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Minutes from Kingman County Commission for October 24th, 2022

Chairman Foley called the Board of County Commissioners meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. on October 24th, 2022, in the County Commissioners room at the Kingman County Courthouse.

Present were Fred Foley, Chairman; Jerry Henning, Commissioner; Jack Thimesch, Commissioner; Carol Noblit, County Clerk; Brandon Ritcha, County Counselor

Visitors: Bob Morris, Leader-Courier; Vicki Mader, Horizons Mental Health CEO; Tanner Yost, Kirkham Michael Engineer.

Online Visitors: Caller 01

Staff: Macay Ewy, Emergency Manager; Amanda Stucky, Field Appraiser; Becky Luntsford, County Treasurer; Stan Goetz, HR/Planning/ Zoning/Wastewater Director; LaDawn Stegman, Financial Officer and Charles Arensdorf, Public Works Director.

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

Commissioner Thimesch would like to add an executive session for attorney-client privilege.

Commissioners discussed Inevergy that was on the agenda.

MOTION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to approve the agenda with the addition of an executive session for attorney-client privilege. Commissioner Henning seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Chairman Foley asked if there was any public comment.

No comment.

Macay Ewy, Emergency Manager was in with a Promulgation of the Kingman County Emergency Operations Plan to have approved and signed by the Commissioners.

MOTION: Commissioner Henning moved to approve the Promulgation of the Kingman County Emergency Operations Plan. Commissioner Thimesch seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Amanda Stucky, Field Appraiser was in to ask for an NRP extension for Kevin Schrag and it is his first request.

MOTION: Commissioner Henning moved to approve the NRP extension for Kevin Schrag. Commissioner Thimesch seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

County Commissioners signed

county vouchers.

Carol Noblit, County Clerk submitted the minutes of the October 11th, 2022, Commission meeting for approval.

MOTION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to approve the October 11th, 2022, Commission meeting minutes. Commissioner Henning seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Becky Luntsford, County Treasurer was in with a quote for five computers and adobe software programs for two from Integris in the amount of \$10,713.10 to be paid out of her technology fund.

MOTION: Commissioner Henning moved to approve the quote received from Integris IT for 5 computers and 2 adobe software programs in the amount of \$10,713.10 out of the Treasurers Technology Fund. Commissioner Thimesch seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Ms. Luntsford let the Commissioners know the tax sale is to be held on November 28th, 2022, at 2:00 p.m. in the District Courtroom on the second floor.

Ms. Luntsford let the Commissioners know that her retirement party will be December 2nd, 2022, from 2-4 p.m. and her retirement date will be December 16th, 2022.

Ms. Luntsford requested that her offices be closed on December 2nd from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. so that her employees could attend her retirement party.

Commissioners agreed that her offices could be closed.

Mendy Frampton, Expo Center Director was in with a Community Service report for the Commissioners to review.

Ms. Frampton discussed having help for cleaning stalls.

Vicki Mader, Horizons Mental Health CEO was in to update the Commissioners on the financials.

Ms. Mader discussed a grant they received to help with services offered.

Stan Goetz, HR/Planning/Zoning/ Wastewater Director was in to request an executive session for non-elected personnel matters.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:
Commissioner Thimesch moved to go into executive session at 10:04 a.m. with Stan Goetz, HR and Brandon Ritcha, County Counselor to discuss an employee's evaluation pursuant to the exception under the Kansas Open Meetings Act for discussion of non-elected personnel matters, and

they will return to open session in the Board meeting room at 10:20 a.m. Commissioner Henning seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Commissioners returned to regular session at 10:20 a.m. no decision made.

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Commissioners returned to regular session at 10:30 a.m. with payroll change in status for sheriff's department employees.

LaDawn Stegman, Financial Officer went over the financials with the County Commissioners.

Charles Arensdorf, Public Works Director was in with a propane bid to open from Farmers Coop Pretty Prairie, Kansas.

Propane \$2.099 per gallon.

MOTION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to approve the propane bid from Farmers Coop Pretty Prairie, Kansas in the amount of \$2.099 per gallon. Commissioner Henning seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Mr. Arensdorf submitted the following bids for 1500 tons of AB-3:

Concrete Enterprises, Inc. \$31.92 per ton = \$47,880.00 Cornejo

\$26.39 per ton = \$39,585.00 APAC

\$29.00 per ton = \$43,500.00

Theis Dozer Service

\$30.00 per ton = \$45,000.00

MOTION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to approve the bid from Cornejo in the amount of \$39,585.00 for 1500 tons of AB-3. Commissioner Henning seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Ms. Stegman submitted a resolution for the Grant funds to be in one fund.

MOTION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to approve RESOLUTION 2022-R14, A RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE APPROPRIATE GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS OF KINGMAN COUNTY, KANSAS TO ESTABLISH A GRANT PROCEEDS FUND. Commissioner Henning seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Ms. Stegman and Mr. Arensdorf discussed the GO Bonds for the bridges and the reimbursed funds.

The payment for X.0-21.2 is coming from the reimbursed funds.

Ms. Stegman left the meeting at 11:20 a.m.

Mr. Arensdorf submitted a permit for

Haviland Telephone Co. Inc. DBA Haviland Broadband to bury fiber optic cable between Section 36, Township 29, Range 5(Allen) and Section 1, Township 30, Range 5 (Bennett).

Mr. Arensdorf submitted KDOT's response on FAS 363 Hot Mix Overlay funding request in the Fall 2022 Cost Share Program.

Commissioners discussed roads that need to be overlayed.

Mr. Arensdorf discussed with the Commissioners about Flatridge IV & V Geotech transportation.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to go into executive session with Stan Goetz,

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Honoring Our Veterans



Cunningham High School NHS will be having their Veterans Day Program on Friday, Nov. 11th. NHS students will serve coffee, juice, and rolls to veterans and their spouses as well as spouses of the late veterans at 9:30 a.m. The program for the community will start at 10:00 a.m. in the gym. We hope to see you all there.

Betty knows a lot about the neighbors, but that doesn't mean she knows a lot about Medicare.



Open enrollment for 2023 Medicare coverage is October 15th through December 7th.

Kingman Healthcare Center recommends
Original Medicare, however, if you are
researching other options, please check
to ensure that your healthcare providers are
in the network you are considering.

For more information, please call 620-532-0150.





Meanderings

Meanderings this week is.. well, rather pointless because my paper is done and I only have this column left to write. Not sure about the proofreading that is going to happen.

Isn't if funny (odd funny, not haha funny) how one hundred people can read the same book, the same news article, the same opinion piece, or watch the same film or the same commercial, and one hundred different opinions come out of the exact same piece of work.

If you had those same 100 people read the same book, the same news article, the same opinion piece, or watch the same film or the same commercial 20 years later, one

hundred different MORE opinions come out of the exact same piece of work. We are fickle folks,

Have you read a book as a young person and then re-read it as an adult?

I can remember in high school reading "Great Expectations" by Charles Dickens. Yes, I know most of us did. My classmates and I tried to guess who Pip's benefactor was, and were we ever surprised and stunned at the ending.

I read it again when I was 32 years old, but I read it knowing who the benefactor was ahead of time. And you know what, it was still like reading a new story. I read it again at 48 and it was much like it was when I was 32, but still different from when I was 16 or 17. Excellent writing. Excellent story. I appreciated it so much

more the older I was. Another book that comes to mind was a little book of short stories I first read in second grade. I found this little treasure on a high shelf in the school library. I think the word 'ghost' was what pulled to the book. The title was "The Ghost of Kingdom Come." I just looked up the author because I couldn't remember who wrote it. (Gerald T. Brennan). I LOVED that little book. I read it several times in my grade school years.

Many, many years later, I picked it up, again, to read. It was worn out and the pages were beginning to fall out, but it was still readable. It was, hmm. Hokey? Yes. Simplistically hokey. The stories were all meant to teach morals to children so they could become 'ghosts of Kingdom Come.' The book no longer had that special meaning for me, but I do enjoy remembering the love I had for it when I was a voungster.

Now the one book I've read three times, that doesn't seem to change for me... "The Great Gatsby" by F. Scott Fitzgerald. Ugh. What a yawner. I didn't like it the first time when I read in college. I really didn't like it the second time.

And then years later, I thought I'd give it another whirl. I didn't finish that read. It was just as bad then as when I was in college. I don't get why it's such a classic. Classic bore, maybe, classic read, hardly.

What we bring to and get out pieces of writing or film is what our life experiences bring to it. What we read when we are 20 isn't the same story we read when we are 60 because we have 40 years of life's little surprises to change our minds and our attitudes about the plot, the characters, the story, and life in general.

We are also influenced by our mood du jour. We can bring with us what someone else said about the story/film/book. We don't want to think we can be easily influenced by others' thoughts and opinions, but they are still there in our minds as we read or watch the unfolding of the life of the characters in the story.

I often wonder how my little bits of meanderings register with folks. I suspect, like all readers we are influenced by our moods and who we talked to that day. Who made us laugh and who riled us up.

A friend recently asked, 'When do we stop filtering what we say?' Another commented something like "I've never filtered." Or maybe he said, "We're supposed to filter what we say?"

I think I still do, for the most part. I try to be tactful, but I have also come to realize that, sometimes, tact isn't going to get the point across. Sometimes, just sometimes, one has to be blunt in what they say.

And when was it I stopped really caring what others think of me? I don't really even care if someone likes me or if someone is joyously delirious about me. I once worried if I upset someone or made them uncomfortable. Maybe I have also come to realize if I'm mad or upset with someone, it's my problem not theirs. And maybe that's the philosophy I now use. I might make someone happy, but that's their problem, not mine. I might make someone unhappy, but that's their problem, not mine.

I'm not saying I totally disregard others' feelings, but I quit worrying so much about what is going to make them happy and what is going to offend them. No one can make everyone happy... or upset. We are only human, after all.

I guess, as a kid, I was a pretty good "Ghost of Kingdom Come." Not so much now.

> Always reading And currently reading, "Fetch"

By Laura Whitcomb Roberta

"There was a long hard time when I kept far from me the remembrance of what I had thrown away when I was quite ignorant of its worth."

 Charles Dickens, **Great Expectations**

Tallgrass and Tumbleweeds by Gaille Pike

Dear Readers,

It's funny now—that joke Mother Nature pulled on me last week but I wasn't laughing when, only a day after I'd packed all my summer clothes away, the mercury topped out above ninety degrees. And the winds that followed, as they abruptly changed the landscape out my window, didn't do much

to restore my sense of humor either. I've no idea where the leaves went because none are piled against the house and our patio is clean as a whistle. As I write, a breeze is still moving through the Flint Hills, rippling the pond water from east to west and making waves among the trees by lifting bare brown and grey branches up and down. The natural world's undulations brought me to my senses. How could I forget the cardinal rules of dealing with the weather (Kansas weather) and life in general?

One: If you don't like the present weather (or life's circumstances), wait a "minute," because in the blink of an eye, everything changes.

Two: More importantly, never take the weather (or yourself) too seriously whether it is (or life is or you are) at its best or worst or anywhere in-between.

I'm not suggesting

one always be cavalier about the weather or life's experiences. For example, it's prudent to take extra care with matches and fires on "Red Flag Warning" days. It is also wise to wear a seat belt when in an automobile. And my father, a decades-long Boy Scout master, drilled the motto "Be Prepared," into my brothers' and my head. There are countless times, planning ahead has served me well.

It is humbling to realize how wrong I sometimes go when the Mother Nature goes screwy or things go awry. You'd

think I would have lived long enough to know that about the only thing I control when it comes to weather is how I react to it. As for life's twists and turns, I have learned that my influence is limited to my own attitude and actions. I truly know I'm happier when I take weather changes with a grain of salt and laugh at my own (and life's) foibles. So today I've been reflecting on how to keep some perspective and a sense of humor in those moments. I didn't receive the epiphany I hoped for, but one of

mouse at my feet, then sat there looking at me as if he were saying, "I thought you needed cheering up." I did tell him he "shouldn't have." And then I smiled. And then I laughed.

I accept that I will not always laugh or be in good spirits, but I reckon if I try a little harder to remember Cardinal Rules One and Two, maybe I'll get along better with Mother Nature...and in life.

Until next weekkeep your eyes on the stars and your back to the wind.

A COLUMN BYTom PURCELL

It was one of the most awesome experiences of my childhood.

It happened 50 years ago on an overcast day in Pittsburgh on Sept. 30, 1972.

My Little League team had cheap-seat tickets in right field in Three Rivers Stadium.

My dad and some coaches took us to the game and all of us had one thing on our minds:

Would our hero, Roberto Clemente, get his 3,000th hit that day?

At that time there were only 10 other major league players who had

reached that milestone and we prayed he'd reach it that day.

In the bottom of the fourth inning Clemente crushed a line-drive double and the stadium went wild.

My dad was jumping and shouting as we all were. It wasn't just a great moment in sports, but a great moment with my dad I will forever cherish.

I don't follow major league baseball much anymore, in part because my team, the Pirates, haven't been very good for a very long time.

But I'm following the MLB's playoffs this year because of one player: New York Yankee superstar Aaron Judge.

Judge recently broke Roger Maris' American League home run record by hitting 62 in one season.

Barry Bonds, Mark McGuire and Sammy Sosa each hit more than 61 home runs in a season in the late 1990s, but allegations that their slugging power was enhanced by performance-enhancing drugs lead some to conclude that Judge is the true owner of the HR record.

That inside-baseball debate aside, the humbleness Judge displays reminds me of Clemente.

Both Clemente and Judge were blessed with incredible gifts to hit baseballs hard and far and throw them fast and with precision.

Clemente was not boastful in any way about his talents and accom-

plishments. He thanked God for all he'd been

First Things reports that "during the 1972 season, when he was asked if he expected to get his 3,000th hit that year, he said:

"Well, you never know because God tells you how long you are going to be here, so you never know what can happen tomorrow."

Clemente would be taken that year on New Year's Eve in a plane crash off the coast of his native Puerto Rico. He was on his way to deliver relief supplies to earthquake victims in Nicaragua.

Clemente was much more than one of the

greatest baseball players ever.

my cats dropped a dead

He was a great human being who used his fame and influence to "open up clinics, schools, charities and an ambitious sports complex in his native Puerto Rico, to help rescue underprivileged and misdirected youth," reports First Things.

Today Aaron Judge is also using his fame to give back.

Adopted by his school-teacher parents the day after he was born in Sacramento, he praises his parents for giving him good values and a Christian upbringing.

When he slammed his record-breaking home

run, he said it was his honor that God put him in a position to do so.

When asked before the season about his baseball future, Judge gave the New York Post an answer Clemente would have given: "It's all in God's hands."

As for charitable endeavors, Judge also is using his fame and fortune to help underprivileged kids from the community where he grew up have a chance to flourish in life.

And that's why the Yankees slugger has renewed my interest in baseball. I sure hope he gets to showcase his talents in the 2022 World Series.

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All Kansas Voters Need to Vote

When changes to our Constitution are on the Ballot ALL voices need to be heard. In November we have two proposed Amendments that would change our **State Constitution.**

The Legislative Veto or Suspension of Executive Agency Regulations Amendment would shift the current balance of power by allowing the Kansas Legislature to revoke or suspend any rule or regulation adopted by executive branch

2. The Kansas County Sheriff Election and Recall Amendment would require county sheriffs be elected and give authority to the State Attorney General to begin the process to remove or recall sheriffs from office, instead of the Local District Attorney.

Yes - Vote Changes the Constitution No - Vote Keeps the Constitution as it is



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Ninnescah Valley Bank will be closed Friday, November 11th, to commemorate Veterans' Day

Thursday, November 3rd

Winter sports parent meetings begin at 6:00 p.m.

6 Man Regionals

Monday, **November 7th** JH BB vs Macksville at HOME

Friday, November 4th HS FB - regionals

> Sunday, November 6th **Daylight Savings** time ends. Clocks

Fall Back one hour.

Monday, **November 7th** JH BB vs Macksville

> Tuesday, **November 8th** VOTE!!!!

HOPL Mass Band at Norwich

Wednesday, November 9th USD 332 BOE Meeting

> Thursday, USD 332 visit

Friday, November 11th 10:00 a.m. High School gym Veterans' Day program

at HOME

November 10th

HS FB 6-man Sectionals

PRATT CC PERFORMING ARTS HONORING ALL WHO SERVED -NOVEMBER 6 2:30PM \$5 ADMISSION

Libraries

Cunningham Public Library

Mon., Wed., Fri. 2:00 - 6:00 p.m. Tues., Thurs., Sat. 9:00 - 11:30 a.m.Closed for Holidays 298-3163



Zenda Public Library

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



Kingman Carnegie Library

Mon. & Tues. 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Wed.: 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

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

Pratt Public Library

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

Basketball Parent Meetings Scheduled

The winter sport (basketball) athlete/parent meetings are scheduled for Thursday, November 3rd in the Cunningham School cafeteria. The junior high school girls meeting will begin at 6:00pm, junior high school boys at 6:20pm, high school girls at 6:40pm and the high school boys at 7:00pm. All athletes and parents are encouraged to attend.

High school basketball practices will begin on Monday, November 14, 2022. Athletes must have their physicals, waivers and concussion forms completed before they can practice.

> Call the high school office if you have any questions.

Penalosa UMW Invites YOU to a Harvest Soup Sampling

Come to Penalosa Community Building on November 5th from 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m for a sampling of homemade soups and VOTE for your favorite one. Dessert provided. Free will donations accepted.

Election Day Soup and Chili Dinner in Zenda

The Zenda Methodist Church will be selling chicken and noodles and chili on November 8th, from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

You can stop by the Lunberyard, sit down and enjoy a bowl of soup for \$4.00 and some cobbler for \$3.00. The cost includes beverages of coffee, tea, or water. OR you can carry out a quart of soup for \$8.00.



BOE Will Meet Wednesday

Cunningham USD #332 104 W 4th St., Cunningham, KS 67035 Wednesday, Nov. 9 7:00 p.m. **AGENDA**

- Call to Order I.
- II. Approval of Agenda (AI)
- III. Guest Recognition
- IV. Approval of the minutes of the October 12, 2022 regular meeting.(AI)
- Approval of financial reports and payment of V. bills (AI)
 - VI. Reports
 - Superintendent report Mr. Reed
 - Principal report- Mr. Dunlap
 - Special Ed report Travis Thimesch
 - VII. Old Business
 - **Bond Project**
 - VIII. New Business (AI)
 - Executive Session (personnel)
 - Approve position (AI)
 - IX.
 - Adjournment

Cunningham Public Library's Creature Comfort Basket Fundraiser

Tickets are on sale now. Tickets: \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00

The winner will be announced on November 20th and will receive BOTH baskets.

Get your raffle tickets at the Public library or from any library board member: Mary Stackhouse, Linda Kerschen, Jane Meyers, Rogene Jarmer, Ingrid Ricke, Liz Miller, CC Sterneker or Kerri Steffen, librarian.

The large basket contains homemade goodies by Rogene Jarmer: 1 dozen of each of the following cookies: snickerdoodle, chocolate chip, oatmeal, peanut butter, no-bake, 10 frosted sugar cookies, 2 mini loves of banana bread and pumpkin bread, 8 chocolate chocolate-chip muffins and one fall towel.

The small basket contains: 1 large fall coffee/tea mug, 1 small metal fall bucket with candy, 1 pack of fall napkins, 13 oz. Cocoa Dulce cocoa mix and 1 2.5 oz. Cocoa Dulce coffee.

Final Nashville High School Alumni

Gathering

The first class from Nashville HIgh School graduated in 1922; and now the final Nashville High School Alumni gathering will take place on November 26th 12:00 noon to 4:00 at St John's Lutheran Church Fellowship Hall, Nashville Ks All graduates, former students, spouses, and friends are invited. For more information or reservations contact Loetta Lohrke at 620 298 2762.

NHS to Host Blood Drive

NHS will be hosting a blood drive on November 22nd from 1:00 to 6:00 p.m. Individuals may sign up online or by contacting Ingrid Ricke for sign-up help. 620-388-2548 or ingrid.ricke@usd332.com

Kingman Public Library

455 N. MAIN, KINGMAN, KS 67068 (620)532-306

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

BOOK SAL



Friends of the Library Presale (Available only for Friends Members) October 21, 2022 from 5pm - 8pm Light refreshments will be available

Monday, October 24, 2022 through Friday, November 4, 2022

> **During Business Hours** M: 9am - 8pm T, Th: 9am - 7pm W, F: 9am - 6pm S: 9am - 2pm

\$3.00 Bag Sale (Bags will be provided) Friday, November 4, 2022





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

Kingman Historic Theatre

237 N. Main in Kingman (620) 532-1253 http://www.kingmantheatre.org/ All Seats \$6.00

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November 4th - 6th

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W. A. Bradley / William Bradley

1927

Nov. 4 – An Associated Press dispatch in the daily papers this week reports that the Cannonball Highway from Wichita to Syracuse is the longest busy road in Kansas, with an average of 3,400 motor cars every sixteen hours.

1932

Nov. 4 – Cunningham merchants are going to observe the Sunday closing rule, as the two local grocery stores, Hauser's Cash Market and Wetherall Bros., will not be open any more on Sunday mornings, or at any other time on Sunday in the future.

1937

Nov. 5 – Gus Huhman is now completing the building of a modern cabin camp at his home in the east part of town on U.S. Highway 54. Three cabins have been completed, completely modern with gas, water, lights, and shower. Each cabin has its own garage.

1942

Nov. 6 – Gasoline rationing will get underway next week with local motorists registering at the high school building. All motorists registering will be given an "A" book which will be good for the basic allowance of four gallons of gasoline per week. Additional allowances will be made for occupational purposes.

1947

Nov. 7 - A meeting has been called for all Cunningham business men, Friday evening at 7:30 at the City Building to discuss the possibility of reviving the annual Santa Claus and Christmas celebration. Several years have lapsed since the city has had the celebration and it has been missed by everyone.

Mr. William Cooley was one of the original promoters of this idea, and for years presided at the Christmas tree and took an active interest in all aspects.

Judy Huffman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Delmer Huffman, underwent an appendix operation in Grace Hospital in Hutchinson last week.

1952

Nov. 7 - J. G. Gibbens, of Cunningham, was a very interested voter in Tuesday's General Election. Mr. Gibbens, who is eighty-three years old, cast his sixteenth ballot for a President of the United States in Tuesday's election for the Republican candidate, General Dwight D. Eisenhower.

Of the previous fifteen ballots Mr. Gibbens has cast for a President, he has chosen a winner eight times, and lost his vote seven times. As the results of Tuesday's election were recorded, Mr. Gibbens now has a 9-7 record. He cast his first ballot for a President in 1892 (Cleveland verus Blaine), and the seven times he has lost his vote were to Wilson twice, Rosevelt four times, and Truman once.

Mr. Gibbens is a former member of the Kansas Legislature, having served as Kingman County's State Representative for two terms in 1914 and 1916.

1957

November 7 – The curtain was rung down last Friday on the 1957 football season at Cunningham Rural High School when Coach Donald Lamb spent the major portion of the day on the telephone attempting to re-schedule another home game for Cunningham. He reported his net result was zero, after talking to every coach from Cheney to Kinsley. His action was prompted by the cancellation of the game to have been played here Armistice Day with the Stafford High



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School "B" team.

Flu forced many other schools to revise their schedules, and most of them picked the holiday of Armistice Day to play games.

Coaches Lamb and Allen will host the football squad at dinner next Tuesday evening in the Lodge Hall.

1962

November 8 – The First National Bank has installed a machine for reproducing important papers. If you have an important document you'd like to have another copy of – take it to the bank and run it through this machine.

A total of 310 voters in Rual and Dresden Townships went to the polls, Tuesday, to cast their votes for their favorite candidates in the off-year General Election. Rural Township cast 112 votes and Dresden 198.

1967

November 9 – Clarence Shelman celebrated his 86th birthday, Monday.

In observance, Mr. and Mrs. Shelman were taken for a long automobile ride around the community by their daughter, Mrs. Waldo Graves.

Dr. John Schnittker, Under-Secretary of Agriculture, a native of the Cunningham community, will make a public appearance in his "home town" Friday evening, Nov. 24, at 7:30 o'clock in the high school gym-auditorium. His appearance is sponsored by the Cunningham Lions Club and is open to the public.

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1977

Nov. 10-The bloodmobile will be at the Willowdale Grade School on Monday, November 21st from 9:30 till 2:30. All donors will need to be signed up by the first of next week and have their cards turned in by

then. Drop in donors are especially welcom and we should be generous as some of our local citizens have had a need for the blood in the past few weeks.

Janette Marie Strohl

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Strohl announce the birth of a baby girl on October 24 at the Hutchinson Hospital. She weighed 7 lbs. 2 oz. and has been named Janette Marie. Heather and Brandee are her two sisters at home. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Dick Strohl and Mr. and Mrs. Bud Osner of Kingman.

Fourth Grade: Thisis the 4th grade report. For art we made owls. The teacher made the beak and wing patterns. We stuffed paper bags with newspaper. We also used construction paper and crayons.

We had a sick horned toad. We put some meal worms in with it. One of the worms changed to the pupae stage. We are going to watch and see if it becomes a beetle.

On Matt's birthday we got false teeth, bracelets, plastic animals and balloons. Reporter Dennis FitzSimmons

The Cunningham Wildcats ended the 1977 football season with an impressive 48-16 victory over the Haviland Dragons. This raised the Wildcats' record to 7 wins and 2 losses. The game was never in doubt, with the Wildcats scoring very easily in the first quarter.

Father Leroy Linnebur of Sacred Heart Church in Cunningham challenges hunters of the parish to a contest each year on opening day of the pheasant season. This year's winner in the Second Annual Pheasant Tail Contest is Scott Huhman with a fine speciman of 23 inches of tail feathers.



Cunningham Grade School 1948-49 6th Grade Class

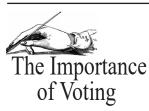


Mrs. Rhoda O'Rourke, teacher, is on the left, back row. Front row: Bob Sterneker, Don Pelzl, Carol Glenn, Donna Renner, Johnna Cooley, Victor Becker, Roger Buntemeyer

Second row: Charles Garrigues, Brenton Bortz, Billie Benson, Leslie Ely, Tom Strickland,
Charles Thornhill, Donald Rohling

Back row: Pat White, Genevieve Bayer, Carolyn Ball, Bessie Simonson, Anita Murphy,
Karen Whitmore, Norman Rose
(submitted by Johnna Freund)

(This is the last grade school class photo of the Class of 1955)



By Kris Rogers
It is that time of year again—

election season.

Kansas is a beautiful state-full of wonderful places to explore and people to meet. But during

election season it is easy to become distracted and forget the good that is in front of us. Endless

negativity can cause us to forget that we have much to be proud of.

Our right to vote should be a point of pride.
Kansas' voting process

has a time-honored reputation for working together to hold safe and secure elections. Every individual vote matters

here. Together, this is how we declare our values and shape our future.

This year, we have the opportunity to select judicial, executive and legislative candidates:

representatives for state legislature, state school board, county commission, judges and many

other important positions. All statewide officeholders, US Senate and Congress, and

amendments to alter Kansas' Constitution are also on the ballot. All of these choices determine whether or not our communities will be

stronger and healthier.

It is up to us to decide what matters most as we

cast our ballots. I suggest

you think about local

impact as you choose leaders. It is always important to work together to magnify the strength of

our neighborhoods and create connections. This is especially true in the voting booth. Do not let

the political rhetoric of some persuade you that we cannot find our way forward. We need

representation that shares our best Kansas' qualities: leaders that work hard, know their

neighbors and pitch in to help as needed. Look for people you would enjoy chatting with in local

joy chatting with in local coffee shops or grocery stores. Find candidates that take your phone calls and listen

to your concerns, rather than

promoting themselves and their positions.

In the polling booth, make sure your vote builds connections. Elect leaders that care about you

Cast your vote by November 8. You can request a ballot be mailed to you so that you can

and your community.

it by mail or drop it in a ballot drop off box, vote in person at an early voting site, or vote at your

designated polling place on November 8. Use one of the many options to get it done.

Remember to vote and make election season something to take pride in once again.

https://myvoteinfo.voteks.org/VoterView

Consider this...

by Mike Johnson

Playing Possum with Interpretations

Whn you live in a two-story stilt house, you actually have a threestory house. Since the bottom floor is nothing but 21 stilts and a slab, hearing strange noises under your home at 2 a.m. can be a stressful experience. If you live in the treetops of a remote neighborhood - trust me on this -- it can be a very stressful experience. My greatest fear -- next to a runaway chainsaw -- was a midnight intruder arriving with mayhem on his mind.

Aroused from slumber on level two - with nothing between this floor and the ground ten feet below -- the sounds came from directly under my bed. It was this moment that my dual Gemini nature kicked into play. The body-half sprang bolt upright in bed. The mind-half calcu-

lated the possibilities of a bullet trajectory being altered by three-quarterinch plywood, R-13 insulation, three-inch pile carpeting and a waterbed. Despite my best mental efforts and an overdose of adrenaline, that "D" in geometry had finally come back to haunt me. I had no answer.

I couldn't just lay there and risk being shot from below. Unfortunately, on the other hand, I couldn't answer the equation resulting from me encountering some Chuck Norris-like prowler under the house. Black night + Black belt = Black &

This situation clearly called for "Plan B."

Plan B seeming to agree because, bless his soul, he was drooling and dancing all over the floor pleading to eat that intruder. Sneaking to the doorway, I cracked it just enough for the shepard to explode into the darkness and cascade down the stairs. A few barks, a high-pitched yelp, a panicked scramble - and then eerie silence. Like it or not, I was left no choice but to tangle with Chuck

Norris.

Baseball bat overhead. I stalked down the stairs one at a time, straining to catch a glimpse of my adversary. Step by step, the dog came into view - first his tail, then his hind quarters, then his head and shoulders standing at full point. The dog had the perpetrator at bay. Four steps from the ground, I took a deep breath and leaped to the

Spinning on the balls of my feet, coiled to crush bones, my eyes scanned the opponent. Twice.

It turns out Chuck Norris looks exactly like a ten pound possum, poised fearfully on top of a running air-conditioning unit, his rat-hair blowing straight up in

Laughing at oneself in the middle of the night can be an enlightening experience.

A great lesson in stress management became apparent. Stress is nothing more than our interpretation of a situation as threatening. It's an internal dialogue with ourselves. Once I reinterpreted the situation

as non-threatening, the stress disappeared immediately. Had I originally interpreted the strange noises as merely a possum, I would never have felt stress at all. The noise didn't cause the stress, my interpretation of the noise did.

Lowering the bat and thanking my lucky stars that dogs can't talk to neighbors, I sat on the steps grinning stupidly into the night. And pondered.

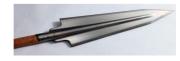
We have total control over how we interpret all the situations in our lives. Looking at them as learning opportunities or challenges instead of personal threats, prevents us from ever feeling stress at all! We cause our own stress by ineffectively interpreting the events within our

Thank the maker that certain important moments are indelibly burned into our memory forever. At that instant, I made two vows - 1) I'd never let my interpretations play possum with me again, and 2) Come hell or high water, I was going to find a geometry tutor who knew karate.

Don't Forget This Saturday!

GOLIATH'S SPEAR-

Just about everyone has heard the story of David and Goliath. David had a sling and five smooth stones. Goliath had a spear, a javelin and a shield. Whatever happened to these weapons?



Where is Goliath's spear today? After two years of research and development, Goliath's spear has been reproduced as historically accurate as possible. The same materials and echniques that would have been used 3,000 years ago were used to make this massive weapon. You can see this museum quality exhibit at St. John Lutheran Church, 515 S Main Nashville, KS on November 5, 2022. The program begins at 5:30 PM. Bring the entire family and your friends!

Christian Humor: Jokes You can Tell in Church

As the storm raged, the captain realized his ship was sinking fast. He called out, "Anyone here know how to pray?" One man stepped forward. 'Aye, Captain, I know how to pray." "Good," said the captain, "you pray while the rest of us put on our life jackets - we're one short.

Pass It On®... An Impossible Journey.

How John Wesley Powell navigated the Colorado River and Grand Canyon in wooden boats.

In May 1869, John Wesley Powell, a former Union Army major who had lost most of his right arm in the Battle of Shiloh, led 10 explorers in launching four heavy

wooden boats loaded to the gunwales with 10 months of supplies.

Three of the boats were made of oak, more suitable for cruising lakes than busting through rapids. None of the men were experienced boatmen. The one-armed captain of the crew had maps with gaps in them. Still, it was the grandest expedition since Lewis and Clark. Over 500 rapids and 1,000 miles of unknown currents awaited

We all do the best

we can to prepare for what life throws at us, and adapt when we fail. Though Powell had boats custom-made for the journey, they were heavy. He recruited men who knew how to survive in the wilderness but had never navigated a river. He packed so much food it nearly sank the boats from the start. He hastily added two crew members just days before launch, planning on hunting game to augment their rations. In hindsight, he should have failed,

swallowed up in the rapids, dead of exposure or starvation. Instead, he began in Green River, Wyoming, traversed the length of Utah, cut across the top of Arizona and staggered ashore at the mouth of the Virgin River in Nevada.

Much of the journey was spent repairing boats damaged while portaging around rapids and carving new oars out of driftwood. Food was lost or spoiled, game was scarce, and Powell went inland to negotiate with the Indians for food. The expedition spent days in freezing water and 115-degree heat. Three men deserted the cause along the way. The crew slept on boulders and pulled on wet clothing the next morning. And most of the time, they had no idea what lay ahead. But at the end of the arduous journey, they had successfully adapted to the challenges and mapped a wilderness previously labeled as "territory unknown." As the West expanded, Powell's maps would be invaluable.

As we go through the turbulence in our lives, we too often focus on obstacles rather than finding ways to adapt and appreciate the journey. None of us is fully prepared for what lies ahead. Yet with a little ingenuity, we can make it even when others quit. And along the way, we can find time to look up and see the grandeur that is life. Even amid all the difficulties, there were times between the thundering rapids when

enraptured by the beauty of his surroundings: We glide hour after hour ... as our attention is arrested by some new wonder.

Beauty is in the living of life, in looking beyond the challenges to the wonder of the small moments we achievesometimes against all odds.

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Catholic Churches Sacred Heart, Cunningham

Sundays - 8:30 a.m.

St. Leo Saturdays - 5:30 p.m. St. John, Zenda Saturdays -4:00 p.m.

St. Peter Willowdale Sundays 10:00 a.m.

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

8:30 a.m.



Lutheran Churches St. John, Nashville 620-246-5220

Sunday School & Bible Class 9:15 a.m. Worship Service 10:30 a.m.

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

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

> Pastor Dennis Fangmeyer Cell: 620-886-0911



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First Christian Church Cunningham

Sunday School 9:30 am Morning Worship 10:45 Sunday Evening Worship 6:00 Jr High Youth Group 4:00 pm Sunday Sr High Youth Group 7:30 pm Sunday Wednesday Prayer Service 7:00

Pastor Mike McGovney 620-298-3201





Worship 9:15 a.m.

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

Zenda

Worship 9:00 a.m.

Sunday School: Children 8:30 a.m. Adults 10:00 a.m. Pastor J L Nichols 620-491-0680

Fundraisers & Charitable Opportunities in our Community

United Methodist Women donate to help the drought victims in Kenya

4C Day Care Shop smile.amazon.com or contact Kathy Albers 620-298-2725 or 620-388-0774 or leave a donation with the Methodist Church.

West Kingman County Education Foundation

Use your Dillon's Card! Shop smile.amazon.com (to donte contaceJanet DeWeese 620-298-2717)

Hands of Hope (contact any church)

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

Cunningham Community Center (leave donation at the bank)

Lions' Club (Money is being raised to dig a well in the village of Kakindu, Kenya)

Cunningham Museum (to donate contact Alan Albers)

Cunningham Public Library (to donate, contact Kerri Steffen)

Cunningham Hands of Hope,

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

Who we serve: Residents within the USD #332 school dis-

What: Food

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

Where: 117 N Main (Old School Board Office)

Why: To provide food assistance to those in need.

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

Do you need assistance outside distribution hours? Please call 620-491-0292 and leave a message. Your call will be returned as soon as possible. This institution is an equal opportunity provider.

Courier photos



KAY Club put on their annual Halloween party for Pre-K - 5th grade. KAY members created a variety of carnival-style games for students to play and then led them through each station. Students enjoyed participating in activities that were fun and helped to promote physical activity.





Waiting in the Wings: A Broadway Spectacular Directed by Nicole Kerschen

Performed by CHS and CJHS Musicians





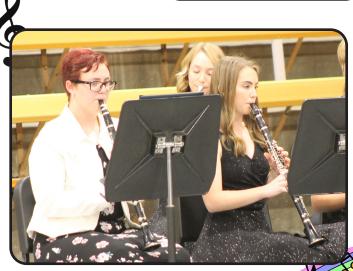






























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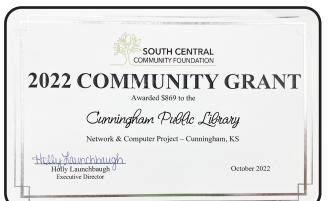
CPL Gets Technology Update with Help from SCCF

Cunningham Public Library is excited to announce they have received a Community Development Grant from South Central Community Foundation (SCCF) for the purpose of replacing patron computers and updating the technology network. Librarian Kerri Steffen accepted the grant on behalf of the library during a County Grant Award Ceremony held at Livingston's Living Center in Kingman on Monday, October 24. "We're so fortunate to receive the Foundation's help with this project," Steffen said. "Technology is a vital part of the many services the library offers. With the Foundation's help we were able to replace an aged-out patron computer and add a Chromebox to the patron computer station. We also updated the library's technology network—an important component of the library's technology which directs the library's WiFi, computers, printers and phone system, all behind a protective firewall," she added.

"Having a secure, updated technology network means patrons can visit the library six days a week to perform important tasks such as banking, conducting research, paying bills, seeking employment, printing, scanning, or faxing documents, finding help with homework, or just staying in touch with family and friends. These are all services that make a difference in people's daily lives," Steffen continued.

"And with the Foundation's help, we can continue to provide a robust, automated online catalog that includes digital content, an online library card sign-up service, access to State Library of Kansas services and collections, a website, Facebook page and more. We're so grateful to SCCF and Youth Making a Difference (YMAD) for providing the funding to help us make these important updates."

story and photos submitted by Kerri Steffen





CPL's updated patron computer stations

New on the Shelf at the Cunningham Public Library

The Marmalade Diaries: The True Story of an Odd Couple By Ben Aitken

From the author of The Gran Tour, a portrait of an intergenerational friendship. Recently widowed, Winnie, 84, needed some companionship. Someone to help with the weekly food shop and offer tips on the crossword. Ben, 34, was looking for a new housemate. As the UK was locked down in 2020, Ben and Winnie's lives interwove, forming an unlikely friendship, where lessons were learnt (heat the red wine in the oven with the plates; preserve or pickle whatever you can; never throw anything away) and grief, both personal and that of a nation, was explored. Charting both their time together, and the details of Winnie's life that are shared with Ben in fragments.

The Marmalade Diaries, from the author of The Gran Tour, is a very human exploration of home, of the passage time, of the growing relationship between an odd couple, told with warmth, wit and candor.

Summary provided by publisher - Icon Books, 2022, nonfiction.

> All That She Carried: The Journey of Ashley's Sack, a Black Family keepsake By Tiya Miles

Sitting in the Smithsonian's National Museum of African American History and Culture is a rough cotton bag, called "Ashley's Sack," embroidered with just

a handful of words that evoke a sweeping family story of loss and of love passed down through generations.

In 1850s South Carolina, just before nine-year-old Ashley was sold, her mother, Rose, gave her a sack filled with just a few things as a token of her love. Decades later, Ashley's granddaughter, Ruth, embroidered this history on the bag--including Rose's message that "It be filled with my Love always." Historian Tiya Miles carefully follows faint archival traces back to Charleston to find Rose in the kitchen where she may have packed the sack for Ashley. From Rose's last resourceful gift to her daughter, Miles then follows the paths their lives and the lives of so many like them took to write a unique, innovative history of the lived experience of slavery in the United States.

The contents of the sack--a tattered dress, handfuls of pecans, a braid of hair, "my Love always"--speak volumes and open up a window on Rose and Ashley's world. As she follows Ashley's journey, Miles metaphorically "unpacks" the sack, deepening its emotional resonance and revealing the meanings and significance of everything it contained. These include the story of enslaved labor's role in the cotton trade and apparel crafts and the rougher cotton "negro cloth" that was left for enslaved people to wear; the role of the pecan in nutrition, survival, and southern culture; the significance of hair to Black women and of locks of hair in the nineteenth century; and an exploration of Black mothers' love and the place of emotion in history.

Summary provided by publisher - Random House, 2021, nonfiction.

submitted by Kerri Steffen

Letter to the Editor

Letter to the Editor:

Most campaign ads are junk because all they care about is actually making the other candidate look bad in one way or another with false information. The bad thing is we as the public remember the bad advertisements before we ever remember the good ad or truthful ad. Politics isn't an easy thing to understand at times.

One thing I wanted to point out and I certainly hope it is helpful is understanding endorsements. Special interest groups will send questionnaires to anyone who registers to run in a political race, depending on the level of the race. Meaning mostly County Commissioners, State Representatives, Senators, Governors & so forth moving up will get these questionnaires.

This is a great benefit to the public because it is like the hard part of the homework is being done for us. Once the special interest groups evaluate the answers, they will make their endorsement of the candidate that best stands for what the group is focused on and works to promote the group.

There is a website that I found to be a credible site for helping me look into any candidate running in the upcoming

elections. It is: www. justfacts.votesmart.org

I encourage you to take some time to navigate through the site and research the information for yourself. A responsible voter will do some kind of research and not just go vote on a whim from what they heard on TV ad or read on a mailer.

So given that information, I want to take this one step further to make it easier for some people. In this Governor's race on November 8th, I have heard some questions from some people on who they are trying to decide to vote for because it is so hard. The two candidates have quite opposite platforms, so it should be quite easy to see who best represents the values, beliefs & morals that you would like to see win.

On the website listed above, type your candidate's name in the search. Once they come up click on the "Ratings" folder, and it will have a box to click on for their Endorsements. They are listed alphabetically.

Here are the Top 7 Endorsements for Laura Kelly.

- 1. EMILY's List
- **Equality Kansas** 2. **Feminist**
- **Majority Political Action** Committee
- 4. Kansas **AFL-CIO**
- 5. Kansas National **Education Association**
- National
- **Education Association** United
- Automobile, Aerospace & Agriculture Implement Workers of America (UAW)

Here are the Top 7 **Endorsements for Derek** Schmidt:

- American Conservative Union (ACU)
- Americans for Prosperity – Kansas
- 3. Kansans for Life 4. Kansas Farm Bureau
- 5. Kansas State Rifle Assocation
- National Rifle Association (NRA)

7. Susan

Anthony List

If you have never heard of any one of these special interest groups then I suggest you do the homework now and look them up. The hardest parts have already been done for you. These lists are a good representation of these two candidates who are up for election and one of them will be running our the State of Kansas one way or another. So which ever one of these two stands for what you believe in, then vote for them.

I want to finish with the most wonderful statement that I heard once while attending a Pro-Life Rally and has stuck with me. The presenter said, "You may know the name of your Representative, but does your Representative know your name?" Meaning keep in contact with your elected officials on a regular basis. Any respectable politician will always get back with you as long as you are apstand that not everyone is going to agree with them, but you certainly need to ask them questions, hear their answers, and create a relationship with them because they are in the position they are because the majority of the people in their areas agree with

B. proaching them in a civil them. Granted, they may manner. They do under- need a few reminders of who you are because the do get approached by so many people, but they will get to know who you are if you visit with them.

> Please vote responsibly for who best represents you!

Toni Smarsh

Upcoming Auctions

Sat. November 5th, 2022 – 9:30 AM DeGarmo Property -512 E Poplar Ave., Haviland, KS **Property Sells At 1:00 PM** **Open House 4:30 PM - 6:00 PM, Thursday, November 3rd **

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House Auction (4 Pratt Houses) -November 7 - 5:30 P.M. Hamm Auction Center

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Land Auction - 162 +/- Acres of Kiowa Co, KS Land - Wednesday, Nov 9, 2022 Hamm Auction Center 1:30 PM

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Land Auction - 160 +/- Acres of Dewey Co, OK Land - Thursday, Nov 10 2022 Vici City Hall, 106 Broadway St, Vici, OK 73859

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Dear Editor,

Regarding the meanderings, from a few weeks past, I do agree that the city of Cunningham does have much to offer and it is good to show others the positive points about our town. Maybe the web page needs some work, and maybe it could be a part time position for someone.

I disagree, however, on your opinions of the school. Maybe their web page also needs some work, but instead of being negative about the school, let's look at all it has to offer.

Cunningham Schools have top notch education. The education is

good school. One can see these results in the types of individuals that graduate. Cunningham can boost of graduates that go on to become doctors, veterinarians, lawyers, nurse practitioners, nurses, educators, business owners, bankers, farmers, agriculture specialists, and pharmacists, for example.

Along with the classroom education comes a long list of athletic opportunities as well as community service groups and a variety of other competitions. These activities are also very educational for it is in these types of competitions and services that students learn to work as a team; learn their strengths; learn leadership skills; and learn the value of hard work.

What Kind of Tree is It?

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Bowl, All School Play, Forensics, Main Street Singers, Choir, Band,

Power Lifting, Football, Volleyball, Cross Country, Shooting Sports, Basketball, Cheerleading, Track and Field, KAYS, Pep Club, German Exchange, Student Council, FCA, FFA and National Honor Society.

These activities are in addition to their normal school day and many of them meet before school or late evening. Remember, all of these activities require sponsors.

Cunningham students have been opening their school day with the Pledge of Allegiance every day for many, many years. Maybe the newspaper staff could come and take pictures of this. some of the best students! For many years, I was involved with various groups and each time I took these students for educational trips, or volunteer work, they were highly complimented on their behavior and their respect and their work ethic. Usually, they had a hard time finding enough work for our students.

Cunningham students have an amazing opportunity for a small 1 A school with the German Exchange program. The 2022 group was rewarded with compliments from EVERY tour and activity guide. The guides were so appreciative of the respect and courteous behavior. Hats off to the school and parents who expect this to be normal behavior.

So, I suggest, that

much to offer and it would be an amazing school to attend.

Teachers/coaches/ sponsors are very busy. Their first priority is educating and not making sure they have pictures for the paper or writing articles in their spare time, like at midnight or before school. But, they do take pictures and they do write articles.

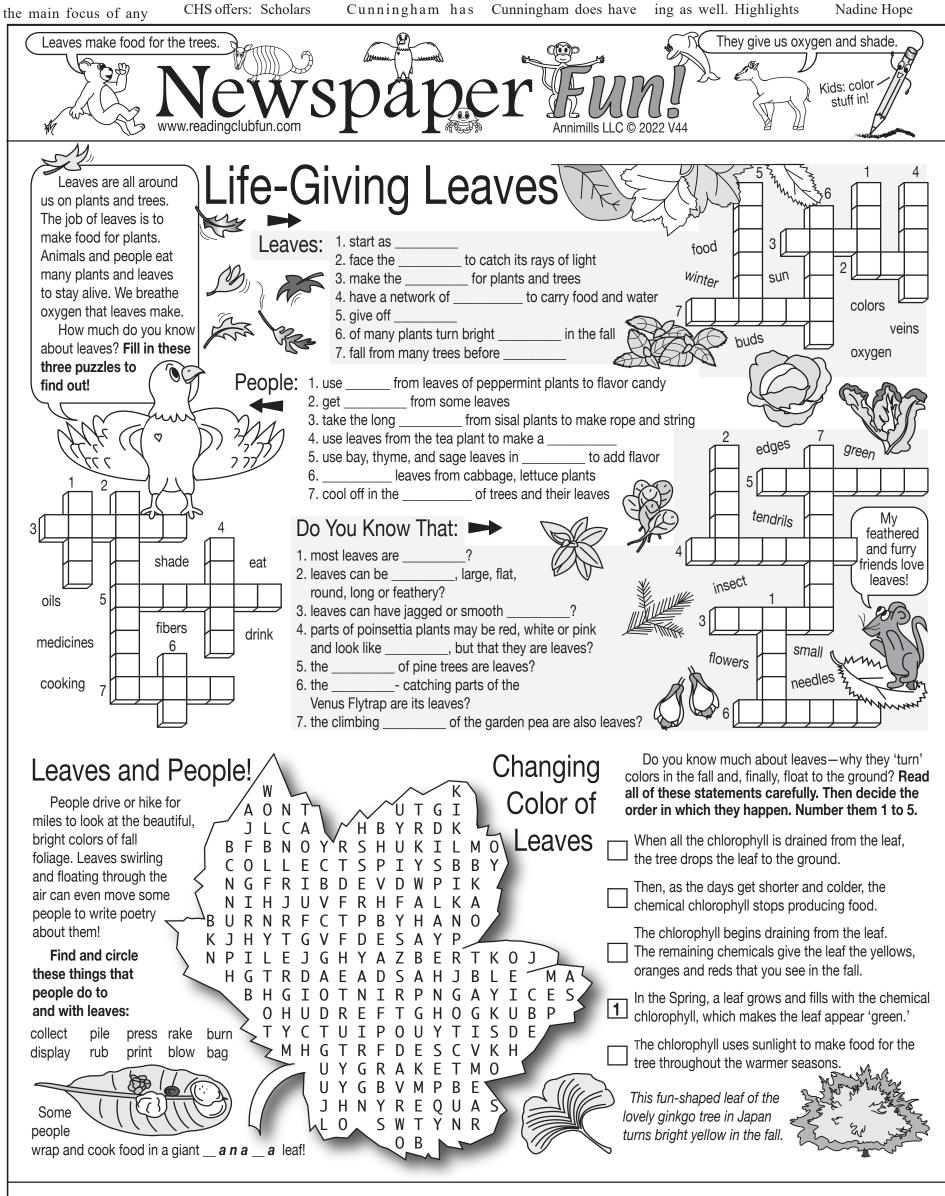
Maybe the reporting of school events could come from the newspaper staff. Opportunities the past few weeks for stories could have been found in the German Exchange group. A nice interview with some of the German students or sponsors would be nice reading material. Highlights from the Sub-State Volleyball tournament would be interestfrom the Scholars Bowl meet would also be great. What about highlighting a teacher or an organization each week? My point being there are many opportunities for stories, but the sole responsibility for these stories does not lie with the staff.

Cunningham does have much of which to be proud. The city does a great job of keeping our town looking nice and it is nice to advertise this. The school system does a great job of educating our students and it is nice to advertise this, as well. But, instead of being so negative about the school, might I suggest that we highlight the positives, because I guarantee, if we do not have a school, we will not have a town, nor a newspaper.

Respectfully,

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(Answers on page 10)



you. The height and width of a tree, its coloring, bark and the shape of its leaves all give you clues as to the kind of tree it is. Study the shapes of these

leaves for a few minutes. Color them in. Then unscramble the letters to fill in the blanks with the names of the trees.

When you are playing in a park or hiking in a forest, it is fun to try to tell what kinds of trees are around

Thurber's Tail.com

Note: Long-time syndicated humor columnist Tom Purcell has just launched a new, second weekly column, called Thurber's Tail. It features pet advice, humorous pet videos and stories about his beloved pup, Thurber the yellow Lab.

My 23-month-old Labrador, Thurber, makes me laugh out loud at least five times every day.

As I write this column
— attempt to sit at my
desk and write, that is
— my silly puppy keeps
dropping his ball at my
feet, hoping to get me to
play with him.

Which makes me

laugh out loud.

My Mornings Start with Dog-Induced Laughter

I knew getting a dog would change my daily routine, but I had no idea how much he would improve my life and make me feel so cheerful.

In fact, it wasn't until he arrived 21 months ago that I realized that several days would pass in my life in which I did not laugh a whit.

A lack of laughter is bad for us, our families, our friends and our entire civilization, if you ask me.

And, I dare say, as a civilization, we are taking ourselves way too

seriously right now at the expense of cheerfulness and laughter.

As we laugh less, we become more anxious, agitated and angry and our civility towards our fellow citizens suffers.

Which is why I wish everyone could experience the joy of having a dog.

Every morning, after Thurber eats breakfast and does his business, I lay back down to read the news on my phone and to ease into the morning.

And Thurber jumps up on the bed with a ball or bone in his jaws, tail wagging with mischief in his eyes, as he dares me to try to take it from him — which causes me to laugh out loud.

Dog-Induced Laughter Promotes Civility and Empathy

Thurber's antics make me laugh so hard and so often, I can only imagine how much public civility would be improved if everyone in our country could experience the daily joy he brings me.

Surrounding Communities

Civility is "the foundational virtue of citizenship," developmental psychologist Marilyn Price-Mitchell wrote a decade ago in Psychology Today.

It's behavior "that recognizes the humanity of others, allowing us to live peacefully together in neighborhoods and communities."

She explained that the psychological elements of civility include awareness, respect, self-control and empathy—the very characteristics a professional dog trainer is currently helping me develop in Thurber.

Empathy — the ability to understand and share the feelings of another — is certainly a skill we Americans are losing in our increasingly isolated, angry, social-media-driven world.

But pets like my best buddy Thurber can help bring us together and help us restore our argumentative nation to a civil, well-functioning republic.

Child development specialist Denise Daniels explains in The Washington Post that "emotional intelligence," or EQ, is a measure of empathy.

She points to the findings of the Yale Center for Emotional Intelligence, which researches EQ and teaches people how to improve it, and notes that a high EQ score is the best indicator of a child's success—as well as an adult's.

Which brings us back to the value of pets.

Daniels writes that a variety of research in the U.S. and U.K. has shown a correlation between attachment to a pet and higher empathy scores.

I know my buddy, Thurber, has certainly improved my empathy and EQ score.

How to Promote a More Cheerful World

I didn't realize that my emotions for my puppy would run so deep, or that I would work so hard and do so many things to give him the happiest, healthiest life he can experience.

Plus, everywhere we go — and he loves few things more than jumping into the backseat of my truck — he makes total strangers smile, laugh and converse with me.

His simple presence can bring human strang-

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As I said, I wish all of my fellow citizens could become more cheerful by inviting a furry family member into their homes.

It wouldn't solve all of the world's problems, but we'd certainly be more cheerful and civil as we work to solve them!

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Tom Purcell is creator of ThurbersTail.com, which shares helpful pet-care tips and funny stories and videos featuring Tom's beloved Labrador, Thurber. Email Tom at Tom@ TomPurcell.com.

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\$150.00 adoption fee
Intake date: Sept. 14, 2022

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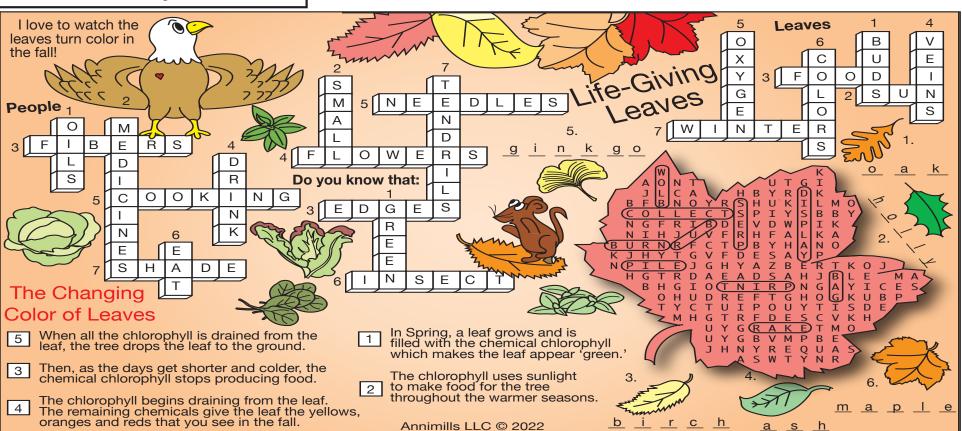
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Minutes from Kingman County Commission for October 24th, 2022

(con't from front page)

HR/Planning/Zoning/ Wastewater Director; Charles Arensdorf, Public Works Director and Brandon Ritcha, County Counselor at 11:47 a.m. to discuss

pending administrative proceedings pursuant to the exception under the Kansas Open Meetings Act for discussion of matters which would be deemed privileged under the attorney-client relationship, and that we return to open session in the board meeting room at 11:57 a.m. Commissioner Henning seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Commissioner Henning moved to go into executive session Stan Goetz, HR/Planning/Zoning/ Wastewater Director; Charles Arensdorf, Public Works Director and Brandon Ritcha, County Counselor at 11:57 a.m. to discuss pending administrative proceedings pursuant to the exception under the Kansas Open Meetings Act for discussion of matters which would be

deemed privileged under the attorney-client relationship, and that we return to open session in the board meeting room at 12:07 p.m. **Commissioner Thimesch** seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

County Commissioners returned to regular session at 12:07 p.m. with no decision made.

Tanner Yost with

Kirkham Michael was in and let the Commissioners know that Nextera has been notified of damages made to the county road.

Carol Noblit, County Clerk let the Commissioners know that she was informed at KAC Conference to be prepared for possible disturbances on Election

Chairman Foley discussed his concerns about a possible executive order by President Biden

in regards to local oil companies environmental regulations.

MOTION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to adjourn the regular board meeting at 12:24 p.m. Commissioner Henning seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Minutes from the Pratt County Commission Meeting on October 24th

The Pratt County commissioners met in regular session Monday, October 24th, 2022 at 2:00 p.m. in the commissioner room, 1st floor of the courthouse. The following members were present: Rick N. Shriver, Thomas W. Jones III, Dwight Adams, Tyson Eisenhauer, county counselor, Lori Voss, county clerk, and Mark Graber, IT director.

Heather Morgan, economic development/covid consultant, reported the help line for ARPA reporting has been closed down. The economic development committee met and discussed the approval of the façade grants that have been completed and approved the application of a new application. There is a business that is moving north of Pratt to south of Pratt and another moving from south of Pratt into the city of Pratt.

She discussed EV charging stations, there are businesses wanting to sponsor the chargers. Economic development is also willing to share in the expense of an EV charging station.

She is assisting the city of Preston with the building that needs to be demolished. She reported Pratt County unemployment for September is 2.2% down. There is a new KDOT tool related to roads and bridges that enable persons to get online and see information

on each location. Darcie Vander Vyver, health director, reported flu shots are available. She presented a PCHD Family Planning Provider contract with Dr. Hannah Vogt. She will work Thursdays for family planning. Commissioner Shriver made a motion to approve the contract for Dr. Hannah Vogt, MD for PCHD Family Planning Provider. Commissioner Jones seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. Scot Loyd, Loyd

Group LLC, discussed the capital improvement and special equipment funds. He stated journal entries need to be made to transfer funds to general before the end of the year. Commissioner Shriver talked about the capital improvement fund and how it needs to be allocated in the future, setting priorities. Scot would like them to prioritize the needs in the future. Chairman Adams stated the department heads need to be asked for their needs in the future and commissioners would then prioritize. Tyson stated the last capital improvement was done in 2020. Scot stated it needs to be consistent from department to department. He stated the special equipment could be 10% of budget to put into special equipment and each department needs to have a plan in place what they would like to purchase. Both funds can be transferred back to the original budget if needed. Tyson stated elected officials can spend their budget and the commissioners have no control over that. Scot wants everything in writing and follow the guidelines set by the commissioners. Purchases this year, next year, 2-3 years, 5 years, and 10 years out. Tyson will send out an email to Lori who will forward to department heads for capital improvement and special equipment needs for the future.

Chairman Adams stated the department heads could do an extended budget to look into the future. Scot would like to build a budget workbook. Chairman Adams would like the levy for the last 8 years, total the reserves went down in the last few years, income and expense for the last 8 years, and unencumbered cash. He asked how much the new levy will cost on the price of a \$100,000. Scot will send the worksheets out to the commissioners.

Commissioner Jones made a motion to approve the October 10, 2022 minutes. Commissioner Shriver seconded the mo-

Commissioner Jones made a motion to recess into executive session for twenty minutes at 2:48 p.m. to discuss attorney matter concerning policy changes. Commissioner Shriver seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. Commissioner Jones made a motion to return from executive session at 3:08 p.m. with no ac-

tion. Motion carried 3-0.

tion. Motion carried 3-0. Commissioner Shriver reported on the water well by Coats that was donated to the county for fire protection. The meter was removed, an account needs to be set up in Pratt County's name. He will

tion taken. Commissioner

Shriver seconded the mo-

take care of it. Commissioner Shriver made a motion to recess into executive session at 3:00 p.m. for fifteen minutes to discuss non-elected personnel concerning new hire. Commissioner Jones seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. Commissioner Jones made a motion to return from executive session at 3:12 p.m. with no action taken. Commissioner Shriver seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Shriver made a motion to recess into executive session at 3:10 p.m. for fifteen minutes with BJ Hayes to discuss non-elected personnel concerning new hire. Commissioner Jones seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. Commissioner Jones made a motion to return from executive session at 3:21 pm with no action

Commissioner Shriver seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. Commissioner Shriver made a motion to hire BJ Hayes for emergency manager/zoning interim until Tim Branscom retires for \$19.50 per hour starting October 31, 2022. Commissioner Jones seconded the motion. Chairman Adams seconded with reservations due to lack of experience.

Motion carried 3-0. Commissioner Shriver reported James with Harman Huffman's last day was last week.

Doug Freund, road

supervisor, presented a road crossing for Shelby resources, LLC for gas line bores. Commissioner Shriver is abstaining from voting. Commissioner Jones made a motion to approve road crossings for Shelby Resources LLC at SW 50th Ave, SW 50th St, SW 60th St., SW 70th St. and SW 80th St. Chairman Adams seconded the motion. Motion carried 2-0.

He reported the water at the lake will be shut off October 25, 2022.

Five-minute break at 3:29 p.m. was called by Chairman Adams.

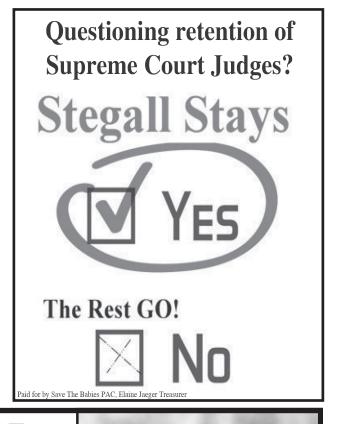
Chairman Adams made a motion to recess into executive session for five minutes at 3:34 p.m. to discuss nonelected personnel about department issues to include Tara Pagenkopf. Commissioner Jones seconded. Motion carried 3-0. Commissioner Jones made a motion to return from executive session at 3:36 p.m. with no action taken. Commissioner Shriver seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Tara Pagenkopf, RSVP director presented checks for signatures. She presented certifications and assurance forms for the 5311 grant for approval and signatures. She presented the administration part of her grant; she had figured what her costs would be for using the old EMS building for RSVP. It would be approximately \$2,524 a year more than her present costs at the city building.

Commissioner Jones made a motion to approve the payment vouchers for October 24, 2022. Commissioner Shriver seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Lori and Kirby Humphrey, Lori stated she would like to see the old PRRC building being used. For example, it could be used for a homeless shelter. She hates to see it sitting vacant. Chairman Adams stated there have been many ideas, but there is a lack of funding. Tyson stated there has been interest in an alcohol treatment center, but funding was also an issue. Commissioner Shriver suggested looking online for funding if she has a specific use in mind.

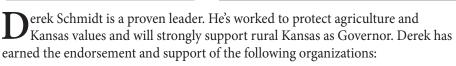
Chairman Adams made a motion to adjourn at 4:12 pm. Commissioner Jones seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.



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Kingman County Sheriff's Report

Sunday, October 23rd

Traffic Stop Traffic Complaint 911 Accidental Dial

911 Accidental Dial

Monday, October 24th Traffic Stop

Traffic Complaint 911 Accidental Dial **Tuesday, October 25th** Traffic Stop

Traffic Complaint Traffic Complaint 7000 E Hwy 42, Rago 9000 E Hwy 54, Murdock 7000 W Hwy 54, Kingman

E B Ave & N Main St, Kingman 2473 NE 170 Ave, Cheney

NW 120 Ave & Hwy 54, Cunningham 16000 W Hwy 54, Cunningham Traffic / Disabled Vehicle SW 90 Ave & W Hwy 54, Kingman Traffic / Disabled Vehicle SE 60 St & S Hwy 14, Kingman Traffic/Suspicious Vehicle NE 50 St & N Berry Ave, Kingman

Wednesday, October 26th

Traffic Stop Traffic Complaint Traffic Complaint Traffic/Debris in Roadway **Animal Complaint** Suspicious Activity

Thursday, October 27th Friday, October 28th

Traffic Complaint

Traffic Complaint Saturday, October 29th

Traffic Stop Traffic Complaint Traffic / Disabled Vehicle **Animal Complaint**

14000 W Hwy 54, Cunningham SW 160 St & SW 170 Ave, Nashville 3220 E Hwy 54, Kingman E Hwy 54 & NE 70 Ave, Kingman SE 70 St & SE 60 Ave, Murdock

E Hwy 42 & SE 90 Ave, Rago SW 70 St & SW 40 Ave, Spivey

11000 W Hwy 54, Cunningham 1700 E Hwy 54, Kingman 10696 SE 50 St, Kingman

Public Notice

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GENERAL ELECTION NOTICE

STATE OF KANSAS

COUNTY OF KINGMAN

CAROL D. NOBLIT, County Election Officer of Kingman County, Kansas, do hereby certify that in accordance with the findings of the State Board of Canvassers and from the petitions and declarations of intentions to become candidates on file in this office that the following named persons for the respective offices as indicated below are entitled to a place on the official ballot in the General Election to be held on the 8th day of November, 2022, to-wit:

FOR UNITED STATES SENATE:

MARK R. HOLLAND, Kansas City, DEMOCRATIC

JERRY MORAN, Manhattan, REPUBLICAN

DAVID C. GRAHAM, Overland Park, LIBERTARIAN

FOR U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, DISTRICT #4:

BOB HERNANDEZ, WICHITA, DEMOCRATIC

RON ESTES, WICHITA, REPUBLICAN

FOR GOVERNOR/LT. GOVERNOR:

LAURA KELLY/DAVID TOLAND, Topeka/Iola, DEMOCRATIC

DENNIS PYLE/KATHLEEN E. GARRISON, Hiawatha/Haysville, INDEPENDENT

DEREK SCHMIDT/KATIE SAWYER, Independence/ McPherson, REPUBLICAN

SETH CORDELL/ EVAN LAUDICK-GAINS, Lyons/ Hutchinson, LIBERTARIAN

FOR SECRETARY OF STATE:

JEANNA REPASS, OVERLAND PARK, DEMOCRATIC

SCOTT J. SCHWAB, OVERLAND PARK, REPUBLICAN

CULLENE LANG, Paola, LIBERTARIAN

FOR ATTORNEY GENERAL:

KRIS KOBACH, LECOMPTON, REPUBLICAN

CHRIS MANN, LAWRENCE, DEMOCRATIC

FOR STATE TREASURER:

STEVE ROBERTS, OVERLAND PARK, LIBERTARIAN

LYNN W. ROGERS, WICHITA, DEMOCRATIC

STEVEN JOHNSON, ASSARIA, REPUBLICAN

FOR COMMISSIONER OF INSURANCE:

KIEL CORKRAN, OLATHE, DEMOCRATIC

VICKI SCHMIDT, TOPEKA, REPUBLICAN

FOR STATE REPRESENTATIVE-DISTRICT 114:

MICHAEL MURPHY, SYLVIA, REPUBLICAN

FOR MEMBER, STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION-DISTRICT #7:

DENNIS HERSHBERGER, Hutchinson, REPUBLICAN

FOR COUNTY COMMISSIONER-1st District:

MARK SCHNITTKER, KINGMAN, DEMOCRATIC PATRICK J. ELPERS, CHENEY, REPUBLICAN

ALLEN TOWNSHIP CLERK:

THEODORE HALL, NORWICH, REPUBLICAN

BELMONT TOWNSHIP CLERK:

PETER CLOUSE, KINGMAN, REPUBLICAN

BENNETT TOWNSHIP CLERK:

GLEN FIESER, NORWICH, REPUBLICAN

CANTON TOWNSHIP CLERK:

TIM ALLENDER, RAGO, REPUBLICAN

CHIKASKIA TOWNSHIP CLERK:

LYNDEN M. MESSENGER, ZENDA, REPUBLICAN

DALE TOWNSHIP CLERK:

JAMIE FLUSCHE, MURDOCK, REPUBLICAN

DRESDEN TOWNSHIP CLERK:

ROBERT BAINUM, CUNNINGHAM, REPUBLICAN

EAGLE TOWNSHIP CLERK:

JAMES F. COON, MURDOCK, REPUBLICAN

EUREKA TOWNSHIP CLERK:

BILLIE MILFORD, KINGMAN, DEMOCRATIC

BRANDEN HANSEN, CUNNINGHAM, REPUBLICAN

EVAN TOWNSHIP CLERK:

DANIEL MENG, CHENEY, REPUBLICAN GALESBURG TOWNSHIP CLERK:

DAVID LAMPE, KINGMAN, REPUBLICAN

HOOSIER TOWNSHIP CLERK:

NO CANDIDATE

KINGMAN TOWNSHIP CLERK:

NO CANDIDATE

LIBERTY TOWNSHIP CLERK:

DEAN R. PAGENKOPF, NASHVILLE, REPUBLICAN

NINNESCAH TOWNSHIP CLERK:

MIKE ROWLEY, KINGMAN, REPUBLICAN PETERS TOWNSHIP CLERK:

DAN THIMESCH, KINGMAN, REPUBLICAN

RICHLAND TOWNSHIP CLERK:

NO CANDIDATE

ROCHESTER TOWNSHIP CLERK:

GARY WOODARD, ZENDA, REPUBLICAN RURAL TOWNSHIP CLERK:

BOB RENNER, CUNNINGHAM, REPUBLICAN UNION TOWNSHIP CLERK:

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VALLEY TOWNSHIP CLERK:

NO CANDIDATE

VINITA TOWNSHIP CLERK:

RICHARD CASLEY, CHENEY, REPUBLICAN

WHITE TOWNSHIP CLERK:

NO CANDIDATE

OFFICIAL GENERAL JUDICIAL BALLOT

SUPREME COURT JUSTICES:

Shall MELISSA TAYLOR STANDRIDGE, Leawood, Position No. 1 Kansas Supreme Court, be retained in Office?

Shall DAN BILES, Shawnee, Position No. 2, Kansas Supreme Court be retained in Office?

Shall K.J. Wall, Lawrence, Position No. 3, Kansas Supreme Court, be retained in Office?

Shall MARLA LUCKERT, Topeka, Position No. 5, Kansas Supreme Court, be retained in Office?

Shall EVELYN Z. WILSON, Topeka, Position No. 6, Kansas Supreme Court, be retained in Office?

Shall CALEB STEGALL, Lawrence, Position No. 7, Kansas Supreme Court, be retained in Office?

COURT OF APPEALS JUDGES:

Question Number Two:

Shall STEPHEN D. HILL, Topeka, Position No. 1, Kansas Court of Appeals, be retained in Office?

Shall LESLEY ANN ISHERWOOD, Wichita, Position No. 2, Kansas Court of Appeals be retained in Office?

Shall AMY FELLOWS CLINE, Topeka, Position No. 3, Kansas Court of Appeals, be retained in Office?

Shall KIM R. SCHROEDER, Hugoton, Position No. 5, Kansas Court of Appeals, be retained in Office?

Shall HENRY W. GREEN JR., Leavenworth, Position No. 7, Kansas Court of Appeals, be retained in Office?

Shall TOM MALONE, Wichita, Position No. 11, Kansas Court of Appeals, be retained in Office?

Shall JACY J. HURST, Lawrence, Position No. 13, Kansas Court of Appeals, be retained in Office?

JUDICIAL RETENTION JUDGES OF THE DISTRICT COURT:

Question Number One:

serve, will be as follows:

Shall FRANCIS E. MEISENHEIMER, Pratt, District Court Judge District 30, Division 1, be retained in Office?

Shall GATEN THOMAS WOOD, Sharon, District Court Judge District 30, Division 3, be retained in Office? Voting Places and the Township each voting place will

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Signed and sealed this 20th day of September, 2022.

Carol D. Noblit

Kingman County Election Officer

Public Notice

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IN THE THIRTIETH JUDICIAL DISTRICT DISTRICT **COURT OF KINGMAN** COUNTY, KANSAS

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF:

VONCILE A. BOLINGER, Deceased.)

Case No. 2021 PR 22 (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 26, 2022, a Petition was filed in this Court by Gage Young, duly appointed, qualified and acting Executor of the Estate of Voncile A. Bolinger, 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 Petitioner be finally discharged as the Executor of the Estate of Voncile A. Bolinger, deceased, and the Petitioner be released from further liability.

You are required to file your written defenses thereto on or before November 22, 2022, at 10:00 o'clock a.m. in the District Court, Kingman, Kingman County, Kansas, at which time and place the cause will be heard. Should you fail therein, judgment and decree will be entered in due course upon the Petition.

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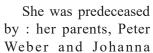
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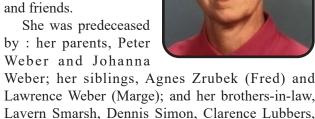


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Mary Ann Weber

It is with great sadness that we announce the death of Mary Weber of Goddard, Kansas, who passed away on October 27, 2022, at the age of 93, leaving to mourn family





Dean Dyche and Kenneth Smarsh. She is survived by : her sisters, Louise Smarsh, Irene Lubbers, Theresa Beat and Clara Smarsh. She is also survived by many nieces and nephews; great nieces and nephews; and great-great nieces and nephews.

A funeral mass will be held on Thursday, November 3rd 2022 at 10:30 AM at the Sacred Heart Catholic Church (311 S 5th St, Colwich, KS 67030).

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to: St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church Building Fund, 4813 NE 150th Avenue, Cheney, Kansas 67025 or to Sacred Heart Catholic Church, 311 So. 5th Street, Colwich, Kansas 67030.

Barbara Whitten

Barbara Ann Whitten, 51, passed away Monday, October 10, 2022. She was born on January 12, 1971 in Garden City, Kansas to Darwin and Sharon (Newton) Mercer. On December 12, 1991 she married Terry Gean Whitten. He survives.



Barbara graduated from Pratt High School. She worked as a cook at Haviland Care Center. Barbara loved to collect Coca Cola items. She enjoyed being a mother and a grandmother.

Barbara is survived by her husband Terry of Heppner, Oregon; daughters, Samantha (Ricky) Wright of San Antonio, Texas, Ashley Drake of Wichita and Jackie (Christian) Folkers of Great Bend; sons, Lupe Whitten and Junior Whitten of Heppner, Oregon; siblings, Debra Mercer of Alabama; Kristina Mercer of Pratt, Rick Mason of Pratt and Janie Mercer of Oklahoma; and grandchildren, Eliza and Sonny Wright, Aiden, Kaden, Brilen and Ilya Drake; and Clayton and Faith Folkers.

She is preceded in death by her parents; sister, Patricia Dillardo; and brother, Christopher Mercer.

Cremation has taken place. A graveside service was held on Saturday, October 29, 2022 at Greenlawn Cemetery, Pratt.

Memorials may be made to Samantha Wright to assist with arrangements.

Donna Dickerson

Donna Mae Dickerson, 83, passed away Monday, October 24, 2022. She was born on June 30, 1939 in Newton to Donald and Mildred Gilchrist. Donna married Robert Dickerson on November 22, 1958 in Newton. They were married for 52 years.



Donna graduated from Walton High School in Walton, KS. She was a home maker all her life. She was a member of Penalosa Methodist Church in Penalosa, KS. She enjoyed KU Basketball, Kansas City Chiefs and the KC Royals, and spending time with her grandchildren and greatgrandchildren whom kept her busy and she loved every minute of it.

She is survived by her son, Mark & Cathi Dickerson of Broadway, North Carolina; and daughter, Denise & Kenny Applegate of Hutchinson, KS; grandchildren, Natasha, Nathan, Megan, Chase, Conner, Tyler, Madison, Olivia and Tara; 8 great grandchildren; brother, Larry Gilchrist of Hays, Kansas; and sister, Karen Gilchrist of Bel Aire, Kansas.

Donna is preceded in death by her parents; husband, Robert Dickerson; and daughter, Debra Ubert.

Cremation has taken place and private inurnment will be in Walton, Cemetery, Walton, KS.

Memorials may be made to Traditions Hospice of Hutchinson in care of Larrison Mortuary, 300 Country Club Road, Pratt.

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

Norbert Greiving

Norbert Greiving, passed away Oct. 25, 2022 at the Hilltop Manor, Cunningham.

He was born May 12, 1922, at Nashville, Kansas. The son of John and Frances Linnebur Greiving, Norbert enjoyed his life as a farmer and stockman in St. Leo. He was a member of the St. Leo Catholic Church and the Knights of Columbus.

His favorite pastime was fishing with his friends and family. Norbert was able to experience one final fishing trip at his pond shortly after his 100th birthday.

Survivors include sisters Aquina Stonestreet, Adela Mae Becker and Louella Fairchild; his brother Adelphus Greiving; and numerous nieces, nephews and cousins. He was preceded in death by his parents; brothers Valerian, Orville Lee and Raineldas; sisters Alvina Mulnix, Geraldine Voth and Beatrice Greiving; half-brothers Wilfred and Victor; and halfsister Eunice Decker.

Parish rosary will be 10:00 a.m., Thursday, Nov. 3, 2022, at the St. Leo Catholic Church with a Mass of Christian Burial to follow at 10:30 a.m. Burial of the cremains will be in the St. Leo Church Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to the St. Leo Catholic Church or the St. Leo Cemetery in care of Livingston Funeral Home.

Condolences may be made on the Livingston Funeral Home website at www.livingstonfh.com

Anfred Smith

Anfred Allen Smith, also known as "Shorty", 97, peacefully passed away Thursday, October 27, 2022, a resident of Parkword.

Anfred was born August 21, 1925, the youngest son of Jesse and Leah (Shepard) Smith, in Springvale Township

in the southwest corner of Pratt Co. He was the last surviving cousin of the Smith and Shepard families.

A life-long resident of Pratt Co., as a young boy he attended school at Wellsford and Cullison. He graduated from Cullison High School in 1943 with a fellow classmate, Vivian Adams, who he would marry.

Anfred enlisted in the US Navy on Nov 1944, and attended the US Naval Training Center in Great Lakes, Illinois. Wearing his Navy uniform he married Vivian Adams in Pratt, KS, on Feb 25, 1945. He was assigned to the USS McCaffrey DD860, a newly commissioned destroyer. He and Vivian attended the commissioning ceremony July 1945, at Terminal Island, Los Angeles, CA. Anfred served as an ammunition supply shipman aboard the McCaffery as it preformed military maneuvers in preparation for its deployment to China.

After his discharge from the Navy in 1946, Anfred returned to the southwest area of Pratt Co. where he engaged in farming and raising livestock where the fourth generation of Smiths continue to farm. He and his wife, Vivian, had three children.

In 1979 Anfred participated in the American Agriculture Tractorcade driving his Case tractor to Washington, DC, in February of that year to protest farm prices. Accompanied by his wife and brother, Lawrence, he was one of hundreds of tractors participating in the tractorcade.

Anfred attended the Wellsford Methodist Church and later joined the Pratt Free Methodist Church in Pratt. After his retirement in 1991 he and Vivian moved to Pratt where he was involved with church activities and the Gideons, an organization that places bibles in local hotels and distributed bibles to school children. He was involved with missionary work and made trips to Honduras and an Arizona Indian school to help with building and maintenance projects. He enjoyed his grandchildren and gave several of them their first driving lesson in his pickup truck, taking them driving through the pasture.

Survivors include: a daughter, Janice (Don) Urban, Wichita, and children, Jess (Megan) of Marysville, KS and Leslie (Adam) Rathert of Nortonville, KS; a son, Morris (Kay) Smith, Haviland, and children, Teresa (Don) Richhart of Moline, IL, Tammie (Luke) Hoeme of Pratt, Kristi (Justin) Gatz of Preston, and Allen (Katie) Smith of Haviland; granddaughters, Lori (Roger) Rankin of Wichita and Becky Moore of Moore, OK, daughters of a deceased daughter, Gloria Jean (Richard) Petersen; 8 grandchildren; 28 greatgrandchildren and 5 great-great grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Vivian; three brothers, Lloyd, Marvin and Lawrence; a daughter, Gloria Jean Petersen; and son in-law, Richard Petersen..

Visitation will be held on Friday, November 4. 2022 from 9:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m. with family receiving friends from 6-8 at Larrison Mortuary, 300 Country Club Road, Pratt. Funeral services will be held at 10:00 a.m. at Larrison Mortuary in Pratt on Saturday, November 5, 2022 with burial following at Sunset Cemetery, Cullison. Memorials may be made to the Gideon International or Cullison Sunset Cemetery.

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to wish him a very happy birthday on November 8th. Those who wish to extend their own birthday greetings can send cards to: Jack Crick P.O. Box 126 Cunningham, Kansas 67035

Billie Gilstrap

January 24 1923-October 7, 2022

Billie Gilstrap was born January 24, 1923, to William Washington Gilstrap and Lillie Jane Feeback In Cunningham, KS. Bill passed at 99 years old. Throughout his life he grew up and lived in Kansas, Colorado, and moved to Tucson, AZ



in 2005. Bill served in the US Army Air Corp during World War II. He was an inflight Engineer.

In January of 1945 their B24 bomber was shot down. Bill and the remaining crew became POW's. In March they were on a 14 day and night death march when General Patton liberated them. The war was over. They were released April 6, 1945

Survivors include; Wife of 13 years Dorothy Gilstrap, Tucson AZ, His five Children; Barry Gilstrap, Wichita, KS; Dianna Gilstrap; Gary and Janet Higgins; and Donna Vasquez of Tucson, AZ; Joseph Gilstrap, Wichita, KS. His nine grandchildren, 21 great-grandchildren, and 3 great-great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his father and mother; William and Lillie Jane Gilstrap, his brothers and sisters; Jess Gilstrap, Jack Gilstrap, Lillian McGuire, Naomi Huffman, Lee Roy Gilstrap, Betty Jo Ann Watts. His wife of 60 yrs. Lina Faye Gilstrap, son William David Gilstrap, grandson. Jeremiah Woodworth.

Bill was a treasure trove of historical history. He was loved by his family, friends, and his peers. He was a kind, caring, loving, easy-going man with a good sense of humor. He will be missed by all.

Peggy Hall

Avenell 'Peggy" Hall, 92, died Oct. 29, 2022 in Wichita.

She was born May 28, 1930, in Kingman the daughter of Herschel and Essie Downey Hughes. A longtime Kingman resident, having also lived in Wichita and Manhattan, she was a retired surgical technician.



On June 19, 1947, she married Walter Hall, Jr; he died in 2001. Survivors include sons Herschel Alan, Donald Bruce, and Douglas Erwin; 3 grandchildren; and 4 great-grandchildren. She was also preceded in death by son Dennis Walter; brothers Richard, Herschel and Edmond; and sister Doris Hughes.

Funeral services were Tuesday at the Livingston Funeral Home, Kingman. Burial was in the Hoosier

Memorials may be made with the Kingman Carnagie Library in care of the funeral home.