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Molly Morgan photo

Cunningham Football Homecoming Royalty: Skyler Thimesch, Grace Hageman, Queen's Attendent, Tessa Dunlap, King Dylan Halderson, Queen Emily Ogg, King's Attendent, Asher Beat, Andrew Schultz, Kyra Morgan

## A Homecoming Win for the Wildcats

Capping off Homecoming Week on a beautiful Friday evening, the Wildcats hosted the Otis-Bison Cougars on October 3rd for the first district game of 2025. The two teams competed twice last year, the Cougars pushing the Cats more in their November faceoff. Big and physical, Otis-Bison played smash mouth, control-the-clock football the last time the two teams met up.

Wildcats won the toss, and Skyler started the possession with a 24-yard return. Stephen ripped off a 20-yard run on the first offensive play. Then the Cats spread the ball around on the next 6 plays with 5 different players touching the ball. Skyler capped off the drive with a one yard run. Brody got the kick in. Cats 8-0

Otis Bison answered with a long, clock-eating drive, but their drive was stopped when Stephen picked off a 4th down pass and returned it 67 yards for the TD. Brody nailed the kick for a 16-0 lead. The next drive by the Cougars was not as long. It ended in a 4th down pick by Liam around midfield. Tyler connected with Brody for a 23-yard TD. Brody double dipped with an extra points kick for a 24-0 lead. The defense held, and the Cats scored in just 3 plays on their first possession of the second quarter. Tyler hit Liam with a 25-yard completion, then

found JP in the endzone for a 16-yard score. Cats up 32 to 0. Kollin got a sack to slow down the Cougars and put them behind the chains yet again. The Cats scored on just one play with a 40-yard TD run by Stephen. Brody was perfect again for a 40-0 lead. After holding the Cougars again the young guys took over offensive duties. They did not go anywhere and the punt ending the possession was blocked. The varsity defense took the field and held the Cougars out of the endzone. It is a rare feat to have a goal line stand in 6-man, but the boys did it, and their coach was glad to have the opportunity to test some of those skills before the playoffs. The varsity got the ball out of harm's way, and the half ended 40-0.

After crowning King Dylan and Queen Emily at halftime, Wildcat defense stepped up and Brody picked off a pass, nearly running it back for a TD. The young guys took the field and finished the game in 3 plays with a TD run by Liam. The Cats played their most complete game of the season so far. Penalties were down. Extra points kicks were one hundred percent. Assignments were more sound. Bring on the next district challenge.

-Coach McGuire



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Top photo: Kendall Rogers  
Bottom photo: Stephen Kerschen and Skyler Thimesch

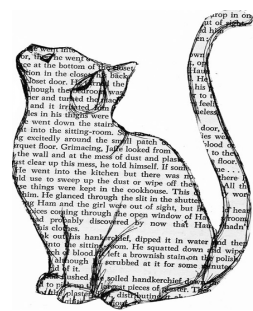
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Meanderings

I had sort of forgotten how much work a 14-page newspaper was. I am officially tired this evening.

I really couldn't fig-

ure out how to get everything into 12 pages: Homecoming; Fall Festival; Music Concert; Football Game; Volleyball, Spotlight pages; and all the other odds and ends of the weekly newspaper 'stuff' so 14 pages it is.

Enjoy the many articles and photos.

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My pup, The Mighty Quin, doesn't get mad at me very often. Disappointed in me, but

not mad. I can only recall two times he's been absolutely beyond-reason mad.

The first was shortly after I got him. I'm not sure what he did, but I took his bedtime treat away from him. Maybe he growled at one of the cats. I can't remember. But he lost that coveted treat.

He stomped around on the bed. He huffed. He snorted. And then he jumped off the bed, and

went across the room, jumped on one of the cats' perches/bed, and laid down and glared at me. I tried to coax him back to bed, but then he wouldn't even look at me. The next morning all was forgiven, and he jumped up on the bed like nothing happened.

Last week one night, it was much the same scenario, EXCEPT, he heard something outside about midnight and insisted on going out. He'd just

been out about ½ hour before, and I wasn't getting up. He slapped those blinds about a dozen times before he realized I was tired and too lazy to get up, and I wasn't going to let him outside. He stomped around the bedroom for a bit. I fell back to sleep amongst all his stomping and groaning and whining.

About 3 a.m., I rolled over to pet him, and he wasn't in his usual spot in the bed, so I got up to

see what he was up to. He was sleeping on the cat's bed. Yep. He was mad.

In the morning, all was forgiven. Silly dog. Yep. The Might Quin. \*\*

Always reading, and currently reading, "Brush Back" by Sara Paretsky, Roberta



Tallgrass and Tumbleweeds by Gaille Pike

Dear Readers,

With great pleasure and the permission of the author (a dear friend of mine,) here is a favorite poem for a favorite month:

OCTOBER CAME TODAY  
By D.S. Delaney

OCTOBER CAME TODAY  
ALL BLUSTERY AND CRISP  
THE FROST IS ON THE PUMPKIN  
AND IN THE AIR THERE IS A WISP

OF SWEET WOOD SMOKE  
OF BURNING LEAVES  
OF CINNAMON AND CIDER

THE AMBER DUSK  
BREAKS THROUGH THE TREES  
AND I AM JUST DELIGHTED THAT

OCTOBER CAME TODAY  
THE SCYTHE HAS CUT THE RYE  
THE BOYS ARE IN THE HUDDLE  
AND THE GIRLS LET POM POMS FLY

ALL HALLOW'S EVE  
LOOMS SPOOKILY  
FOR EVERY MOTHER'S CHILD

THROW UP THE SASH  
LET AUTUMN IN  
IF JUST FOR A SHORT WHILE

When I was granted permission to share this poem with you, the author asked that I also include a bit of a post-script:  
OCTOBER USED TO BE THE WAY

I WROTE IT IN THIS VERSE  
BUT IT HIT 98 TODAY  
AND TOMORROW WILL BE WORSE

IF YOU THINK GLOBAL WARMING  
ISN'T RIGHT NOW HERE TO LAST  
JUST CHECK YOUR RECENT A / C BILL  
AND KINDLY KISS MY —

...DUPA

D.S. Delaney is right. The grass is green. The is no scent of burning leaves or cinnamon. And not a single pumpkin, frosted or spiced, can be found. But autumn's got to be near. October may not have dawned the way I desired, but this autumn month has officially arrived. That does mean Summer will eventually and inevitably slide into Fall. with all its beauty and delights.

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



Bowls of Wisdom – Words from Mark Twain

Samuel Langhorne Clemens (Nov. 30, 1835 – April 21, 1910), more famously known by his pen name, Mark Twain, was an American writer, essayist, and humorist. He has been called “the father of American literature” and “the greatest humorist the United States has produced.” Twain was raised in Hannibal, Missouri, growing up on the banks of the Mississippi River. As a young man he worked as a steamboat pilot, before heading west to seek

adventure and fortune. He began working as a journalist after an unsuccessful career as a prospector. Documenting his accounts of travel and adventure, he soon acquired a reputation as a humorous writer and lecturer. Twain wrote over 25 novels, including - The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn.

Known for his wisdom and wit, Mark Twain had a knack for expressing his opinions with biting humor. What follows are some of his more memorable words, taken from his various novels, stories, letters, and travel writings. They are worth reading today.

~ “Politicians are a lot like diapers. They should be changed frequently, and for the same reasons.”

~ “Suppose you were an idiot. And suppose you were a member of Congress. But I repeat myself.”

~ “It could prob-

ably be shown by facts and figures that there is no distinctly native American criminal class except Congress.”

~ “All I say is kings is kings, and you got to make allowances. Take them all around, they're a mighty ornery lot. It's the way they're raised.”

~ “When I was a boy of fourteen, my father was so ignorant I could hardly stand to have the old man around. But when I got to be twenty-one, I was astonished at how much he had learned in seven years.”

~ “Wrinkles should merely indicate where smiles have been.”

~ “If you pick up a starving dog and make him prosperous, he will not bite you. This is the principle difference between a dog and man.”

~ “Such is the human race. Often it does seem such a pity that Noah didn't miss the boat.”

~ “Familiarity breeds contempt – and children.”

~ “Heroine: girl who is perfectly charming to live with, in a book.”

~ “It is better to keep your mouth closed and let people think you are a fool than to open it and remove all doubt.”

~ “Action speaks louder than words but not nearly as often.”

~ “The man who does not read good books has no advantage over the man who cannot read them.”

~ “I have never let my schooling interfere with my education.”

~ “It's not the size of the dog in the fight, it's the size of the fight in the dog.”

~ “Part of the secret of success in life is to eat what you like and let the food fight it out inside.”

~ “Be careful about reading health books. You may die of a misprint.”

~ “The most interesting information comes from children, for they tell all they know and

then stop.”

~ “Get your facts first, then you can distort them as you please.”

~ “Anger is an acid that can do more harm to the vessel in which it is stored than to anything on which it is poured.”

~ “Nothing helps scenery like bacon and eggs.”

~ “Forgiveness is the fragrance that the violet sheds on the heel that crushed it.”

~ “Don't go around saying the world owes you a living. The world owes you nothing. It was here first.”

~ “We have the best government that money can buy.”

~ “The difference between the almost right word and the right word is really a large matter – 'tis the difference between the lightning-bug and the lightning.”

~ “Travel is fatal to prejudice, bigotry, and narrow-mindedness, and many of our people

need it sorely on these accounts.”

~ “The secret of getting ahead is getting started.”

~ “It takes me a long time to lose my temper, but once lost I could not find it with a dog.”

~ “A lie can travel halfway around the world while the truth is putting on its shoes.”

~ “Against the assault of laughter nothing can stand.”

~ “Truth is stranger than fiction, but it is because fiction is obliged to stick to possibilities; Truth isn't.

~ “In the first place God made idiots. This was for practice. Then he made school boards.”

~ “I like a good story well told. That is the reason I am sometimes forced to tell them myself.”

Thank you, Mark Twain...

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Poetry From Daily Life

edited by  
David L. Harrison,  
Missouri's Poet Laureate

Poetry from Daily Life: When writing, which words will make the cut?

By Kate Coombs

This week's guest on "Poetry from Daily Life" is Kate Coombs, who lives in Bountiful, Utah. Kate began writing when she was 7 or 8 years old and was first published in 2006. She confides that her first poem was oral. "I asked my mom: 'What will I be,

when I'm through with 3? 'I did not like the answer. I wanted to skip 4 so I could go to kindergarten." Kate has written poetry collections, picture books, middle grade fiction, and rhymed board books, but first and foremost is a poet. She says that her newest project is always her favorite. That includes a recent poetry collection called "Today I Am a River" about imagining yourself as different things in nature (April 2023). A unique fact about Kate? She is one of seven ethnically diverse adopted children. ~ David L. Harrison

Auditioning for poetry

Many years ago I heard some marvelous advice from the co-director of the UCLA Writing Project, Jane Hancock, about choosing the right words. She was speaking of prose, but I think it's extra-good advice for poets. She said that each word needs to audition for the privilege of being in a sentence. It needs to be worthy.

Of course, all the sentences in a book should be carefully written, paragraph after paragraph, page after page. But poetry requires a special kind of careful. A poem is the essence of an idea, a vivid image, a small story. It must have density and intensity, like astronaut food before you add the water.

The first draft of a poem always has words that can be replaced with better ones, Round 2 of the auditions. A poem cannot afford a single dull or vague word. A poet revises even a very small poem over and over to make it exactly right.

My first published poetry collection, Water Sings Blue, was about the ocean and its creatures. As publication drew near, my editor wanted me to change a simile (comparison) in my shark poem. I had written

that the shark "slides through the water/like an oil spill" and she asked for something different. I considered what the new simile had to do. It needed to have two syllables. It needed to work well with the simile that followed and convey the idea of movement, something that travels. The simile also needed to have a sharkish personality — nothing too cheery, preferably devious.

It took me a week. I thought about all kinds of ways of looking at that shark. I auditioned many, many words, rambling through thesauruses and my own imagination. Until finally, I came up with just the right word. Here is the finished poem with the revised simile in bold:

Shark

He circles and stares  
with a broken-glass grin,  
his body's a dagger,  
he has lion's-tongue skin.  
He slides through the water  
**like a rumor**, like a sneer.  
He's a quick twist of hunger.  
He's the color of fear.

When you write poetry, remember to audition your words, especially as you revise. When you read poetry, watch for just the right words and picture the auditions that put them there!

Kate Coombs has written more than 30 books for kids, including four poetry collections. Living in Utah, she appreciates the mountains and the deer in the backyard when they're not eating her plants. You can visit Kate's website at [www.katecoombs.com](http://www.katecoombs.com).

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Community Bulletin Board

Thursday, October 9

Fire Safety Presentation at School

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JH VB at Argonia with Attica

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HS Cross Country at Bethel College/Goessel

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JH FB at Argonia

Friday, October 10

1st School Quarter Ends

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1:30 School dismissal

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HS FB at Chase

Saturday, October 11

HS VB at Fairfield HOPL Tournament

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JH Dance

Monday, October 13

NO SCHOOL - Teacher Professional Development

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4:00 p.m. BOE Meeting

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6:00 p.m. HS JV FB at Fairfield

Tuesday, October 14

HS VB vs Stafford and Pretty Prairie at HOME

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Pink Out

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Booster Club Night

Wednesday, October 15

K-2 visit to pumpkin patch

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6:00 p.m. Shop Guild

Thursday, October 16

Pre-K visit to Pumpkin Patch

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4:00 p.m. JH VB vs Pretty Prairie at HOME

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Pink Out

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4:00 p.m. JH/HS Cross-country HOPL Meet

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6:00 p.m. JH FB vs Pretty Prairie at HOME



The Class of 1985 celebrated their 40th Anniversary by dining at Cozy’s Pizza, then attending the CHS Homecoming football game on Friday, October 3rd. Saturday, they met at Daydrinker’s Cafe for breakfast and coffee. Afterwards, Jerree Fitzsimmons gave a tour of the new school. In the evening, The classmates then met at the street dance and enjoyed listening to 80’s music by Paramount. Ten of the fifteen classmates attended one or more events. Missing were Deanna (Fitzsimmons) Aspedon, Jim Harbert, Patrick Spade, Gail (Fischer) Cook and Sandra (Strong) Kistler.

*photo and article submitted by Janie Bishop*



Class of 1985 Have Reunion



Back row: L to R: Ed Park, Dean Fitzsimmons, Rob Sterneker.  
Seated L to R: Genelle (Westerman) String. Janie (Cornelius) Bishop, Robin (Liebl) Krehbiel, David DeVries.  
Kneeling to the left: Roger Simon and on the right is Ed Albers  
Inset photo is Kam Smith, who attended Friday evening's gathering.



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Registration is now open and will close on October 15<sup>th</sup>, 2025.

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Board of Education Meeting  
104 W 4th St. Cunningham, KS 67035  
Monday, October 13, 2025  
4:00 p.m.

AGENDA

I. Call to Order

II. Approval of Agenda (AI)

III. Guest Recognition

IV. Approval of the minutes of the September 8, 2025 Regular Meeting, Budget Hearing, Revenue Neutral Hearing, September 24th Special Meeting, and October 1st Special Meeting. (AI)

V. Approval of financial reports and payment of bills (AI)

VI. Reports

a. Superintendent report – Dr. A

b. Principals report-Cody Dunlap

c. Special Ed report –

VII. Old Business

a. Architect Decision (AI)

b. Professional Development & Strategic Plan Report

VIII. New Business

a. Executive Session- Personnel

IX. Other

X. Adjournment

Dafforn Park, like the rest of Main Street Cunningham, looked autumn-festive for the Fall Festival this weekend.

courtesy photos



YEARS AGO IN

The Cunningham Clipper

W. A. Bradley / William Bradley

**1930**

October 17, 1930 - Rev. J.P. Groom was returned to the Cunningham-Cairo charge of the Methodist Church for the fourth year.

A Cunningham landmark, the cement center post and flag pole in the intersection of First and Main Street, was removed this week. The increasing traffic on the Cannonball Highway made the obstruction very dangerous to motorists.

Wheat is 60¢ a bushel at the local grain elevators, and bread is selling for 6¢ a loaf in Cunningham’s grocery stores.

**1935**

October 18, 1935 - Leonard Lyon has resigned as Coach of Cunningham Rural High School. He has been replaced by Lawrence Pilcher of Glasco.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Tap moved to town this week to their home west of the White Eagle Filling Station.

Rev. W.E. Shuler was returned to the Cunningham –Cairo charge of the Methodist Church for the fourth year.

**1940**

October 18, 1940 - One hundred and thirty-three men of Dresden and Rural townships were registered “for the draft,” Wednesday, in the country’s first peace-time registration for military service. Serving on the two registration boards were Ben Ebenkamp, Wilbur Lash, Mrs. Glen Pearson, Mrs. Harold Watkins, Eleanor Crow, Raymond Zrubek, and Sam McMichael.

**1950**

October 20, 1950 - Construction was started this week on the municipal sewer system by the Stamey Construction Company of Hutchinson. They expect to complete the job by March 15.

Work is progressing nicely on the new addition to the city’s skyline, the new all-steel 100,000-bushel-capacity elevator being erected by the Gano Grain Corporation.

**1955**

October 20, 1955 - The pheasant season in 59 central and western Kansas counties, including this county, opens tomorrow (Friday), at one-half hour before sunrise and continues until Monday evening at sunset on October 31, giving hunters two week-ends of shooting.

The pheasant population is reported to be “pretty skinny” in this general area, and most local hunters will probably hide themselves away to the northwestern counties to get in on the better “hunting grounds.” Regulations are the same as in years past-a daily bag of three cock birds is permitted, and possession limit after the opening day is six.

Local duck hunters report little success in this community, but the arrival of colder weather in the northern states would undoubtedly make shooting better.

**1960**

October 20, 1960 - Mrs. Ferd Burnett was hostess to the Community YWCA in her home, Monday evening, October 10, with Mrs. Dan Cusenbary assisting.

President Mrs. Bill Bradley opened the meeting with a poem, after which the members answered roll call and Mrs. Bradley conducted a brief business meeting.

Special music was given by Debbie Sheldon and Mary Cusenbary, accompanied by Mrs. Nell Mann, after which Mrs. Bradley gave the devotionals.

Mrs. Glenn Patton presented the lesson, using the subject, “Citizenship.”

The hostesses served a delicious salad course, coffee and tea to the members and guests, after which Mrs. Burnett showed pictures of their tour of Europe last May.

**1965**

October 21, 1965 - The announcement of the proposed re-location of US-54 was made last Wednesday by the State Highway Department.

The decision following six months study by the department, was to re-locate the highway north of the present route-distances varying from one-half to one and one-half miles.

Needless to say, the re-location decision drew much comment, particularly from business men and civic leaders in the cities to be by-passed by the re-location, which will include Garden Plain, Kingman, and Cunningham.

The Highway Department said the project would take 10 years of construction, and save about three and one-third million dollars over the proposal to convert the present US-54 into a four-lane route. The new road, of the “free-way” type, will be limited in access, with seven places across Kingman County to get on and off the new road. The project will end northeast of Pratt.

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**1970**

October 15, 1970 - The Cunningham Wildcats will play their annual homecoming football game tomorrow night (Friday) against Mullinville.

The crowning of the homecoming football king and queen will be held at 7:00 o’clock, preceding the game.

The candidates for king are David Schnittker, Alan Rohr, and Larry Eskew. The queen candidates are Kris Sheldon, Jill Rose, and Cathy Simon.

A dance for the high school students, alumni, and friends will be held in the school gym-auditorium following the game. A band from Wichita, “The Medium,” will play for the dance.

Three Kingman County 4-hers will be “going places” again next week. They are Marsha Helm of the Penalosa 4-H Club, Delbert Osner of the Busy Bee 4-H Club, and Marvin Oller of the Cunningham 4-H Club, and from October 17-20 they will be attending the American Royal 4-H Conference in Kansas City.

**1975**

October 9, 1975 – Next Tuesday, October 14, on the 10 a.m. Joyce Livingston Show (Channel 12), Mrs. Alva (Eugenia) Hellar will be presented a new Kitchen Aid Dishwasher.

Mrs. Hellar was one of the three central Kansas area names drawn by Joyce Livingston on her TV show in late September.

The Modern Homemakers EHU met for their October meeting Tuesday, October 6, in the Christian Church basement. For roll call each member told what fruit they brought to be taken to the Rest Home in a fruit basket.

A Halloween Party is being planned for the Special Education children at Sacred Heart around “Trick or Treat” time.

First grade: Seven pupils had perfect attendance for the first six weeks of school. They were Michael Fischer, Todd Rohr, Dawn Alley, Vickie Becker, Andrea Graves, Donice Kitson, and Dana Murphey.

Recent guests of Mr. and Mrs. Alan Albers and Patrick were Mr. and Mrs. Foley of Cheverly, Maryland.

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**1980**

October 9, 1980 – Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Vierthaler of Cunningham are the parents of a son born Sept. 27. He weighed 7 lb. 5 oz. and has been named Jesse Wayne. Mrs. Vierthaler is the former Marilyn Albers.

Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. John Albers, Cunningham, and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Vierthaler, Isabel.

Great-grandmothers are Minnie Hageman and Rose Vierthaler, both of Kingman, and Margaret Simon, Nashville.

Naola Thimesch, Janice Stillwell, Joe Harbert and Mike McGovney traveled with yearbook sponsor, Eva Cundiff, to Hutchinson last Wednesday, Oct. 1, to a yearbook clinic.

There they looked at different yearbooks, learned how to select a theme, and how to set up a yearbook. Naola attended a separate session and learned how to improve her photography.

The lawn was the setting Sunday, Oct. 5 at 11 a.m. for a Mass of Thanksgiving at the Roy Ford farm, read by Father Jim Spexarth, for the 80th birthday of Mrs. Emma Adelhardt, grandma to many, other than her own.

A basket dinner at noon, refreshments and games of different sorts were played all afternoon, and then supper before they left. A wonderful day was spent by all 83 that were present. Three grandchildren were unable to attend.

The Oct. 13 meeting of Y.W.C.A. will be a progressive supper at 6:30 p.m. beginning with appetizers at the Letha Jones home. Salad will be at Barbara Thiessen’s, main course at Jane Meyer’s and dessert at Helen Long’s.

The business meeting will follow. The quilt will be discussed and hopefully some of the blocks will be ready for distribution. Any members who have scraps of woven fabrics in cotton, cotton polyester, calico and gingham are asked to bring them to the meeting. These will be used in the applique portion of the quilt. Double knits are not suitable.

The Christian Church of Cunningham is recognizing its 75th anniversary Sunday, Oct. 12 with an all-day celebration. Morning worship will be at 10:15 a.m. and Harry E. Fare, local minister, will bring the morning sermon. A basket dinner will be held at noon. An anniversary program, followed by a reception will be at 2:00 p.m. All members, former members and friends are invited to attend any or all of the day’s happenings.

Friday night was probably a first for Wildcat fans. A football game at home against Bucklin, a good crowd, but no officials. The game was rescheduled for Saturday with the Wildcats coming away with a 43 to 14 win. Both teams entered the game with identical records of 2 and 1. The winner of the game still remains in playoff contention.

**1985**

October 10, 1985 – Sept 19, the Cub Scours met at the Community Center and several new boys were in attendance. The new additions are welcomed and more new scouts are anticipated for the future.

New leaders for the upcoming year are Sue Lynch, Tiger Cubs; Shirley Raney, Wolf Den; Linda Campbell and Rosemary Webster, Bear Den; and Marcus Evans, Webelos Den. Melvin Ormiston is scouting coordinator, Rev. Don Pellet-Noble, religious advisor and Lou Miller cubmaster. More helpers are needed.

Edwin Lee Park, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Park, Cunningham, enlisted in the Air Force’s Delayed Enlistment Program, according to Sgt. James Gillam, Air Force recruiter in Wichita.

Park, a 1985 graduate of Cunningham High School, is scheduled for enlistment in the regular Air Force on Sept. 26.

Upon graduation from the Air Force six week basic training course near San Antonio, Texas, he is scheduled to receive technical training in the general aptitude career field.

The High School Volleyball Team traveled to Burrton for their tournament last Saturday and played well early in the day, but did not fare as well in the later games. The team placed fourth in the tournament.

The Junior High Volleyball Team took on Zenda in a rematch last Thursday and finally came away with two victories as the Mustangs of Zenda gave the Wildcats a run for their money.

First grade news: We really enjoyed Cunningham’s first “Grandparent’s Day Luncheon last Thursday, Oct. 3.

Curtis Beat’s grandfather, Ivan Cain, along with Jay Steffen’s grandfather and grandmother, Ed and Mona Steffen, turned down seconds because they were truly filled to the brim.

Bridgett Sripsick’s grandmother, Billie Sripsick, as well as Jared Glenn’s grandmother, Elva Glenn, enjoyed watching their grandchildren, Chris and Ashley Winkler, (the third grade) as well.

Theresa Witt’s grandmother, Elsie Witt, and Amber Bainum’s grandmother, Charlene Schaller, joined right in with the lesson in progress before lunch. The girls were amazed that their grandmothers knew so much about school.

Brandon Hansen not only had one grandmother present, but two, Mrs. Ardith Hansen and Mrs. Enid Brown, both from Penalosa. Branden had to share Grandmother Hansen with cousin, Jay Steffen, however (as well as older siblings). Still not to be outdone Brandon’s great-grandmother, Lula Gardner from Flower, enjoyed the luncheon as we enjoyed having her with us.

Third-grader Kim Thimesch’s grandfather, Joe Bohrer, from near Zenda rounded out Cunningham’s first “Grandparents Day Luncheon.

Cunningham Clipper subscriber list numbered 375.







### Into the Lure: A New Sermon Series on Temptations

By Rev. Mathew Musyoki, Pastor, Cunningham and Penalosa United Methodist Churches

Every day, we face choices that test our hearts and shape our lives. Some of these choices are clear, while others come with subtle pressures, temptations that pull us away from what we know is right.

Temptations are the inner and outer forces that entice us to choose the easier path rather than the faithful one. They come in many forms, the desire

for comfort over conviction, fear over faith, or self over service. The reality is that every human being, no matter how faithful, faces temptation. Even Jesus was tempted, yet He triumphed over it.

Starting this Sunday, both Penalosa United Methodist Church (9:15 a.m.) and Cunningham United Methodist Church (10:45 a.m.) invite you to a new five-week sermon series titled “Into the Lure: Temptation, Trials, and Triumph in Christ.”

Drawing from the Book of James, the story of Adam and Eve, and Jesus’ wilderness temptations, this series will help us:

Understand where temptations come from

and why they persist;

Recognize how faith equips us to live within them without falling; and

Discover how God’s grace gives us victory through the power of the Holy Spirit.

Each week will offer practical insights for daily Christian living. Together, we’ll learn to walk faithfully in a world full of distractions and pressures, not by our own strength, but by the sustaining presence of God.

As Scripture reminds us, “No temptation has overtaken you except what is common to mankind. And God is faithful; He will not let you be tempted beyond what you can bear” (1

Corinthians 10:13).

Whether you are exploring faith or have been walking with Christ for years, this is a series for you. Come as you are, with your questions, your struggles, and your hopes, and experience the transforming grace that enables us to stand strong.

**Join us on Sundays:**

Penalosa UMC — 9:15 a.m.

Cunningham UMC — 10:45 a.m.

*There’s a place for you among us, where faith meets real life, and God’s grace helps us overcome life’s temptations together.*

A Column  
by  
Dean Marple

### Papa’s School

A little first grade girl, about the size of a flea, was the first to shoot a skinny arm in the air. “Where did you go to school?”

“I went to East Buffalo School.”

“What city was that in?”

“There was no city. Just woods to the north, cornfields on the east and south, while cattle grazed on the west side.”

And so, Papa’s adventure began.

Asked to speak to his grandson’s class, he faced a room full of six-year-olds who wanted to know what school was like when Papa was a kid.

“When were you in first grade?”

“You know how long you have to wait for Christmas each year?” Wagging up and down vigorously, 16 little heads

indicated they knew.

“Well, I was in first grade 70 Christmases ago.”

“Wow, you must be a zillion years old!” That remark came from a kid who needed to get a calculator for Christmas.

A boy who appeared to have never missed a meal in his life asked, “What kind of food did they serve in the cafeteria? Was it good?”

“We didn’t have a cafeteria.”

“How did you eat then?” The young man was plainly disturbed by the answer.

“Our moms packed a lunch for us. Some of us brought our lunch in paper bags, some carried lunch buckets. If it was cold, they might put hot soup in a thermos bottle.”

“What was your favorite lunch?”

“Peanut butter and jelly sandwiches.”

“When you got tired of peanut butter and jelly sandwiches, did you bring something to warm up in the microwave?”

“There was no micro-

wave.”

“Why not?”

“Because the microwave didn’t exist then.”

Puzzled scowls appeared on little faces, followed by a look of relief as one scholar in the back row reminded his classmates that old people had trouble remembering things.

“How many kids were in your class, in your room?”

“Counting me, there were five kids in my class. We were the biggest class in the school. In the whole room, oh, I don’t know. Maybe 25 kids.”

“I’m confused. Which number was it, 5 or 25?”

“There were five kids in first grade and another 20 or so in second, third, fourth, fifth, sixth, seventh, and eighth grade. We were all in one room.”

A young lass with red hair and a quick tongue immediately spoke up. “That’s not right. My sister is in seventh grade, and she’s not even in this building. She goes

to a different school. Besides”—she threw a look of pity in his direction—“how could you have that many teachers in one room?”

“There was only one teacher,” Papa smugly informed Miss Smarty Pants.

Unable to accept the idea of only one teacher, she turned to a higher authority, Mrs. Hargrove, her teacher. “Mrs. Hargrove, were there really schools like that?”

“Yes, Samantha, there were schools like that. In fact, my grandmother taught in a school like that.”

Papa was tempted to stick his tongue out at dear little Samantha and say, “I told you so,” but somebody had to be the adult in the room.

“What did you do for recess?” asked an earnest lad from the middle of the room.

“We had a real quick break in the morning and afternoon so kids could use the bathroom, but at

lunchtime we had a long recess. Unless the weather was terrible, everyone went outside. We had one slide, a few swings with wooden seats and one teeter-totter, but mainly we just chased each other around.”

“Everyone, all the kids, went out at the same time?”

“Yes.”

“Did the teacher go out, too?”

“No, she stayed inside to eat her lunch, and I suppose, get a moment of peace and quiet.”

“What if someone tried to run away?”

“There was nowhere to go.”

“What if somebody got hurt?”

“I remember goofing off on top of the slide once then falling off and banging my head. I sat on some big girl’s lap,

and she held me until I quit crying. The seventh and eighth girls watched out for the little kids. Besides, the school was full of brothers, sisters, and cousins. If you were doing something you shouldn’t, it got back to Mom and Dad.”

A few more wind down questions, a teacher’s thank you and a dismissal bell sent both Papa and students out the door. As he walked to his car, he turned and looked at the large, expensive building he’d just left. Papa didn’t know if today’s kids got a better education than he did, but he wouldn’t trade his memories for the world.

This is a work of fiction. Any similarities between names in this story and actual individuals are entirely coincidental.

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quote submitted by Alan Albers

### Lessons and Carols

December 14, 2025

**Gaudete Sunday 3:00pm**


Hello again Cunningham churches and surrounding communities. I would like to invite everyone to a community choir opportunity of Lessons and Carols! We had a great time back in 2023 with our last lessons and carols service. You are all invited! We would love to have you there with us sharing your musical gifts or just to listen and be inspired by beautiful music and the Word of God in scripture.

Rehearsals will take place Sunday afternoons from 3:00-4:00 p.m. at Sacred Heart Catholic Church starting November 9th and continuing through December 7th.

If you have any other questions please feel free to reach out and contact me.

Director: Eric Kerschen [eric.kerschen@usd332.com](mailto:eric.kerschen@usd332.com) 620-491-1688

### Catholic Churches




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

**St. Leo**  
Saturday 5:30 p.m.  
Father Daryl Befort 316-706-1627

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Saturday 4:00 p.m.


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Sunday 10 a.m.  
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620-246-5220  
Sunday School & Bible Class 8:45 a.m.  
Worship Service 10 a.m.


**Trinity, Medicine Lodge**  
620- 886-3397  
Sunday School & Bible Class 9:15 a.m.  
Worship Service 10:30 a.m.

Pastor vacancy until further notice.




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

**First Christian Church**  
**Cunningham**  
Sunday School 9:15 a.m.  
Morning Worship 10:45 a.m.  
Sunday Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.  
Jr High Youth Group 4:00 p.m. Sunday  
Sr High Youth Group 7:30 p.m. Sunday  
Wednesday Prayer Service 7:00 p.m.  
Pastor Mike McGovney 620-770-9507



**United Methodist Church**  
**Penalosa**  
Worship 9:15 a.m.  
Pastor Mathew Ndambuki Musyoki 620-298-2090

**Cunningham**  
Worship 10:45 a.m.



**Zend Methodist Church**  
Worship 9:00 a.m.  
Sunday School: Children 8:30 a.m. Adults 10:00 a.m.  
Pastor J L Nichols 620-243-6953



# School Spotlight on High School Sports



		Grade	Weight	Position	22	Stephen Kerschen	11	184	RB/LB
4	John Paul Kerschen	9	150	QB/RB/LB	23	Brody Bock	10	187	RB/E/LB
10	Kendall Rogers	12	154	E/LB	30	Tyler Osner	10	169	QB/WR/LB
11	Andrew Kerschen	10	156	QB/WR/DB	33	Caden Johnson	9	235	OL/DL
12	Wesly Preisser	9	145	RB/E/DE/LB	36	Kollin Fischer	11	164	E/LB
13	Dylan Halderson	12	208	E/LB	50	Cole Gridley	10	205	OL/DL
14	Logan Kinsler	12	168	QB/E/LB	95	Andrew Schultz	12	224	OL/DL
15	Skyler Thimesch	12	172	RB/LB	Manager(s):		Caleb Lohrke (not pictured)		
16	Weston Rogers	10	135	E/DB	Head Coach:		Lance McGuire		
21	Liam McGuire	9	166	QB/RB/DB	Assistant Coach:		Eric Kerschen		

courtesy photo



Cross Country Team: Will Halderson, Sean Kostner, Newt Heatherman, Blake Swope, Hank Adams, Larry Heatherman, Kane Reid, and Coach Ingrid Ricke. Colton Zwierschoski, the only junior high team member is in the front.

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- Marcy Allbritten

Leroy Panek

Louise Armstrong

Johnna Freund

Jane Meyers

Liz & Steve Miller
- Bill Thome

Lois Becker

Kathy & Alan Albers

Mary & Bob Stackhouse

Kathy & Doug Griffis

Molly Morgan & Family
- Jeanette & Bob Kerschen

Helen & Chuck Holcomb

Eilene & Jack Crick

Marilyn and Kenny Glenn

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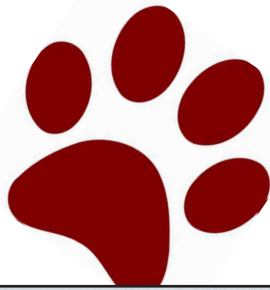


# School Spotlight on High School Sports



		Height	Grade										
1	Emily Ogg	5' 6"	12	7	Piper Parkins	4' 10"	10	16	HarLee Barber	5' 1"	9		
2	Morgan Oldham	5' 4"	10	8	Nora Huff	5' 6"	11	18	Aina Tortajada	5' 3"	11		
3	Grace Hageman	5' 8"	12	9	Maelyn Jump	5' 2"	9	19	Andi Young	5' 8"	10		
4	Sage Thimesch	5' 8"	9	10	Gracie Smyth	5' 5"	11	23	Kourtnei Fischer	5' 7"	10		
5	Macy Neufeld	5' 8"	11	11	Rylee Miller	5' 8"	11	24	Kyra Morgan	5' 6"	12		
6	Katie Ogg	5' 6"	9	12	Janessa Schnittker	5' 5"	11	Manager(s): Whitney Mead					
				13	Raven Koester	5' 3"	9	Head Coach: Carrie Knee					
				15	Keyonna Raney	5' 9"	9	Assistant Coach(s): Sheena Albers					

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Cunningham School New Staff Members

Christy Milford

I started teaching back in 2000 after being a stay-at-home-mom for several years and then a stint as a special education para at Kingman Middle school. I found that I enjoyed working with students, so I went back to school and received a degree in English education secondary level from Newman University. I worked for a period of time at St. Patrick Catholic School in Kingman teaching ELA (English Language Arts) at the middle school level. I then moved to Kingman Middle School also teaching middle school ELA. I retired last year, or at least I thought I was retired. In August, I was asked if I would be interested in teaching part time here at Cunningham. I am thrilled I came out of my short retirement. I now teach English IV, 7th grade ELA, 7th grade seminar, and I'm home for lunch. Teaching at Cunningham has been quite rewarding.

I live with my husband on a farm in south Reno County along with a multitude of animals we seem to collect. I've never lived on a farm before so this has given me the opportunity to be a lifelong learner.

Amber Zwierzychowski.

Hi there! I am Amber Zwierzychowski. This fall I returned to Cunningham Schools as the 6-12th grade Special Education teacher. I graduated from Emporia State and taught English & Speech for 12 years. Four of those years were spent at Cunningham teaching 9-12 English and Speech in 2013-2017. This is my 9th year teaching Special Education with SCKSEC after getting a Masters Degree in Special Education from Fort Hays. I love helping students thrive in their unique learning styles.

I grew up and currently live in Kingman along with my husband, Robert, our son Colton and our two ornery dogs Radar and Bandit. Our families live in the Penalosa area, Kingman and the Kansas City metro area. This year my son is attending Cunningham schools and we are very thankful for the small classes,

close-knit student body and amazing teachers who go the extra mile for students. He's jumped right into cross country and is looking forward to Jr. High basketball and at school while continuing to train and compete in USA Wrestling club events.

Outside of school, our family keeps busy spending time together cooking as well as watching, playing and coaching sports and participating in outdoor and church activities. Two of my passions outside of school are dog training and photography when I have free time. Our family is always up for a trip to a museum, car show or zoo. Most of our family vacations



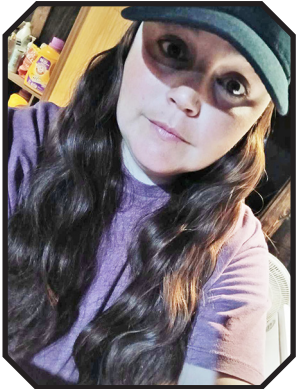
James Cook



I grew up somewhat local down in Coldwater, Ks before heading on to FHSU to earn degrees in Secondary Education and Health/Human Performance, as well as earning my license for Math Education. I taught in the math department at Hoisington High School from 2022-2025. With living in Pratt and our daughter starting preschool, I am very glad to have a much shorter commute so that we can have more time for activities and family time. One of our favorite things to do is visit the zoo whenever we travel to different cities that have one. We have frequented the Wichita Zoo, Tanganyika Wildlife Park, Great Bend Zoo, and have visited the Kansas City Zoo as well as the Denver Zoo.

Alisha Ward

Hello my name is Alisha Ward. I have 3 kids who all attend Cunningham. We live just outside of Isabel. We have horses, cows, and dogs. I am teaching 3-year-old preschool and then I am a para in the afternoon in preschool.



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Music Concert Photos



Elsie Ruckle



Grayci McCurry



Anna Marie Kerschen,  
Vaughn Preisser, Lucas Theis



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Nora Huff, Caleb Lohrke, Janessa Schnitker

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Kingman County Sheriff's Report

Sunday, September 28	
Traffic Stops	2
Civil Paper Service	1
Debris In Roadway	9000 Blk E Hwy 54, Murdock
Suspicious Vehicle	2900 Blk SW 50 St, Kingman
Disabled Vehicle	SW 80 St & SW 40 Ave, Spivey
Follow Up	120 N Spruce St, Kingman
Follow Up	14000 Blk SE 70 St, Norwich
Follow Up	2900 Blk SW 50 St, Kingman
Accidental 911 Dial	800 Blk E 8th Ave, Kingman
Monday, September 29	
Traffic Stops	7
Civil Paper Service	2
Court	130 N Spruce St, Kingman
Follow Up	120 N Spruce St, Kingman
Follow Up	4500 Blk NE 10 St, Kingman
Follow Up	120 N Spruce St, Kingman
Tuesday, September 30	
Traffic Stops	1
Civil Paper Service	2
Transport Inmate	120 N Spruce St, Kingman
Animal Complaint	10000 Blk E Hwy 54, Murdock
Miscellaneous	200 Blk S Parkway St, Norwich
Transport Civilan	400 Blk E Leiter Ave, Cunningham
Agency Assist / KMPD/ Non-Injury Accident	3000 Blk W Hwy 54, Kingman
Miscellaneous	200 Blk E Grover Ave, Spivey
Return of Property	120 N Spruce St, Kingman
Theft	800 Blk E D Ave, Kingman
Wednesday, October 1	
Traffic Stops	17
Non-Injury Accident	8000 Blk W Hwy 42, Zenda
Miscellaneous	E D Ave & Fabpro Way, Kingman
Suspicious Vehicle	10000 Blk SE 140 Ave, Norwich
Animal Complaint	8000 Blk W Hwy 42, Zenda
Suspicious Activity	200 Blk E Groover Ave, Spivey
Miscellaneous	200 Blk S Parkway St, Norwich
Miscellaneous	600 Blk S Fairfield St, Norwich
Non-Injury Accident	E Hwy 42 & SE 70 Ave, Rago



Thursday, October 2	
Traffic Stops	1
Civil Paper Service	6
Non-Injury Accident	N Hwy 14 & E Hwy 54, Kingman
Non-Injury Accident	SW 60 Ave & SW 30 St, Kingman
Follow Up	NE 10 St & NE 40 Ave, Kingman
Transport Prisoner	120 N Spruce St, Kingman
Theft	2400 SE 50 St, Kingman
Court	130 N Spruce St, Kingman
Theft	4600 Blk 160 Ave, Cheney
Miscellaneous	120 N Spruce St, Kingman
Animal Complaint	8000 Blk W Hwy 42, Zenda
Miscellaneous	2400 SE 50 St, Kingman
Friday, October 3	
Traffic Stops	9
Civil Paper Service	1
Suspicious Activity	2400 Blk SE 50 St, Kingman
Miscellaneous	120 N Spruce St, Kingman
Follow Up	120 N Spruce St, Kingman
Follow Up	120 N Spruce St, Kingman
Unlock Vehicle	14000 Blk SE 70 Ave, Rago
Traffic Complaint	18000 Blk W Hwy 54, Cunningham
Warrant Service	120 N Spruce St, Kingman
Miscellaneous	1100 Blk E Hwy 54, Kingman
Non-Injury Accident	1700 E Hwy 54, Kingman
Saturday, October 4	
Traffic Stops	2
Accidental 911 Dial	6000 Blk W Hwy 54, Cunningham
Damage to Property	SW 90 Ave & SW 60 St, Zenda
Animal Complaint	16000 Blk SE 40 St, Cheney
Disabled Vehicle	SE 20 St & SE 160 Ave, Cheney
Disabled Vehicle	7000 Blk E Hwy 42, Rago
Accidental 911 Dial	100 Blk S Magruder St, Spivey
Traffic Complaint	5000 Blk W Hwy 54, Kingman
Accidental 911 Dial	13000 Blk E Hwy 42, Norwich

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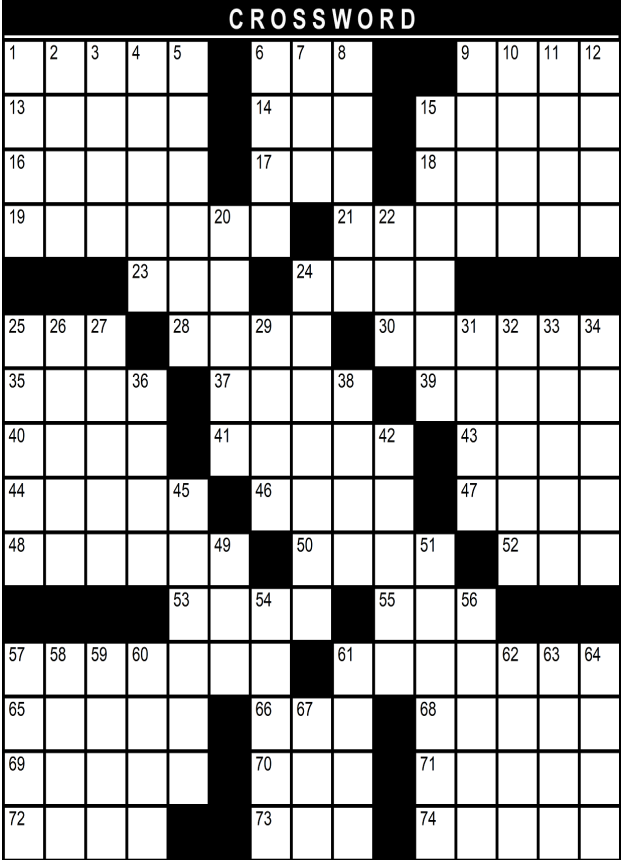
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Theme: World Series





CJH and CHS Lady Wildcat Volleyball Action



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This handsome long-haired cat is Kyle. He looks like he'd be a snuggly lover of a kitty. He is 5 to 6 years old and has been at the shelter since the end of September. We all know kittens are more adoptable because they are so darn cute, but nothing beats an adult cat who loves to snuggle and purr. Kyle needs to be an indoor cat. No great outdoor adventures for him.



Gracie is a Boxer / Terrier mix. But look at that sweet face! Oh, she breaks one's heart with her sad, inquisitive look. Young Gracie is about 5 months old and weighs around 32 pounds. She has been at the shelter since the 2nd of September. In the shelter write-up, Gracie says, "Single female, looking for love. I want to come live with you. I like kids and other dogs. I like to chase cats. I want to be your best friend. I will not steal your car. I'm a good dog. Please come adopt me. Thank you, Gracie"



## Minutes from Kingman County Commission Meeting

Chairwoman Lyon called the Board of County Commissioners meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. September 29<sup>th</sup>, 2025, in the County Commissioners room at the Kingman County Courthouse. Present: Julie Lyon, Chairwoman; Jack Thimesch, Commissioner; Carol Noblit, County Clerk; Brandon Ritcha, County Counselor

Visitors: Bob Morris, Kingman Leader-Courier; Dale Enyart; Vicki Mader, Horizons Mental Health

Online Visitors: AS, Caller 01, Kay  
Staff: Tonja Stamm,

Courthouse Maintenance; Mary Schwartz, Health Nurse; Sheriff Brent Wood; Jamie Smith, County Treasurer and Charles Arensdorf, Public Works Director. MOTION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to approve the agenda. Chairwoman Lyon seconded the motion. The motion was approved with a 2 for-0 against vote.

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

Ms. Stegman asked Ms. Mader about some services that were charged to the County and thought they were to be allocated out of the appropriations.

Ms. Mader said that she would look into it because that had been discussed earlier.

Tonja Stamm,

Courthouse Maintenance and Mary Schwartz, Health Nurse were in to discuss the bids received for the Roof.

CommissionerThimesch let them know that after looking at the bids that AP Roofing is the route they should go.

MOTION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to approve the bid from AP Roofing with the 20 year warranty and 20 year labor coverage in the amount of \$39,965.00. Chairwoman Lyon seconded the motion. The motion was approved with 2 votes for and 0 against.

Amanda Stucky, Field Appraiser/Zoning was in to discuss the planning/zoning meeting held on September 22, 2025 and the changes that the board is looking at for zoning regulations.

Ms. Stucky let the Commissioners know

that there are two positions open on the Planning/Zoning Board.

Carol Noblit, County Clerk submitted the minutes from the September 22, 2025, Commission meeting for approval.

MOTION: Chairwoman Lyon moved to approve the September 22, 2025, Commission meeting minutes. Commissioner Thimesch seconded the motion. The motion was approved with a 2 votes for and 0 against.

Jamie Smith, County Treasurer was in to request a non-elected personnel session.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: CommissionerThimesch moved to go into executive session at 9:30 a.m. with Jamie Smith, County Treasurer and Brandon Ritcha, County Counselor to discuss an individual employee’s performance pursuant to the exception under the

Kansas Open Meetings act, and will return to open session in the Board meeting room at 9:35 a.m. Chairwoman Lyon seconded the motion. The motion was approved with a 2 for and 0 against.

Commissioners returned to regular session at 9:35 a.m. with no action taken during executive session.

MOTION: Chairwoman Lyon moved to approve the change in status of an employee in the Treasurer’s Office. Commissioner Thimesch seconded the motion. The motion was approved with a 2 for and 0 against vote.

Tiffany Aumiller, Benefits Administrator was in with the benefits audit and that Kingman County passed the audit with no deficiencies.

Ms. Aumiller asked if the Commissioners

would like to change the Flex spending account to allow new employees to enroll when hired instead of waiting.

Commissioners discussed the flex spending plan and decided to keep the flex plan enrollment as it is currently.

Charles Arensdorf, Public Works Director was in with an update for the County Commissioners.

Mr. Arensdorf let them know that they are starting on seal coating tomorrow.

MOTION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to adjourn the regular board meeting at 10:31 a.m. Chairwoman Lyon seconded the motion. The motion was approved with 2 votes for and 0 against.

## Pratt County Commission Minutes for September 22

The Pratt County Commissioners met in regular session Monday, September 22, 2025 at 2:00 pm in the Commissioner Room, pt 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.

**Economic Development Update** -Heather Morgan

**Kansas Corporation Commission (KCC) Meeting**

Heather met with the City of Sawyer and the Kansas Corporation Commission reaching a successful resolution to build a gas line. The line will extend approximately four miles from their existing substation down Northwest 30th Steet. The agreement includes a new tariff, which is a provision of the gas services agreement. KGS is currently amending the agreement to include the tariff. The project timeline is uncertain as it depends on KGS reaching a similar agreement with other cities as well.

### Tax Meeting

Atax meeting was held in Topeka. Cunningham School District and Kingman County were present to express their concerns in the unexpected drop in gas valuations. No action was taken, but the issue was raised

### KDOT Local Consultation Process

The KDOT local consultation process is scheduled for October 13th from 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM at Pratt Community College. Attendance is crucial as it influences KDOT’s scoring for transportation plan funding. Attendees were encouraged to advocate for projects they want to see happen like the Highway 54 bypass or Highway 61 passing lanes.

### Pratt Area Economic Development (PAEDC) Update

Economic Development is making final tweaks before finalizing the housing incentive application. The Neighborhood Revitalization meeting will be on the night of October 16th and will be attended by the school districts, City of Pratt, several other small cities and the County.

### Pratt County 2024 Audit Presentation

April Swartz with Varny & Associates, CPA LLC presented the board with the 2024 Audit. The County received an

unmodified opinion, or a “clean opinion”. The county’s debt is minimal, and the county was well under budget in all budget funds.

### Health Department Update

Darcie Van Der Vyver, Health Department sought approval for a termite treatment contract with Red Rock. Darcy also updated the Commissioners on potential upcoming vaccine schedule changes. Flu shot clinics are underway at various facilities and walk-ins are also available at the Health Department.

Motion to approve a 10-year termite treatment contract for \$2,230.00 with Red Rock made by Commissioner Shriver; seconded by Commissioner Trinkle; motion passed 3-0.

### ROD Conference

Sherry Wenrich, Register of Deeds, requested the presence of a Commissioner at the South Central Register of Deeds District meeting Oct 10th at 9:30 am to help welcome the attendees. Commissioner Trinkle volunteered to attend.

### Insurance Quarterly Review

Darren Booth, Theel Insurance, representing Freedom Claims, presented a quarterly review of the county’s health insurance claims. Both

Plans are operating under projected cost and have accumulated approximately \$20,000 in reserves.

### EMS Department Personnel Request

Motion to hire Andrew Boggs for part time EMT at \$17.00/HR made by Commissioner Trinkle, seconded by Commissioner Jones; motion carried 3-0.

### District Court Budget Approval

Motion to approve the District Court budget in the amount of \$143,000 to be submitted to the state made by Commissioner Shriver; seconded by Commissioner Trinkle; motion carried 3-0.

### Capital Improvement & Special Equipment Resolutions

Resolution 09-22-2025 was presented for consideration. The resolution aims to streamline the internal process and promote transparency.

Motion to pass Resolution 09-22-2025 made by Commissioner Shriver; seconded by Commissioner Trinkle; motion passed 3-0.

Resolution 09-22-2025B regarding the Special Equipment Reserve Fund was presented for consideration.

Motion to approve Resolution 09-22-2025B made by Commissioner Shriver; seconded by Commissioner Trinkle; motion carried 3-0.

### Courthouse Heating and Cooling Discussion

Jared Cordes and Jeff Slater with InteGreen presented an assessment of the county’s current heating and cooling system. Of the 68 units in the building, 37 are non-functional. Each place they checked in the ceiling throughout the courthouse had soaked insulation around the piping as well. A proposal was presented to replace the mechanical room’s piping with a more cost-effective poly-type pipe over copper and new insulation for \$48,199.00 Copper and new insulation was quoted at \$68,199.00. Other options with other options to redo the piping system throughout the courthouse were also given with estimated cost of \$650,000 depending on options. Further assessment would be needed to get a more accurate amount. No action was taken.

### Road & Bridge Update & Project Approval

Doug Fruend reported the county roads are in poor shape due to the excessive amounts of rain the County has received. He asked for patience while they try to catch up. He also requested the public’s help by not feeding the stray cats out at the lake. It is creating a littering issue with left over Styrofoam bowls

and trash and over population of the stray cats.

A project was presented for approval between Secretary of Transportation, Kansas Department of Transportation and Pratt County. that will widen portions of the Byers blacktop.

Motion to approve High Risk Rural Road Project 76 C-5368-01 made by Commissioner Shriver; seconded by Commissioner Trinkle; 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 the Statuary Bid Requirements for 15 minutes at 3:27 p.m. made by Commissioner Shriver; seconded by Commissioner Jones; motion passed 3-0.

Commissioner came out of executive session at 3:42 p.m. with no action taken.

### Approval of Minutes

Commissioners unanimously approved the minutes of September 15, 2025.

Commissioners unanimously approved the vouchers from September 22, 2025.

Meeting adjourned at 3:43 p.m.

## Pratt County Commission Minutes for September 29

The Pratt County Commissioners met in regular session Monday, September 29, 2025 at 2:00 pm 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.

**Economic Development Update** - Heather Morgan

**Rural Health Incentive Fund (RHIF)**

Heather reported the recently passed Federal Reconciliation Bill contains measures that will cut funding for rural healthcare. The RHIF was created to offset these cuts and spur innovation. Half the fund will be divided equally among states, the other half will be competitive, with Kansas having a high probability of securing more than its equal share. The first public announcement on how Kansas will handle the fund occurred last week, all ideas must be submitted by this Friday. The goal of the fund was to reduce long-term Medicaid and Medicare costs. An example that may work is allowing EMS to bill for on-scene services

(e.g. stabilizing a diabetic patient with an IV) without requiring transport to the hospital, thus saving the costs associated with transport and an ER visit. Heather will contact Brian Atteberry, Pratt EMS Director, to connect him with the state EMS group that is preparing to submit ideas.

### Economic Development Incentives Reporting

A recently passed state law requires all local governments to report on any economic development incentives provided, including NRP rebates, to the Kansas Department of Commerce. This will help maintain a transparency database to ensure the total amount of state and local incentives

provided to a company is tracked accurately. Heather will obtain the required forms and work with DJ, Pratt County Appraiser, to ensure timely submission.

### Unemployment Rate

The Pratt County unemployment rate for August increased slightly to 4.0%.

### Great Plains Development Presentation

Bob Wetmore, Executive Co-Director for Great Plains Development, updated the commissioners on current services provide that include helping secure and administer grants and connecting local entities with funding sources.

Motion to approve

Great Plains annual membership dues of \$3,087.88 made by Commissioner Shriver; seconded by Commissioner Trinkle; motion carried 3-0.

### COA Department Personnel Request

Tara Pagenkopf requested 15% wage increases for all VSP drivers. They are currently between \$10.40/hr and \$10.70/hr. The increase would bring them up between \$11.96/Hr and \$12.32/Hr. Commissioners expressed concern about the long-term impact on the upcoming fiscal year’s budget, which has already been set. No action was taken on salary increases for all drivers. Commissioner Shriver will get in touch with

Scot Loyd, the counties accountant, to allow him to review. Tara also requested to hire two part-time drivers.

Motion to hire Julian Harris for part time Bus Driver \$10.40 /Hr made by Commissioner Shriver; seconded by Commissioner Trinkle; motion carried 3-0.

Motion to hire Shawn Flemming for part time Bus Driver \$10.40 /Hr made by Commissioner Shriver; seconded by Commissioner Trinkle. Motion carried 3-0.

### National Association of Counties Membership

Motion to approve the annual membership fee for NACO made by Commissioner



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Shriver; seconded by Commissioner Trinkle; motion carried 3-0.

Public Comment

Susan Mayberry, in attendance, asked for clarification on Great Plain, VSP and Scot Loyd. Commissioners explained services pro-

vided by Great Plains, VSP, and Scot Loyd.

Courthouse Roof Project

Commissioners agreed to use Randy with Duro-last to obtain specs for the roofing project that will be at no cost to the county.

Courthouse Maintenance

Commissioner Trinkle secured the services of Terry Williamson for light maintenance work and to clean out the boiler

room. Terry will perform the work at a negotiated rate of \$65.00/hr., down from the standard rate of \$80.00/hr.

Executive Session -Attorney-Client

Motion to move to executive session under the Attorney-Client exception to the Kansas Open Meetings Act to discuss the Rockenbach abatement application for 10 minutes at 2:57 p.m. made by Commissioner Trinkle; seconded by

Commissioner Shriver; motion carried 3-0.

Commissioners came out of executive session at 3:06 p.m. with no action taken

Rockenbach Abatement Application

Motion to accept the Abatement Application to abate certain property taxes pursuant to K.S.A. 79-1613 for the tornado damaged property at the SW quarter of section 10, township 26, range 12 in Pratt County Kansas

made by Commissioner Shriver; seconded by Commissioner Trinkle; motion carried 3-0.

Commissioners unanimously approved the minutes of September 22, 2025.

Executive Session -Attorney-Client

Motion to move to executive session under the Attorney-Client exception to the Kansas Open Meetings Act to discuss the Neighborhood Revitalization Program

for 10 minutes at 3:10 pm made by Commissioner Shriver; seconded by Commissioner Trinkle; motion carried 3-0.

Commissioners came out of executive session at 3:20 pm with no action taken

Commissioners unanimously approved vouchers from September 22, 2025.

Commissioners unanimously voted to adjourn the meeting at 3:28 p.m.



Sticking Together

Glenn Brunkow, Pottawatomie County farmer and rancher

This has been quite a year, and all the stress can take quite a toll. Trade uncertainty, poor grain prices, increased fertilizer cost, higher interest rates ... the list goes on and on. Couple that with Mother Nature and her droughts, floods and winds, it is a lot for any

of us, but I do not need to tell you that.

We all know that farming and ranching is a physically demanding occupation, but the mental side of it is even more demanding. We have been taught from an early age that we never share our problems with anyone else. Figure it out on our own because no one else wants to hear about your problems. I do not say this very often, but our parents and grandparents were wrong. Keeping all that stress inside is the worst thing you can do for your mental health.

Ah yes, mental health.

It is something none of us want to talk about but all of us should be talking about. That is a stigma that we all need to work on to make it go away. There is nothing shameful about working on your mental health, and that includes talking about it. We worry about our physical health all the time, or we should, but that is something for another day. Mental health is just as important and even more important in times of stress like now.

It is easy in agriculture to think that we are going through this on our own and no one else would understand. Couple that

with the fact that most of us are multi-generational on our farms and do not want to be the last generation. The pressure can be crushing, and at times it seems like we are bombarded by one thing after another. It all takes a toll.

Let me be clear about this, it is OK not to be OK. It is also admirable to seek help. I promise each of you this, there are people who care about you. It is nothing to be embarrassed or ashamed of to seek professional help. If nothing else, find a friend or a neighbor and talk to them. If you cannot bring yourself to do either of those, call me, I

care as do all my fellow members on the Kansas Farm Bureau Board of Directors.

Obviously, I do not know everyone reading this, but I promise you there are people who care about you and need you. No matter how bad things look or what might happen, it will get better, you just must work on getting through.

I also want to put out an appeal to everyone to take care of each other. Check in on your neighbors and friends, you never know when those few minutes will be a life saver. If you do notice something or they tell

you something that sends alarms up, take action. Talk and listen, encourage them to get help and be supportive.

I know we are in tough times right now, but I also know that the tide will turn and things will get better. We need to take care of each other, farming and ranching is a tight-knit community, and we can get through this if we lean on each other.

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News from Kansas Farm Bureau

KANSAS WHEAT

Glyphosate (“Roundup”) and Wheat — What You Should Know

Glyphosate is a common herbicide used to control weeds in many crops, including wheat. In wheat production, it’s most often applied before planting, after harvest to manage weeds during fallow periods, or early in the growing season.

There are four main times glyphosate may be used in wheat farming:

Pre-plant or early growth – to reduce weed competition before the

crop is established.

Fallow applications – between crops, especially in drier western regions.

Pre-harvest (dry-down) – rarely used, and only when needed to help the crop finish drying or to control late-season weeds. This occurs when the grain is fully mature and no longer absorbing nutrients or chemicals. Less than 3% of U.S. wheat acres are treated this way.

Crop destruct – if a crop is badly damaged by weather, pests, or disease, glyphosate may be applied to terminate it. This wheat does not enter the food supply.

Myths vs. Facts

Myth: Wheat is drenched in glyphosate right before harvest.

Fact: Pre-harvest

glyphosate use is uncommon in winter wheat regions like Kansas, Texas, Nebraska, and Oklahoma. When used, it’s applied after the grain is fully mature.

Myth: Glyphosate enters the grain and contaminates food.

Fact: The grain is naturally protected by a husk (glume). Any remaining residue is well below safety limits set by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

Myth: Glyphosate causes gluten sensitivity or celiac disease.

Fact: No scientific evidence links glyphosate to these conditions. Gluten disorders are autoimmune or digestive issues, not caused by chemical residues.

Safety Measures

The EPA sets strict glyphosate residue limits for wheat at 30 parts per million (ppm).

Farmers must wait at least seven days between glyphosate application and harvest.

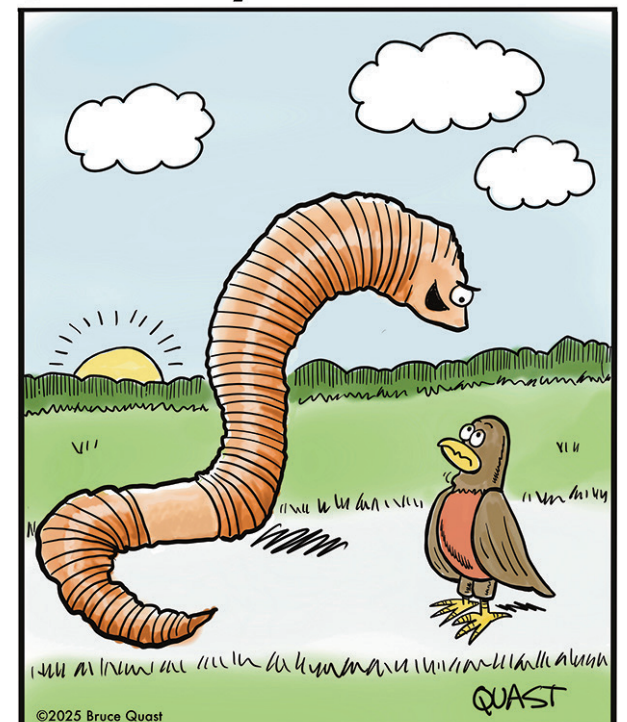
Milling removes the husk, further reducing any potential residue before wheat becomes flour or food products.

In Summary:

Glyphosate plays a role in wheat farming but is used carefully and sparingly. Regulatory safeguards and natural grain protections ensure that wheat products remain safe. Research continues, but current evidence does not support glyphosate as a cause of gluten disorders or other health issues at typical exposure levels.

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by Bruce Quast



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IN THE THIRTIETH JUDICIAL DISTRICT

DISTRICT COURT, KINGMAN COUNTY, KANSAS

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF

PATRICIA L. BASE, Deceased

CASE NO. KM-2025-PR-000041

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

NOTICE OF HEARING

THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:

You are notified that a Petition has been filed in this Court by Charlie L. Base, heir of Patricia L. Base, deceased, requesting:

Descent be determined of the following described real estate situated in Kingman County, Kansas:

*Lots 29 and 31 on Cedar Street, in Jones' Addition*

*to the Town of Kingman, Kingman County, Kansas.*

and all personal property and other Kansas real estate owned by decedent at the time of death. And that such property and all personal property and other Kansas real estate owned by the decedent at the time of death be assigned pursuant to the laws of intestate succession.

You are required to file your written defenses to the Petition on or before October 16, 2025, at 10:00 a.m. in the Kingman County District Court, Kingman County, Kansas, at which time and place the cause will be heard. Should you fail to file your written defenses, judgment and decree will be entered in due course upon the Petition.

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**Public Notice**

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IN THE THIRTIETH JUDICIAL DISTRICT

DISTRICT COURT OF KINGMAN COUNTY, KANSAS

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF:

BERNIECE MARIE ROWLAND, Deceased.

Case No. KM 2025 PR 17

(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 October 7, 2025, a Petition was filed in this Court by Brent Lee Rowland and Michael Eugene Rowland, duly appointed, qualified and acting Co-Executors of the Estate of Berniece Marie Rowland, deceased, praying Petitioners acts be approved; account be settled and allowed; the heirs be determined; the Will be construed and the Estate be assigned to the persons entitled thereto; the Court find the allowances requested for attorneys' fees and expenses are reasonable and should be allowed; the costs be determined and ordered paid; the administration of the Estate be closed; upon the filing of receipts the Petitioners be finally discharged as the Co-Executors of the Estate of Berniece Marie Rowland, deceased, and the Petitioners be released from further liability.

You are required to file your written defenses thereto on or before October 28, 2025, 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.

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Ann Fewin

Ann Hauser Fewin left behind her earthly shackles and went home to her Savior on September 30. She was 91. Born to Everett and Bess Hauser in 1933, Ann grew up in Cunningham, Kansas, where she graduated from Cunningham High School in 1951. She earned a bachelor's degree in education from Wichita State University in 1955, where she was a member of Delta Delta Delta sorority, and began a teaching career, first in kindergarten and then in 1st grade.

After a four-year courtship, Ann married her beloved Hugh Fewin in 1958, and together they raised two sons and a daughter. Over the next 30 years, Ann and Hugh would move their family more than 25 times, crisscrossing the country to cities that included Chicago, Lubbock, Salt Lake City, Houston, and Greenville, Pennsylvania, as they followed new career opportunities for Hugh. Despite her extensive travels across the U.S. and abroad, Ann never lost her deep love for her cherished Cunningham farming community. After Hugh's passing in August 1989, Ann returned to Cunningham, where she made her home once again in her childhood house next to the school. Never content to remain on the sidelines, she was a member of Daughters of the American Revolution and an active participant in the Cunningham community and her church, where she continued her tradition as a church pianist.

Having once entertained dreams of becoming a concert pianist, Ann shared her musical talent as a piano teacher for generations of young musicians, and also as a church pianist, rarely missing a Sunday on the bench in whatever city she lived. She loved tending to her "English garden," especially her lifelong favorite flower—the pink rose. She was an avid reader and lifelong learner who will be remembered for her warm smile and positive spirit, her wry humor, her dedication to family, and her unwavering faith in God.

She was preceded in death by her parents and her husband. Ann is survived by her sons Mark (Maria) and Scott (Michaela) Fewin, and daughter Melanie Hilton (Jimmie), grandchildren Greyson, Brennen, Tyler and Connor Fewin, Sarah Hilton Koutsogiannis (Petros), and Cody (Katie) and Grace Hilton, and great-grandchildren Elena and Periklis Koutsogiannis.

A celebration of Ann's life will be held at 11 a.m. on October 18 at the Cunningham Christian Church in Cunningham, Kansas. There will be a Visitation from 5 to 7 p.m. October 17 at Larrison Mortuary in Pratt, Kansas. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Ann's memory to the West Kingman County Education Foundation by accessing the Larrison Mortuary website at [www.larrisonmortuary.com](http://www.larrisonmortuary.com) and clicking on Obituary, where you will find Ann Fewin and a QR code at the bottom of the page or by mailing your donation to WKCEF P.O. Box 67, Cunningham, KS 67035. Her genuine love for others helped her hit all the right notes, and her song will live on in many, many hearts.



Steve LaPrad

Stephen "Steve" Bradley LaPrad, 76, of Pratt, KS, peacefully passed away on Wednesday, October 1, 2025, at Bethany Home in Lindsborg, KS.

Steve was born on October 11, 1948, in Frankfort, IN, the son of Fred Manard and Wilma Evelyn (Smeltzer) LaPrad. He graduated from Rossville High School in 1966 and went on to earn his bachelor's degree from McPherson College in 1970. He later completed additional studies at the University of Kansas.

While at McPherson College, Steve met the love of his life, Sally Jane Gibson. They were married on February 2, 1969, in Ottawa, KS, and were blessed with two daughters, Mollie and Nancy.

Steve was a Certified Public Accountant and co-owner of the firm Patton, Cramer, & LaPrad Chartered. He was a longtime member of First United Methodist Church in Pratt.

A man of quiet wit, Steve enjoyed golf and proudly held the course record at Pratt Country Club. He also loved fishing and sipping on a glass of his favorite Scotch, Cutty Sark. He cherished family time and especially enjoyed taking vacations with them. He was particularly fond of his goldendoodle, Penny, and could often be found enjoying coffee with friends at Simply Southwest in Pratt.

Steve is survived by his loving wife of 56 years, Sally LaPrad; daughters, Mollie Bretz (Michael) of Hoxie, KS and Nancy LaPrad-Rowell (Chad) of McPherson, KS; a sister, Freida Latshaw (Harry) of Rossville, KS; three grandchildren, Sam Bretz (KayCee), Drew Bretz, and Mat Bretz; and many extended relatives and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

A Celebration of Life will be held at 11:30 AM on Wednesday, October 8, 2025, on the island at Elm Mills (28 NW Main Lake Road, Sawyer, KS 67134) with lunch and fellowship with family and friends immediately following. In case of inclement weather, the service will be held at The Vert (312 S. Main St., Pratt, KS 67124). The family encourages all attendees to wear casual attire.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Elm Mills Recreation Corp. in care of Stockham Family Funeral Home, 205 North Chestnut, McPherson, KS 67460.

Personal condolences may be shared with the family at [www.stockhamfamily.com](http://www.stockhamfamily.com).



Jeff Bardot

Jeffery Alan Bardot, 69, passed away Tuesday, October 7, 2025. He was born on October 6, 1956, in Augusta, Kansas to Jerry Alan Bardot and Jane Densmore.

Jeffery worked as a driller in the oilfield. He enjoyed shooting pool, creating plaques, riding his motorcycle, tinkering and making custom bikes and playing golf.

He is survived by his daughters, Chelsea Appleton of Oklahoma and Jamie Ann Bardot of Inman; sisters, Karen Konkel of Beloit and Konnie (Geoff) Robinson of Goddard; grandchildren, Preston Stevenson, Hayden Appleton, Bryan Roberts, Shiloh Bardot, Mackenzie Bardot, Sophia Bardot, Clayton Lombard-Bardot; and his companion, Susan Gable of Preston.

Jeffery is preceded in death by his parents; daughter, Misty Hennessee; son, James Alan Bardot; sister, Kathy Bardot; and brother, Mark Bardot.

Cremation has taken place. A Celebration of Life will be held at a later date.

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