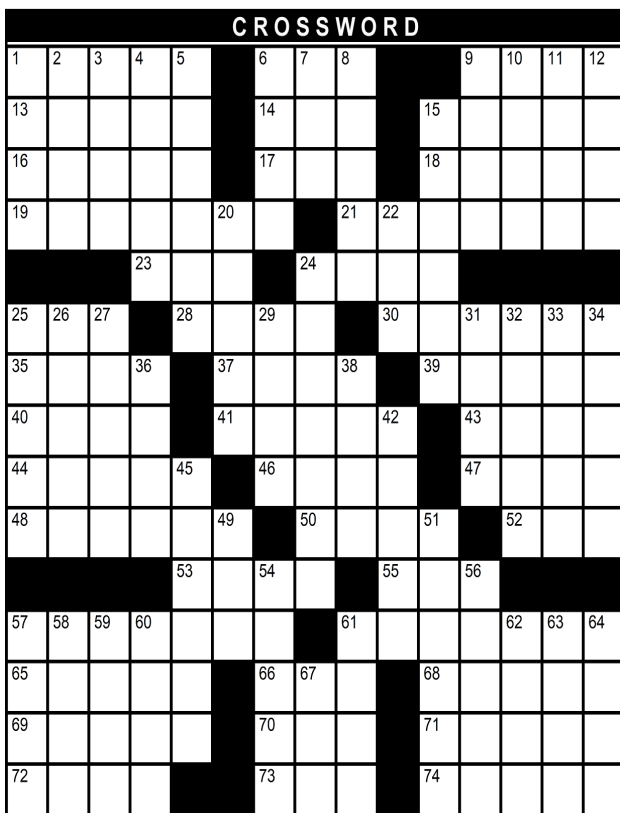
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- Ionic and Corinthian predecessor
- Good times
- AI fodder
- Offer two cents
- Doctor Dolittle, e.g.
- Interior designer's concern
- Not fiction, pl.
- Big head
- Fear-inspiring
- "Good Times" mom
- "The Sopranos" mom
- Possessive pronoun
- Gumbo pod
- Protrude
- Catcher's catcher
- *Marvelous Midge Maisel's first name
- "Metamorphoses" poet
- Chows down
- Millionaire maker
- Time for egg nog
- Sure sign of fire
- "Frasier" actress Gilpin
- TSA PreCheck alternative
- Mosque V.I.P.
- Arabian bigwig
- Received salary
- At the apex
- Masseuse's office
- "Where the Red ___ Grows"
- Likewise
- "Arrested Development" mom
- "Fresh off the Boat" mom
- Circumvent
- French vineyard

- Open disrespect
- Dewey Decimal System, e.g.
- 252-gallon cask
- Cause anxiety (2 words)
- Back talk
- Extra point
- Vanish without this
- DOWN
- Take of a hat, e.g.
- Traditional October birthstone
- Puerto follower
- Opening, colloquially
- #55 on periodic table
- Part of an eye
- "Married with Children" mom
- Investor's asset
- Hold as a conviction
- Unit of land often featuring a home
- Load sixteen tons, e.g.
- Geometry calculation
- Divert from course
- Between washes and styles
- Casino's pull
- Foot rest
- "Stranger Things" mom
- Throat dangler
- Mosaic artist
- "Friday Night Lights" mom
- Tug-of-War gear
- List entries
- Like anchor aweigh
- "Schitt's Creek" mom
- Martin of Rat Pack
- 3-handed card game
- Bring character to life

- Response to stimulus
- Ctrl+Alt+___
- Lemony cream dessert
- Right-hand page
- Academy Award
- Orchid garlands
- Forearm bone
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Kingman County Commission Minutes

Chairwoman Lyon called the Board of County Commissioners meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. April 20, 2026, in the County Commissioners room at the Kingman County Courthouse. Present: Julie Lyon, Chairwoman; Jack Thimesch, Commissioner; Jeff Young, Commissioner; Carol Noblit, County Clerk

Brandon Ritcha, County Counselor

Visitors: Dale Enyart; Bob Morris, Kingman Leader-Courier; Vicki Mader, Horizons Mental Health; Corey Murdock, Nextera; Josh Oakley, Nextera; Erik DeWeese; Chris Cantu; Jason Thimesch.

Online Visitors: Caller 01; Buffy; Chief Brooks; DH; AS; SpongeBob; Caller 02; Wade Iverstine; Grace Lindmark; Kim Rierson

Staff: Sheriff Brent Wood; Undersheriff Travis Sowers; Mary Schwartz, Health Nurse; Charles Arensdorf, Public Works Director. MOTION: Commissioner Young moved to approve the agenda. Commissioner Thimesch seconded the motion.

The motion was approved with a 3-0 vote.

No public comments made.

Vicki Mader, Horizons Mental Health was in with an update for the County Commissioners.

Ms. Mader let the Commissioners know that there will be an opening on the board and would like the Commissioners input on a replacement.

Carol Noblit, County Clerk submitted the April 13, 2026, Commissioner meeting minutes for approval.

MOTION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to approve April 13th, 2026, Commission meeting minutes with the corrections made. Commissioner Young seconded the motion. The motion was approved with a 3-0 vote.

Commissioner Thimesch discussed the State Spraying Contract and said that the County could not renew the contract for 2026.

MOTION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to not enter into a County Agreement to treat Noxious Weeds for KDOT when the current contract ends. Commissioner Young seconded the motion. The motion was approved with a 3-0 vote.

Sheriff Wood and

Undersheriff Sowers were in with a department update and let the Commissioners know that the air conditioner for the server room has been installed.

Sheriff Wood discussed that he has talked with Chris Biel, Reach IT about the 30 desktops and 10 laptop/tablets that they have and would like to have them on a rotation and thought about starting with 10 computers.

Sheriff Wood discussed leasing over purchasing with Reach IT.

Undersheriff Sowers and Sheriff Wood let the Commissioners know that Reach IT has been fantastic to work with and they are doing a great job.

Commissioners discussed the Sheriff's Department leasing over purchasing and having it paid out of Capital Equipment.

Commissioners asked the Sheriff to bring a revised quote for 10 leased computers.

Mary Schwartz, Health Nurse, was in with a department update for March.

Ms. Schwartz let the Commissioners know that the new vaccine refrigerator has been installed and working well.

Ms. Schwartz let the Commissioners know that a new battery has

been installed in the Van and is working well so far.

Ms. Schwartz discussed that she is the new president for the Kingman County Health Coalition.

Ms. Schwartz clarified comments that were made at a previous meeting about Kingman County having high rates of death.

Ms. Schwartz let the Commissioners know that as the new president of the Kingman County Health Coalition she will be hosting a couple health initiatives this year. The first one will be QPR (Question-Persuade-Refer) to be held on June 11th, 2026, at 6:00 p.m. at the Hangar and everyone is invited.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to go into executive session at 9:49 a.m. with Mary Schwartz, Health Nurse and Brandon Ritcha, County Counselor to discuss employees performance pursuant to the exception under the Kansas Open Meetings, and they will return to regular session in the board meeting room at 9:59 a.m.

Commissioner Young seconded the motion. The motion was approved with a 3-0 vote.

Commissioner returned to regular session

at 9:59 a.m. with no action taken.

Corey Murdock, NextEra Manager; Josh Oakley, NextEra; Erik DeWeese; Chris Cantu and Jason Thimesch were in to introduce themselves to the County Commissioners after Mark's departure.

Commissioners thanked them for the communication that they receive and would like to continue receiving the same information.

Chris Cantu let the Commissioners know that if they haven't received payment today of the \$229,733.00 for road repairs and if not, it will definitely be this week.

Kim Rierson, Invenergy, Grace Lindmark, Invenergy and Wade Iverstine, Invenergy were in the meeting online with the County Commissioners.

Mr. Iverstine discussed that the decommissioning agreement is needing renewed and they want to use a different engineer.

Commissioner Thimesch let Mr. Iverstine know that the Kingman County Commissioners are comfortable with the relationship the County has with Kirkham Michael.

Mr. Iverstine let the Commissioners know that he has a quote from HDR for \$11,000.00 for

the decommissioning study for a 6.4 million project.

Brandon Ritcha, County Counselor, discussed that they may have to get a third party if they cannot have a consensus.

Charles Arensdorf, Public Works Director, was in to let the Commissioners know that he had the following permit:

City of Garden Plain-crossing for water line-Section 1 & 12, Township 27, Range 05W (Evan).

Mr. Arensdorf presented the March budget report for the Road & Bridge Department for the Commissioner's review.

Commissioners signed additions and abatements.

Commissioner Thimesch discussed the plan received from OSE for the Armory and that he received a call about the possible insulation in the roof that would make the cost lower.

MOTION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to adjourn the regular board meeting at 11:19 a.m. Commissioner Young seconded the motion.

The motion was approved with a 3-0 vote.

Pratt County Commission Minutes for April 20

The Pratt County Commissioners met in regular session Monday, April 20, 2026 at 2:00 p.m. in the Commissioner Room, 1st floor of the Courthouse. The following members were present: Thomas W. Jones III, Rick Shriver, Morgan Trinkle, Tyson Eisenhauer, County Counselor, Cescha Hoffman, County Clerk and Mark Graber, IT Director. The meeting was opened with the pledge of allegiance.

Economic Development & Legislative Update – Heather Morgan
PAEDC Update
Heather reported that

PAEDC met during the prior week to review an incentive application, it was determined that the applicant did not meet the eligibility requirements.

The Housing Incentive Grant Program is scheduled for a soft launch in June. Initial rollout will include meetings with local contractors to align with the Neighborhood Revitalization Program timeline. The NRP is currently anticipated to begin July 1. Additionally, Heather noted that she has reached out to Tyson to offer assistance in coordinating with smaller taxing entities and helping them determine whether they will participate in the NRP moving forward.

Legislative Update

House Bill 2043 has officially been received by the Governor. The 10-day

decision period begins upon receipt of the bill.

Vernon Filley Art Museum

Brittany Novotny and Emilie Steffen-Smith provided a presentation on behalf of the Vernon Filley Art Museum. They expressed appreciation for the County's ongoing annual \$5,000 contribution. The museum formally requested renewal of the County's \$5,000 annual membership contribution and consideration of a 5% increase of \$250. They reported significant growth in programming and community engagement. Commissioner acknowledged the museum's contribution and community value. Concerns were raised regarding potential financial constraints due to pending state legislation, which may limit

future budget flexibility.

PRRC Property

Amy Schrag, Dr. Wakon Fowler, and Brian Moore addressed the Commission regarding the proposed purchase of the PRRC property and associated lots. Amy reported that since the previous meeting, additional due diligence had been completed, including structural engineering reports and property appraisals. These findings were used in the submitted purchase offer. Commissioners confirmed receipt of the documentation and expressed appreciation for the thoroughness and professionalism of the reports.

Commissioners raised the possibility of including a Right of First Refusal in favor of the County to preserve long-term flexibility and maintain the area as part of a medical campus. Tyson Eisenhauer outlined the statutory process required for the sale. The Commission must adopt a finding of special circumstances under the applicable resolution, a public notice of hearing must be published, A public hearing will be held to allow for comment and upon approval, a formal purchase agreement will be executed.

Motion: Pursuant to Resolution 01-20-2026B to approve a finding of special circumstances for the sale of the PRRC property and related Lots 4-9. Basis for Special Circumstances consist of the following, protecting the community's access to primary care physicians by providing necessary space for the expansion of the Pratt Family Practice LLC and protecting the county

neighboring property interest through a sale to a health care provider that will use the property in a manner that is consistent with the county's use as a medical campus made by Commissioner Shriver; motion carried 3-0.

Motion to authorize Tyson Eisenhauer to prepare and publish the required notices upon receipt of final purchaser information made by Commissioner Shriver; motion carried 3-0.

Property Tax Exemption – Extension Office Building

Discussion was held regarding a property tax exemption application for the Pratt County Extension Office Building located at 824 W 1st Street, Pratt, KS. Recent property transactions and deed corrections were completed to properly return ownership to the Motion to approve and sign the Property Tax Exemption Application for the Extension Office Building made by Commissioner Shriver; motion carried 3-0.

Executive Session – Attorney-Client

Motion to move to executive session under the Attorney-Client exception to the Kansas Open Meetings Act to discuss KORA and Zoning for 14 minutes at 2:31 p.m. made by Commissioner Jones; motion carried 3-0.

Commissioners came out of executive session at 2:45 p.m. with no action taken.

Executive Session – Non-Elected Personnel

Motion to move to executive session under the Non-Elected Personnel exception to the Kansas Open Meetings Act to discuss Staffing and Board of EMS with Brian

Atteberry for 15 minutes at 2:46 p.m. made by Commissioner Shriver; motion carried 3-0.

Commissioners came out of executive session at 3:01 with no action taken.

SW Kansas Area Agency on Aging

Motion to review the County's Annual Contribution to the Southwest Kansas Area Agency on Aging in the amount of \$1,650 made by Commissioner Shriver; motion carried 3-0.

Freedom Claims Management, Inc Contract

Motion to approve the Freedom Claims contract renewal for the 2026-2027 term made by Commissioner Shriver; motion carried 3-0.

Motion to move to executive session under the Attorney-Client exception to the Kansas Open Meetings Act to discuss PRMC Rent Credit and Zoning for 15 minutes at 3:10 p.m. made by Commissioner Jones; motion passed 3-0.

Commissioners came out of executive session at 3:22 p.m. with no action taken.

UMB Agreement – Sales Tax Reserve Fund Transfers

Motion to approve and sign the letter from UMB for the timing of surplus sales tax reserve fund transfers for PRMC rent credit made by Commissioner Shriver; motion carried 3-0.

Commissioners unanimously approved the minutes of the April 13, 2026 meeting.

Commissioners unanimously approved the vouchers for April 20, 2026.

Meeting adjourned at 3:32 p.m.

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Andrew is a cuddle bug, and he needs a lap and a home for his cuddling. This handsome fella is about 2 1/2 years old and has been at the shelter since April 5. Too long for such a sweetie.

Andrew is an active guy who loves to play. Go ahead, adopt your friend, Andrew. Don't wait. Go now.

Second Graders Continue Learning about Community Services

Thank you to football, basketball, and track coach, Lance McGuire, for presenting all about your service job to the 2nd grade class today. The kids enjoyed seeing all of the different equipment used in the different sports and hearing about each sport you coach. Thank you for sharing the love of your coaching jobs with us!



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Carsyn Johnson with his friend, Coach McGuire

submitted by Ingrid Ricke



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No Yard waste
No Shredded paper
No Aerosol cans
No Batteries and electronics
No Oil and paint cans
No Ceramics
No Mirrors, windshields, light bulbs, or window glass
NO PLASTIC BAGS

Please do not bag or bundle recyclables. Simply place them into the recycle container. (Feel free to collect your recyclables in cardboard boxes.)

For residential curbside pickup, place your cart beside curb by 5:00AM.

Recycle bins are only for recyclables and not for trash.

Include only containers with a recycling symbol of 1-7. (Label on lid shows number.)

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Marvin Thomas

Marvin Wayne Thomas, 87, passed away Sunday, April 26, 2026 at his home. He was born on October 14, 1938 in Pratt to Vernon LeRoy and Velma (Rose) Thomas. Marvin married Dianne (Phillippi) Thomas on January 6, 1963 in Wellington. They were married for 63 years.



Marvin graduated from Pratt High School in 1957. He joined the United States Navy and served 4 years. He worked for National Cash Register Company, owned D and M West Stop in Cunningham and was a farmer. He was baptized at Glendale Methodist Church and attended First United Methodist Church in Pratt. He was also a member of BPOE Elks, American Legion, a bowling team and golf league. He enjoyed playing golf, bowling and baseball, playing cards, watching football and cheering for the Kansas City Chiefs, and going to coffee with the guys at Don's.

He is survived by his wife, Dianne; children, Carrie (Max) Vahsholtz of Pratt, Kevin (Karen) Thomas of Pratt and Mark Thomas of Tulsa, Oklahoma; sisters, Marilyn Small of Garden City and Nancy Neely of Pratt; grandchildren, Courtney (Brad) Emery, Erica (Jon) Perron, Kelsie (Dan Maske) Rose, Krystal Eck, Lane Vahsholtz, Wes (Kaileen) Vahsholtz, Caleb Thomas, Kirsten Thomas, Aaron Thomas, Jake Thomas and Carson Thomas; and great-grandchildren, Jameson Emery, Augustus Emery, Emmalynn Perron, Eleanor "Ellie" Perron, Oliver Perron, Christian Gutierrez, Julian Gutierrez and Zane Eck.

Marvin is preceded in death by his parents. Visitation will be Friday, May 1, 2026 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 10:30 a.m., Saturday, May 2, 2026 at Larrison Mortuary, Pratt with Pastor Mike McGovney presiding. Burial with military honors will follow at Greenlawn Cemetery, Pratt.

Memorials may be made to Cancer Research, Pratt Food Bank or Pratt United Methodist Church.

Tess Bromlow

Teresa Ann "Tess" Ellison Bromlow, 83, passed peacefully on April 26, 2026, at Pratt Health and Rehabilitation Center in Pratt, Kansas, after a courageous battle with lung cancer.



She was born on February 11, 1943, in Schenectady, New York, to Robert Ellison and Ann Meaney. On September 7, 1963, she married Kenneth Bromlow.

Tess was preceded in death by her parents; her brother; and her daughter, Sheryl Anne Bromlow Flemming of Colorado Springs, and her beloved cat, Mr. Bibs.

She is survived by her daughter, Kendra "Kandy" Bromlow Grimes (Brad) of Cunningham, Kansas; her son, Paul Bromlow (Wendy) of Chester, Oklahoma; and her beloved grandchildren: Ashley Grimes Greeno (Hunter), Tyler Grimes, Trey Grimes, and Travis Grimes; Shanity Flemming Stackhouse, Cedrique Flemming (Brittney), Jaedyn Wright, and Jerique Wright; and Brandon Bromlow, Brody Bromlow (Kathryn), and Zachary Bromlow (Elizabeth). She also leaves behind 11 great-grandchildren and a sweet old kitty named Missy, all of whom she loved and adored.

A lifelong member of the Catholic Church, Tess faced her illness with courage and a deep faith in the promise of eternal life. She found joy in cooking and generously sharing food with family and neighbors. She also loved knitting and crocheting, creating many cherished gifts for those she loved. Tess was known for her big heart and her willingness to help anyone in need.

A small graveside service will be held at Sacred Heart Catholic Cemetery in Cunningham, KS on Wednesday, April 28, 2026, at 1:00 p.m. A celebration of life will be held at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Teresa Bromlow Memorial Fund in care of Livingston Funeral Home, 1830 N. Main Street, Kingman, KS 67068.

Jeanie Hoener

Dee Vera Jean "Jeanie" Hoener, 84, passed away April 25, 2026 at her home. She was born on May 25, 1941 in Nashville to Dayle and Wilma (Cross) Rickard. Jeanie married Ross Hoener on August 21, 1973 at United Methodist Church in Pratt. They were married for 52 years.



Jeanie graduated from Zenda High School in 1959. She was a member of Ascension Lutheran Church, Kappa Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi and Crimson Babes of Red Hat Society. She was the best wife to Ross. She enjoyed flower gardening, traveling, especially to the mountains, listening to music of the late 50's and 60's, being at home with her family, making friends and being kind hearted. She loved to laugh and enjoyed life to the fullest.

She is survived by her husband, Ross Hoener; children, Susan (C.L.) Meigs and Donna (Don) Queal both of Pratt, Kansas and Wayne (Becky) Hoener of Waukee, Iowa; sisters, Sue Wilson and Bette Jo (Larry) King both of Wichita, Kansas; grandchildren, Shannon (Jeremy) Bielski, Emily (Mike) Utley, Molly (Nicholas) Pederson, Michael Hoener and Meredith Queal; great-grandchildren, Emmett Bielski, Jack Pederson and Grace Pederson.

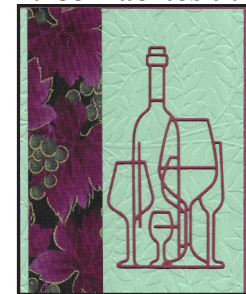
Jeanie is preceded in death by her parents; and brother-in-law, Dean Wilson.

Cremation has taken place. A celebration of life service will be held at 11:00 a.m., Thursday, April 30, 2026 at Ascension Lutheran Church, Pratt with Pastor Matthew Schultz presiding. The celebration of life service will be live streamed at www.ascensionpratt.org.

Memorials may be made to Ascension Lutheran Church, Pratt Historical Museum, and Pratt County Food Bank and mailed to Larrison Mortuary, 300 Country Club Road, Pratt, Kansas. Online condolences may be made at www.larrisonmortuary.com.

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