

Approved Minutes from August City Council Meeting

August 29, 2022

The Cunningham City Council met in regular session on Monday, August 29, 2022 at the Cunningham Community Center, 104 N Main Street.

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

Guests: Harold Stark, Fire Chief; Jackie Ruckle, Property Officer; Carla Shearer and Paige Hermes, SCTelcom; Rebecca Post, ATC Accounting; Max Wegerer and Tyler Beat, Cunningham Fire Department; Roberta Kobbe, Cunningham Courier; and Don Hellar.

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

Agenda – Motion by Schultz, second by Ricke, to approve the agenda as written. Motion carried, 5/0.

Minutes of July 25, 2022 meeting – Motion by Ruckle, second by Woodard, to approve the minutes of the July 25, 2022 meeting as written. Motion carried, 5/0.

Revenue Neutral Rate Hearing – Motion by Newell, second by Ruckle, to open the Revenue Neutral Rate Hearing. Motion carried, 5/0.

Mayor Murphy asked if there were any public comments about the Revenue Neutral Rate. There were no public comments.

Motion by Woodard, second by Newell, to approve Resolution R-2022-02 (attached to minutes.) Motion carried, 5/0.

Motion by Schultz, second by Newell, to close the Revenue Neutral Rate Hearing. Motion carried, 5/0.

Budget Hearing – Motion by Woodard, second by Ruckle, to open the Budget Hearing. Motion carried, 5/0.

Mayor Murphy asked if there were any public comments about the 2023 Budget.

There were no public comments.

Motion by Newell, second by Ricke, to approve the 2023 Budget. Motion carried, 5/0.

Motion by Schultz, second by Newell, to close the Budget Hearing. Motion carried, 5/0.

2021 Audit and Financial Report – Rebecca Post, ATC Accounting, presented the 2021 Audit and Financial Report. Motion by Woodard, second by Ruckle, to accept the 2021 Audit and Financial Report. Motion carried, 5/0.

Public Comments – Don Hellar spoke on behalf of the Community Center Board regarding the Insurance Policy for the building. The Board feels the coverage is too low for replacement costs. It was the consensus of the Council to have Strong's Insurance quote the Community Center as being an add-on to the City's current policy.

Mayor Murphy spoke on behalf of the PRIDE committee. They would like to plant a Christmas Tree in Dafforn Park.

SCTelcom – Carla Shearer and Paige Hermes updated the Council on efforts to obtain data regarding the citizen's interest in fiber internet. SCTelcom is providing free WiFi at the football field (which extends to the swimming pool.) They will host a tailgate for the Cunningham Wildcat football game on September 9, 2022. SCTelcom representatives will be available to answer citizen's questions. Consensus of the Council is that the City would be interested in the services SCTelcom provides. The City Clerk will give Paige the information necessary to obtain a quote with services offered. Carla also informed the Council that if they approved the change in service the City phone numbers would not change.

Schedule Hearing for Cunningham Auto – City Attorney, Greg Graffman, informed the Council that they would need to decide who would preside over the hearing before a date could be set. The tentative date would be September 12, 2022.

Motion by Woodard, second by

Schultz, to designate Judge James Mathis as the representative to hear the matter of Cunningham Auto. Motion carried, 5/0.

Fire Department Report – Chief Harold Stark gave the report which included several mutual aid calls, a power line down, a brush fire, and a semi collision on Highway 54. Radios have been worked on. Some mics and antennas have been replaced.

Termination of Unused Sewer Manhole 45 – The new school construction will create the need to abandon an unused sewer line. Motion by Ruckle, second by Newell, to abandon the unused sewer line North of Manhole 45. Motion carried, 5/0.

Football Field Lease – Motion by Newell, second by Ruckle, to approve the football field lease (attached to minutes.) Motion carried, 5/0.

Property Officer Report – Jackie Ruckle gave the report and updated the Council.

Maintenance – Mesa, City Superintendent, gave the maintenance report. *The Fourth Street project is complete. Culverts were replaced. *Trees were growing too close to the street on Third Street (East of Dresden,) so they were trimmed back. More trees were trimmed near Wilmot and Santa Fe. Several were trimmed by volunteers at Florence and Ohio. *Meter setter leak in the 200 block of East First Street. *Sodium Hypochlorite tanks in the Well Houses were repaired (so that hardware wouldn't disintegrate.) *Ohio Street & Florence Street water main leak. *Engineers for the school project have requested a flow test on fire hydrants near the school. Monte Rose assisted. *Bleachers were moved to the visitor side and the south goal post has been set up. *The new light arrived for the basketball court. *KDHE granted another extension due to no availability of approved contractor for Well #2 floor project.

Swimming Pool Report – Molly Morgan gave the pool report. Last Day for the public to swim is Labor Day.

An application has been finished for the South Central Community Foundation \$2,000 grant. City Council was asked if they'd like to monetarily contribute to the equipment the grant is being written for.

Motion by Woodard, second by Schultz, to approve a \$500 contribution to purchase the equipment listed in the grant. Motion carried, 5/0.

Planning & Zoning – Zoning Administrator, Molly Morgan, gave the Council a summary of the approved building permits for 2022. Council expressed their appreciation for the Planning & Zoning Board's work with permits and properties.

Motion by Ruckle, second by Schultz, to approve issued building permits (2022-01 through 2022-11.) Motion carried, 5/0.

Permit 2022-12 for a chain link fence has been approved by the Planning & Zoning Board. Motion by Ruckle, second by Newell, to approve permit 2022-12. Motion carried, 5/0.

Permits 2022-13 for a gazebo and 2022-14 for a fence (same property) have been approved by the Planning & Zoning Board. Motion by Newell, second by Woodard, to approve permits 2022-13 and 2022-14. Motion carried, 5/0.

Permit 2022-15 to add a front porch has been approved by the Planning & Zoning Board. Motion by Woodard, second by Schultz, to approve permit 2022-15. Motion carried, 5/0.

Animal Control – No report.

Financial Report and Payment of Bills – Motion by Woodard, second by Schultz, to approve invoice for the Fourth Street project from T&R excavating in the amount of \$7583.50. Motion carried, 5/0.

Motion by Ruckle, second by Ricke, to approve the financial report and pay the bills. Motion carried, 5/0.

Adjournment – Motion by Ricke, second by Newell, to adjourn. Motion carried, 5/0. Mayor Murphy adjourned the meeting at 8:25 pm.

Approved Minutes from Special City Council Meeting

September 12, 2022 Special Meeting

The Cunningham City Council met in a special session on Monday, September 12, 2022 at City Hall, 119 N. Main St.

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

Guests present were Harold Stark, Fire Chief; Jon Beverlin, Mike Schreck,

John Huffman, and Patty Huffman.

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

Motion by Woodard, second by Ricke, to approve the agenda as written. Motion carried, 4/0.

Hearing for Petition to Vacate Estella Avenue East of Wilmot Street – Mayor Murphy asked the guests who would like to comment. Fire Chief, Harold Stark, expressed his concerns of accessibility in the event of an emergency. Chief Stark and Mesa, City Superintendent, both spoke with Hilltop Manor regarding evacuation plans in case of emergency. Gene Swift of Hilltop Manor expressed to them his concern

for access in case of emergency. Mike Schreck explained his plans of fencing and landscaping would not block access to Hilltop Manor. City Attorney, Mr. Graffman expressed that a vacate resolution could include reservations for city access in the event of an emergency or maintenance. Mr. Schreck's attorney, Jon Beverlin, agreed that a resolution could be drafted to reserve the City's access.

Motion by Schultz, second by Newell, that Due and legal notice has been given by publication; No private rights will be injured or endangered;

The public will suffer no loss or inconvenience; and

That in justice to the petitioner the prayer of the petitioner ought be granted with City's reservations for ingress and egress.

Motion carried, 4/0.

Set date/time for Hearing requested by Cunningham Auto – City Attorney, Mr. Graffman advised that James Mathis (who was appointed at last month's meeting to preside over the Hearing) is available on September 26th at 5:15 p.m. Mr. & Mrs. Huffman were agreeable to that date and time.

Adjournment – Motion by Ricke, second by Newell, to adjourn. Motion carried, 4/0. Mayor Murphy adjourned the meeting at 6:49 p.m.

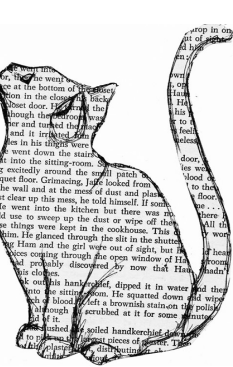


Congrats to the 5K Run Top 3 Finishers in Adult & Under 18!

Thank you to everyone who participated in Saturday's event.

It was a wonderful day!

#kingmancountystrong



Meanderings

I am not a fan of grapes. Let me restate that: I am not a fan of Thompson grapes. (Those most common in grocery stores) I liked grapes when I was a kid but didn't like the seeds in them. When I bought seedless grapes the first time, I appreciated the seedlessness of them, but they didn't taste very good; no doubt because they were Thompsons grapes and not Concord grapes. I seldom buy grapes because I really don't like them.

And then last week Dillons had seedless Concord grapes available. I bought a small container. Now those are grapes! I almost hate to finish them because I'm

not sure when I'll be able to get Concord grapes again.

Folks have suggested I freeze the grapes I buy because they taste better. No, they don't. HOWEVER. These Concord grapes were yummy when frozen. The next time I see Concord grapes on sale, I'm buying up a bunch and slipping them in the freezer. I can make them last a bit longer that way.

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After my test run of the Spotlight Ads last week, I discovered I forgot my mom's name. I couldn't believe that -- my own mother, and her birthday slipped by this year as well. I should be in the doghouse with her, but she took it all in stride. I told her I'd get her name added to the list before the next spotlight page is in the paper. Then I got a note from her neighbor across the street. I forgot their name as well, and they have been added. Not sure how it came to be that I missed adding two households right across the street

from each other. Weird. I've added the Jarmers to the list as well as my mom's name. Apologies to all.

If anyone else is missing theirs, let me know. And being as I'm still fixing things up, if you'd like to send in your name and \$25.00, I'll still take it.

I am hoping to get to the sports picture day coming up on October 12th. I have someone taking photos of the staff for our paper. As soon as both of those are done, I'll have two spotlight pages to run.

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I do love the autumn. It is by far my favorite time of year. That being said. I hate the flies in the fall. They are much more pesky (or peskier?) than any other time of year. They are always nasty little creatures, but in the fall those little bugs annoy me to no end. Ugh. They aren't quite as despised as grasshoppers/locusts but I do dislike them to a great extent.

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I started this meander-

ings on Monday morning. No joke. Monday morning. I am now typing on Tuesday morning at 9:45. This paper is coming together in a suspiciously and strangely easy manner. Having 4 pages done by 10:00 on Tuesday morning is a rarity. I will see how the other 10 pages go. I would love to be glad and celebratory that the paper may actually be done by 9:00 tonight, but I am leery of the ease in how it's coming together. Last week's paper wasn't done until well after midnight; I didn't send it to the press office until 12:33. I am uncomfortable in my suspicions. I can't shake the feeling that there are glaring errors and omissions in this newspaper.

Well, here it is 9:25 p.m. The paper is done and downloaded into the required PDF pages to email to Hutchinson as soon as I finish this column. I almost hate to send it because I am still worried I've forgotten something. I feel I've written something down, but can't find the paper it

is written on. My desk is even somewhat cleared off. IF I HAVE forgotten anything I apologize in advance.

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I attended the Kingman Fall Festival Craft Show on Saturday. I sold quite a few cards (thank goodness, as I really want to make more). I gave away many copies of The Courier and had one nice donation to support it.

Someone did ask me why people don't advertise in the paper when they have houses for sale or rent. She is an older person and has been looking for a house here (I think it would actually be for a family member), and the only way she feels she can get an idea of what is available is come over and drive and around. I told her I don't have an answer except that more and more, people want to advertise on the internet. It's cheaper and faster. The plus side of that is she did discover just how nice our town was.

I had one gentleman

who didn't even know we had a newspaper. Oh. Well. Some folks. One other couple had been over to eat at Cozy's. Then they drove around town to see what was here. They were impressed with the restaurant and our town. We do have much to be proud of here.

Oh! It is 9:45 and I am almost out of room. I'll add a quote or two, and the paper will be done by 10:00! Woo-HOO!

Always reading,
And currently reading
"Home Front Girls"
By Suzanne Hayes
and Loretta Nyhan

"A hangover is the wrath of grapes."
— Dorothy Parker

"I eat stories like grapes."
— John Steinbeck,
East of Eden

"Eating grapes with a knife and fork is not what one would call refined. It is what one would call ludicrous."
— Judith Martin

Tallgrass and
Tumbleweeds
by Gaille Pike

Dear Readers,
Official ticket sale numbers have not been released for last week's Walnut Valley Festival in Winfield, KS. I attended Bluegrass throughout my college years but always returned to my dorm at night.

This year I was among the throng of "campers." Though the number of tickets and camping permits sold will eventually quantify the WVF 50th's

attendance, when it comes to Winfield Bluegrass "campers" and how many there were, that's a whole different ball of mathematical wax. Our tent was home to two while others housed many more, plus there were folks living out of RVs and travel trailers, cars, and vans. Before last week, I had only vague memories of camping from when I was quite young and I wasn't sure how I'd get

along or if I'd enjoy it, though I was thrilled at the prospect of seeing old friends and attending the festival again. My concerns beforehand were met with a nonplussed reply, "There are Happy Campers...and those that don't camp." Which of course left me wondering "Which one am I?"

I knew I was on the side of "those that don't camp" if camping meant what my brother Dale and nephew Sterling do when they go on Elk hunts—riding a mule up the side of a mountain and truly "roughing it" for ten days. My bivouacking would be lightweight in compari-

son but I wasn't sure how pleasant a soul I'd be without indoor plumbing and air-conditioning. Or if I'd even enjoy living in a tent. But memories of my college Winfield Bluegrass days plucked my heartstrings more loudly than the camping doubts that finger-picked in my head. So off I went.


I deserve no awards for courage. It was not "glamping." But folks, all this camper had to do was *show up*. First, two heroic weed-whacking, saw-wielding guys (thank you Chris and Julian) had cleared an area, nestled under a canopy of trees, with space for eight tents, a pop-up, cookstove, and

plenty of room us to chill throughout the day. And no lie, these guys *cleared* that promised land of waist-high nettles and weeds, which was a wonderful surprise the day I dropped my guy (and a carload of stuff) at our site. I made another discovery that day, a relief in all ways imaginable. Not only were they nearby and plentiful, but also the porta-potties were the *fanciest* mobile toilets I have ever encountered. No lie. They were big and roomy and well ventilated. And before, during, and after the festival, they were kept spic-n-span clean, fully loaded with toilet paper and

hand-sanitizer. Thank you WVF for employing such an exemplary sanitation company.

Any lingering camping concerns flew out of my head two days later when I returned. My very own miracle worker had transformed all our stuff into a tented combination of Home Depot and cozy carpeted home. With lights and a charging station. Our stage was set for Parts Two (Old Friends and New) and Three (The Music) and there was nothing to be but happy.

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



KANSAS FARM BUREAU
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History of Hedge

by Greg Doering,
Kansas Farm Bureau

Osage orange trees are still common throughout much of the United States, though not many people appreciate just how much the thorny, dense trees have shaped our country. Before Christopher Columbus' arrival, Osage orange had a limited range in the Red River basin in Arkansas, Oklahoma and Texas. Like the droves of Europeans who followed, the tree eventually spread to all corners of our country, so long as you don't

count Alaska and Hawaii.

The thorny, dense trees go by a number of names, including hedge trees, prairie hedge, hedge apple, horse apple, bowwood or yellow wood for the hue of the heartwood. Whatever moniker you choose, the trees were the original barbed wire. After sprouting, the hedge trees were aggressively pruned to promote thick growth that was woven into a living fence considered to be "horse high, bull strong and hog tight".

Even after the widespread adoption of barbed wire, wood from the hedge tree is still highly prized for fence posts based on its ability to withstand the elements. Termites and

other insects don't bother the wood. Water doesn't penetrate the dense grain either.

Today, a post made from Osage orange is likely to outlast the strands of barbed wire attached to it. In fact, the posts can be difficult if not impossible to work with if they're left to season too long after cutting. Hedge posts don't decay, rather they almost petrify into something between wood and stone.

Osage orange's qualities extend well beyond corralling cattle and other livestock. Its tight grain makes the wood extraordinarily flexible, enough so that a bow made from the tree was worth a horse and blanket in the 1800s. Osage orange also offers the highest heat value of

any species when burned as firewood.

Osage orange is probably the most popular and widely distributed plant that isn't a food source for either humans or animals. Its fruit is a softball-sized green ball with folded contours that surround a cluster of seeds. We called them brain blobs growing up because the outer shell consisted of folded contours. They were dense and would make a satisfying sound when flung into a tree trunk. They'll start falling off trees any day this time of year.

Rumor has it the fruits keep all sorts of creepy-crawlies away, from box-elder bugs and crickets to spiders and other pests, especially when placed in basements or near the

foundation of a home. Research has yet to find any evidence to support those claims, yet the legends endure.

Steel T-posts and pipe braces are gaining favor, but some still prefer to use hedge posts for fencing. Composite compound bows can launch an arrow with a much greater force than the traditional longbow, yet Osage orange bow staves are still readily available. The living fencerows are long gone, but hedge trees planted during the Great Depression as windbreaks still mark the edges of fields.

There's no one quality that has seeded the Osage orange across the countryside, rather versatility is its main attribute. From hedge to post or bow to kindling, mankind has found it useful for centuries. While modern materials will eventually win out, they won't ever have a history quite like hedge.

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Thursday, September 29th JH VB vs Pretty Prairie and Burrton at HOME *** HS Cross Country at Pratt *** JH FB vs Pretty Prairie/ Burrton at HOME	Tuesday, October 4th 4:00 p.m. HS VB at Central Chrisian with Fairfield Wednesday, October 5th 5:00 p.m. Site Council Thursday, October 6th 4:00 p.m. HS Cross Country at Bethel College *** 4:00 p.m. JH VB at Norwich *** 6:00 p.m. JH FB at Norwich Friday, September 30th 7:00 p.m. HS FB at Pawnee Heights Saturday, October 1st HS VB at Burrton Tournament Monday, October 3rd NOT SCHOOL *** 12:00 - 3:00 Youth Cheer Camp *** 6:00 p.m. HS JV FB at HOME vs Tescott	Friday, October 7 6:00 p.m. HS FB vs South Coffey County at HOME *** Cheer Camp Performance dur- ing halftime
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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

Headline: Enough is Enough: Bad
Behavior by Coaches, Parents and
Fans Must Stop

There's an unfortunate trend continuing in Kansas
and across the nation that must be stopped: the bad
behavior of coaches, parents and fans at high school
athletic events.
We've all seen it: the yelling, harassing, berating,
disrespecting and even physically assaulting high
school referees, umpires and other officials during and
after games. And oftentimes, the harassment continues
on social media. Perhaps you've witnessed it firsthand
or even been one of those offenders yourself.
Not only is this behavior unacceptable and embar-
rassing, but it's also having serious consequences on
the future of high school sports.
That's because another unfortunate trend is sweep-
ing the nation: a critical shortage of high school of-
ficials in every state. The #1 reason? You guessed it:
Coaches, parents and fans mistreating officials.
National surveys of officials report alarming
statistics:
55% of officials say verbal abuse from coaches,
parents and fans is the #1 reason they quit.
59% don't feel respected.
57% think sportsmanship is getting worse.
84% feel officials are treated unfairly by spectators.
46% have felt unsafe or feared for their safety due
to spectator, coach, administrator or player behavior.
Officials are quitting faster than new ones are
signing up. It's a major area of concern for states like
Kansas just to cover games. We're already seeing
middle school and JV games being cancelled and, in
some cases, varsity games have to be rescheduled or
not played. All because there aren't enough officials.
Unfortunately, bad behavior at high school athletic
events has become normalized. It is almost expected
that coaches, parents and fans will disrespect the in-
dividuals serving as officials.
This culture of bad behavior and the negative
perception of officials must change now. Everyone
involved in high school sports—parents, coaches, ad-
ministrators, fans, the media—must turn their focus to
the student-athletes playing the games and away from
the individuals officiating the contests.
The bottom line: With no high school officials, there
can be no high school sports.
That's why the KSHSAA is partnering with
the NFHS and other state high school associa-
tions across the country to launch the nationwide
#BenchBadBehavior campaign. We'll use the power
of social media along with other tools to help educate
everyone about the importance of good behavior at
high school athletic events.
You can help by being a positive role model at
your high school's athletic events. And if you think
you have what it takes to be a licensed official, sign
up today at HighSchoolOfficials.com and help fill an
urgent need in Kansas!

By Dr. Karissa Niehoff, Chief Executive Officer of the
National Federation of State High School Associations
(NFHS), and Bill Fafllick, Executive Director of the Kansas
State High School Activities Association (KSHSAA)

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Cunningham Community Center,
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Visit Cunningham's Historical
Museum



The Museum will be open through the end of
October. Come see the new and refurbished mu-
seum areas. Mike McGovney and Angie Mertens
have made many changes to the museum this year.

Alan Albers photo

Governor Announces New Small
Business Research & Development
Grant Program

TOPEKA – Today Governor Laura Kelly an-
nounced a new program that will help Kansas small
businesses innovate, bring new products and services
to market, and compete at a global level. The Small
Business Research & Development Acceleration
Grants, which were approved by the 2022 Legislature
and signed into law by Governor Kelly, are being
made available through the Kansas Department of
Commerce.
“These grants enable small businesses to enter new
markets and stay ahead in our rapidly changing econo-
my,” said Governor Laura Kelly. “My focus since Day
One has been to strengthen the Kansas economy. By
spurring innovation, we’re helping Kansas companies
reach new levels of growth and prosperity.”
The Small Business Research & Development
Acceleration Grants are designed to assist Kansas
small businesses in advancing a product or service
to commercialization; modifying a product or ser-
vice to enter a new market; or gaining a new client
by leveraging higher education facilities, equipment,
and expertise.
Prospective grant recipients will work with a
Kansas public higher education institution to conduct
research and development and receive a 50/50 match-
ing grant up to \$25,000.
“Coupling the research and development power of
the Kansas higher education system with individual
companies will prove transformational in our state’s
already strong business climate,” said Lt. Governor
David Toland. “This is a classic example of how
good public policy can positively influence economic
development.”
The grant program is open to Kansas registered
businesses headquartered in Kansas with 50 or fewer
full-time employees with at least 60 percent of its
workforce, including contracted staff, in Kansas.
For every dollar received from the Small Business
Research & Development Acceleration Grant, the
company must contribute a dollar of its own resources.
Up to 50 percent of the match may be an in-kind con-
tribution if it is provided by a public higher education
institution and approved by the Kansas Department
of Commerce. Approved projects must be completed
within one year.
The fall 2022 application window is open now
through October 17 and grants will be announced in
November. For more information and to complete an
application, please go to: <https://www.kansascommerce.gov/rdaccelerationgrants/>

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The Cunningham Clipper

W. A. Bradley / William Bradley

1927

Sept. 30 – Quite large crowds gathered around the few radios in town a week ago Thursday evening to listen to the Tunney-Dempsey heavyweight championship boxing match held in Philadelphia, Pa. Tunney was the winner by a decision. The World Series will be the next big attraction for radio listeners, and the games will begin sometime next week.

The St. Leo All-Stars lost a fast twelve-inning game to Iuka last Sunday on the St. Leo baseball diamond. Matt Zrubek, on the pitcher’s mound for St. Leo, gave up only five hits and struck twelve, but was bested by Robinson, Iuka’s pitcher (an import from the Wichita Coleman Lamp Company team), who yeilded only four hits and fanned three.

1932

Sept. 30 – Traffic is now using the Cannonball between the Pratt County line and Kingman. The project, which was started the forepart of the year, has been completed; the road has been graded up and straightened and it hardly seems like the same road after being improved. The surface of the road is slightly rough at present, but not enough to cause any great inconvenience to the traveler. The new bridge over the Ninnescah River, three miles east of town, is a masterpiece of present bridge construction. This 528-foot bridge was built at a cost not to exceed \$30,000, and it looks like it would give a century of service. The road gang, who were responsible for the building of the road, are now employed building a dam for the Lake Ninnescah site near Calista.

1937

October 1 – John P. Wymer, rural mail carrier, retired from active service this week, ending twenty-nine and one-half years in the United States Postal Service. He has carried mail out of Preston for the past two years, but previously had been a rural mail carrier out of Cunningham for twenty-seven and one-half years.

1942

October 2 – Hershel F. Hamann of Dodge City, was killed instantly Thursday night when his car went over a steep embankment on U.S. Highway 54, two hundred yards beyond the detour road around the “Calista Gap,: six miles east of Cunningham. This was the detour road’s second fatality of the week as Mrs. C.P. Beier, of Topeka, passed away Wednesday of last week in Kingman Memorial Hospital from the result of injuries received when her car left the road and crashed into a tree.

1947

October 3 – A pre-nuptial shower was given Miss Rita Cooley Saturday evening at the home of Mrs. Elmer Steffen with Mrs Nellie Shelman and Mrs. Everett Hauser as hostesses. Appropriate games were played with prizes being won by Mrs. Laverna Bradley and Miss Delores Hellar. Miss Cooley opened her many lovely gifts after which delightful refreshments of ice cream, cake, nuts, and coffee were served by the hostesses.

Mr. and Mrs. Gus Huhman and their granddaughter, Carolyn Ball, attended the Indian Peach Treaty at Medicine Lodge, Wednesday.

The Hi-Way Café, formerly operated by Mrs. Francis Kampling, was leased by Mrs. Henry Lindeman this week.

Mr. and Mrs. George Rose and daughters were hosts last Friday evening to a group of neighbors at a wiener roast on their farm, in appreciation for help given them in removing a large tree from their prem-ises. Sixteen tractors and the township patrol were used in pulling the giant tree, besides the men using shovels and other tools in assisting.

1952

October 3 – The Wildcats built up a 9 to 0 lead over Langdon in the first three and one-half innings of a baseball game played at Langdon, Tuesday afternoon, and made it last for the next three and one-half innings to win by a score of 9 to 8. Leonard Schnittker started on the pitcher’s mound for the Wildcats, gave way to Walter Becker in the fourth inning, and then came back in the sixth frame to preserve the Wildcat lead and win. Victor Becker and Larry Ball handled the catching chores.

The Sophomore Class had a hayrack ride to Cooley’s Grove Tuesday evening, where they enjoyed a picnic supper.

First Lieut. John Schnittker, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Schnitter of Cunningham, has been awarded the Bronze Star for meritorious service in the Korean War.

Private First Class LeRoy Panek, son of Anton Panek of Cunningham, was recently awarded the Combat Infantryman’s Badge while serving in Korean War with the Second Infantry Division.

1957

October 3– The first football game to be played in Cunningham in 27 years, will take place next Friday when Cunningham meets Preston.

The game will be played at the new City Park, and is scheduled as a night game, starting at 7:45 o’clock.

The Cunningham Lions Club members, who are sponsoring the project of building and lighting the ball field at the new park site, plan an all-out effort during the next seven days to erect the light poles and install the wiring and lights so that the game can be held as scheduled at night.

The 45 1500-watt lights and reflectors arrived in Cunningham this afternoon (Thursday) and work is now being rushed to complete the poles for erection early next week.

The Cunningham Rural High School football team won their second straight game of the 1957 season by downing the Attica High School “B” team at Attica, Thursday night. The final score was 26 to 13.

Cunningham Grade School’s softball teams went to Spivey last Friday afternoon, where they emerged victorious in both the boys and girls games.

The girls won their game easily, 22-10, with Connie Rose the winning pitcher.

The boys game was a close contest with Cunningham coming off with an 8 to 3 victory. Robert Leiter won his third straight game with Mike Westbrooks giving good support behind the plate with three pick-offs at second base. All the boys hit the ball well with Mike Krug getting a home run in the third inning with two men on.

1962

October 4 – The Cunningham Wildcats won their second straight Ninnescah League at Sylvia last Friday evening, easily downing the Mustangs by a 39-0 score.

Cunningham scored one touchdown in the first quarter, when Eugene Huston reached pay dirt on a 7-yard line buck.

Kenneth Spade caught a Huston aerial and raced

25 yards to the end zone for Cunningham’s first score of the second quarter.

The Wildcats added their second touchdown of the quarter when Huston scored on a 1-yard plunge.

The Wildcats added two more touchdowns in the third quarter. Huston scored on an 8-yard run, and connected with Leonard Bayer on a pass-run play that went 40 yards and a Cunningham touchdown.

Huston added another seven points to the Cunningham score in the final quarter of play, when he crashed over three Sylvia players at the goal-line to score on a 14-yard gallop.

1967

October 5 – Sp-5 Mike Krug, son of former Cunningham residents Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Krug of Farmington, N. Mex., was killed in action in Viet Nam, Saturday, Sept. 30.

Mike was serving with the Army in Viet Nam, and was in line for a rest and recuperation in Japan. He was to have been due for a furlough in December at which time he planned to visit his parents.

He had recently been awarded the Bronze Star Medal with “V” device for heroism in connection with military actions involving conflict with an armed hostile force in the Republic of Viet Nam.

Mike had previously been awarded the Purple Heart, and the South Vietnamese government had also awarded him a medal for gallantry.

Survivors in addition to his parents, include one brother, Steve, and one sister, Pam, all of Farmington.

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1977

October 6- Jr. High UFO meets on Sunday evening at 7:15. This week, they will meet at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Lonnie Theissen.

A bridal shower in honor of Kathy Fischer, bride-elect of Kirk Huhman, took place at the St. Leo Store on Sunday, October 2. Special guests included Mrs. Clarence Fischer and Mrs. Beverly Zrubek, mothers of the couple.

The following friends and neighbors of Mr. and Mrs. E.E. Witt have completed the fall farm work as Mr. Witt is unable to work at this time. Rex Ratcliff, Dale Ratcliff, Delcie Ratcliff, Alva Hellar, Ned Golden, Randy Golden, Gene Albers, John Vermillion, Alberta Vermillion, Loren Cooley, John Baber, Bob Witt, Ray Rohling.

Mr. and Mrs. Randy Randle, Sami and Scott, of Cimmaron were weekend guests of Mr. and Mrs. Herb Ewing. They attended the Norwich Cunningham football game. Other callers Friday night to visit the Randles were: Mr. and Mrs. Duane Elliott, Mr. and Mrs. Lonnie Thiessen, Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Rohr, Leah Eck and Paula FitzSimmons. Saturday night guests were: Mr. and Mrs. John Steffen, and Heidi, Mr. and Mrs. Trey Phillips, Russ Eck and David Hageman.

Hilltop Happenings:
We want to thank Lonnie and Barbara Thiessen for making our October calendar. Also we thank the grade school children for making the colorful leaf door cards.
Thanks for Kay House for some delicious tomatoes.

Cunningham Grade School 1943-44 1st and 2nd Grade Classes



Teacher: Miss Josephine Shafer

1st row: unknown, Betty Willinger, Johnna Cooley, Stanley King, Danny German, Unknown, Elise Cussen, Charles Thornhill, Mary Helen Rohling, Donald Rohling.

2nd row: Dwaine Freund, Billy Benson, Richard Baker, Richard Phillips, Roger Buntmeyer, Gary Taylor, Shirley Shafer, Donna Penner, Isabel Epp.

3rd row: Pat White, Doris Benson, Karen Whimore, Carolyn Ball, Jean Rohling, Jacqulon Owens, Norman Stanley, Bobby Sternecker, Unknown, Donnie Pelzl.

4th row: Bessie Simonson, Carolyn Baker, Gary Sloan, Connie Bussent, Jackie Jackard, Jimmy Stillwell, Unknown, Bobby Pelzl, Johnny Pelzl.

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Consider this... Real World

Are you familiar with the sense of disorientation you feel after leaving a really good movie? If the story has captured you well enough, returning to the “real world” takes a few awkward moments of getting used to. I remember how stunned I was after viewing the first Star Wars movie back in 1976. Sure -- the story was compelling, but the special effects were astounding!

After shooting around the universe for two hours, through the most realistic space images ever presented on film, I found it impossible to readjust to mundane activities - like driving a car - for the next several hours. 24 hours after viewing Forrest Gump , I still haven’t returned to the “real world.” Forever changed, I don’t think I want to. Forrest Gump is not a movie. It’s an emotional experience. An experience that reaches far beyond the film. Forrest Gump is a three-dimensional life review of every man. A look at the people and events that polish us into the people we’ve become - and more importantly - how their rubbing against us has changed them. Not just the sights and sounds - but the actual feelings. In seeing the world through the eyes of Forrest Gump, the producers make us laugh at the ironies, cheer with the triumphs, and sob with the pains. The more we feel Forrest Gump’s life, the more we’re forced to look at the way we live our own lives. Sifting through the character’s lifetime of memories, we’re stuck by how seemingly simple events turn out to be defining

moments. The little girl offering a bus seat when others refused. Bullies chasing the boy with braces on his legs. A promise made in a Vietnamese rice paddy. As we relive Forrest Gump’s life, we watch horrified as thoughtless comments slice huge, open wounds into his soul. We see the miraculous results of kind words, spoken at the right instant - to salve those same open sores. We learn that the simplest nicety done to others, becomes a memory they carry forever. A kind word. A simple compliment. These are the things that impact lives in ways we never see. Can never imagine. Yet increase every single day that we are alive. Forrest Gump asks us to imagine the impact of every word and every action we’ve ever taken as if magnified a thousand - a million - a hundred million times. Because they are. We just never see the far-reaching ripples of any human life - let alone our own - until we look back on them from the vantage point of Forrest Gump. Forrest Gump not only shows us the magnitude of our impact on the

world, it makes us understand it. This knowledge, coupled with the emotion it generated, sent a theater full of introspective, disoriented people, out into the night, changed forever. I used to believe that movies were fantasy and “real life” was reality. But for those who made the emotional connection between their lives and Forrest Gump’s, what occurred in that movie theater was far more real than anything that the “real world” ever offers. And that’s all I have to say about that.

Pass It On®... Beyond the Moon with an Eye on Mars

The story of a young woman who dreamed of pushing the boundaries and now designs launch systems for NASA. The billionaire space race is on. And it rivals the competition between Russia and the USA in the early ’60s. In Trekkie language, space is “the final frontier.” What has changed since those early days of Star Trek and Apollo missions is the hairstyles and the tech-


nology, but not the imagination of space dreamers everywhere. Tiera Fletcher grew up in a suburb of Atlanta. At age 11, her list of dream future occupations skipped right past firefighter and dolphin trainer to scientist, inventor, architect, mathematician — anything in the field of science. But you don’t just jump from 11-year-old dreamer to NASA engineer in one giant leap. Tiera’s mother is an accountant, and her father a construction worker. At an early age, they taught her how to add and subtract, calculate and mea-

a strong community and peers who have the same aspirations. Encouragement is contagious. More than a pat on the back, the best kind of encouragement is specific to a task. It teaches, congratulates and acts as a pick-me-up when failure strikes. Imagine the type of world we would have if every parent encouraged their children the way Tiera’s did; to learn something new, to get good at it, to keep trying. “My parents played a key role in cultivating my love of mathematics and science,” Tiera says. “My favorite teacher taught me how to


bring my dreams into an actual project, something that could truly change the world.” At 22 years old, she is the youngest engineer at NASA. Today, Tiera dedicates part of her life to encouraging young students to engage in the sciences. With all that she has accomplished, she still has a big heart for the big dreams of little learners. By The Foundation for a Better Life® The Foundation for a Better Life® promotes positive values to live by and pass along to others. Copyright © 2021 | The Foundation for a Better Life® All rights reserved. | www.passiton.com



Christian Humor: Jokes You can Tell in Church



What did the classmate say when asked why they kept walking next to the same person at school? "I was told I'm supposed to walk by Faith!"



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"It is"

"This is the IRS. Can you help us?"

"I can"

"Do you know a Ted Houlihan?"

"I do"

"Is he a member of your congregation?"

"He is"

"Did he donate

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"He will".



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Sundays 10:00 a.m. St. Leo
Father Roger Lumbre
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620-246-5370

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St. Peter Willowdale
Saturdays 4:00 a.m.



Lutheran Churches

St. John, Nashville
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10:30 a.m.

Trinity, Medicine Lodge
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9:45 a.m.
Worship Service
8:30 a.m.

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Pastor Dennis Fangmeyer
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Pastor Mike McGovney 620-298-3201



United Methodist Church

Penalosa
Worship 9:15 a.m.

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

Zenda
Worship 9:00 a.m.
Sunday School: Children 8:30 a.m. Adults 10:00 a.m.
Pastor J L Nichols
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UMW Seeking Donations to Help with Kenyan Drought

The Cunningham United Methodist Women are asking for donations of money to be sent to our Pastor's home area in Kakindu, Kenya. There is a serious drought in the area and food is very scarce. This donation will be forwarded to ministers in the area who will purchase food in bulk (beans, flour) and distribute the food to the area families. It will be distributed to the same families that are receiving the water that is being hauled in on trucks. The water project is being sponsored by the Lions Club. Donations can be dropped off at the UMC Bread Ministry on Tuesday afternoons, mailed to the UMC @ Box 368, or given to any UMC church member. Please make a check out to the UMC and write Kenyan famine in the memo. Because of the extremely urgent need for food, we are setting a date of October 10th to have donations collected. Thank you very much for your support and generosity.

Fundraisers & Charitable Opportunities in our Community

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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, Inc.

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Enrollment Number for the 2022-2023 School Year:	Certified Teaching Staff, Coaches, and Sponsors for the 2022-2023 School Year
PreK AM 17	Robert Reed Superintendent/Principal for PK – 5
PreK PM 14	Cody Dunlap Principal for 6 – 12
K 16	Sheena Albers: Kindergarten, Assistant Volleyball Coach
1 17	Kelsey Beat: Title I
2 9	Kayla Fiegel: Science, Junior Class Sponsor
3 18	Jerree Fitzsimmons: Librarian, Student Council Sponsor
4 18	Ariel Haskin: English and Math. Head Volleyball Coach, Assistant Girls Basketball Coach; Junior Class Sponsor
5 18	John Huffman: Geometry and Physics
6 16	Cindy Houtwed: PreSchool
7 21	Rebecca Huelskamp: 7 -12 English. Director of School Plays, KAYS Sponsor
8 12	Sebastian Huelskamp: Industrial Arts, Scholars’ Bowl Sponsor
9 13	Eric Kerschen: Physical Education. Assistant Football Coach, Sophomore Class Sponsor
10 16	Nicole Kerschen: Vocal and Instrumental Music
11 12	Lance McGuire: Counselor and Social Sciences. Head Football Coach
12 11	Emily Meireis: 7 -12 English and Family and Consumer Science, Yearbook Sponsor
228 total	Ashley Nix: 5 th Grade
	Bailey Osbourn: Agriculture
	Megan Osner: Social Worker
	Amanda Prim: 1 st Grade
	Andrew Ramirez: English, Spanish and On-line Education
	Robin Reed: 3 rd Grade
2021- 2022	Bart Ricke: Athletic Director, 7 th and 8 th Grade Science, Assistant Boys Basketball Coach
230 total PreK-12	Ingrid Ricke: 2 nd Grade, Cross Country Coach, National Honor Society Sponsor
	Bob Stackhouse: 7 – 12 Math, Head Boys Basketball Coach
2019 - 2020	Mary Stackhouse: Speech Language Pathologist
179 total K - 12	Deborah Sulenes: History, Cheerleading Coach, Pep Club Sponsor
	Carrie Vahsholtz: 4 th Grade, Forensics Coach
	Kayla Staley: Head Girls Basketball Coach

Corporatization of Universities

America’s rise to prominence following World War II was due to a massive increase in university attendance, heavily stimulated by the GI Bill. The return of war veterans, who had experienced the Great Depression in their childhood, along with the prior inflow of foreign academics who had fled persecution, led to a surge in college and university expansions. University enrolment in 1950 was seven times the proportion of college enrolment in 1900! This in turn resulted in a solid growth in the U.S. economy, expanded suburbs, and more subsequent Nobel Prizes. –But only for two generations.

Until the end of the 1970s, the American public saw public support of higher education to be a public good that “raised all boats.” In most states, the state provided over two dollars for every one dollar a student paid in tuition to public universities. But after the early 1980 Reagan era, public attitude gradually

changed to view higher education as a “private good”: you generally make more money with a degree so you are the one who benefited and you should pay for it. Today, states underwrite far less funding and students contribute more in tuition for instructional costs.

This movement toward treating students as customers is referred to as the “corporate model” of education and it has driven a decline in U.S. higher education further eroded by the “digital revolution.”

In “Declining by Degrees: Higher Education at Risk” edited by Richard H. Hersh and John Merrow, a series of specialists detail the demise of American universities. Deborah Wadsworth discusses the public shift from over three-fourths of our population valuing education in 1993 to only 18 percent providing a similar response in 2005. Focusing on cost alone, only 43 percent of Democrats and 28 percent of Republicans responded “yes” to a Business Insider poll on whether higher education was worth the cost. Our

public concern for a well-educated next generation has waned.

Universities have turned to increasing programs popular with students, and ditching programs that are important for society, from foreign language to physics, based merely on student enrolments. We are seeing increases in marketing costs as well as fabricated data being submitted to the U.S. News & World Report guidebook and rankings.

Dual credit high school courses have exploded, along with AP courses to substitute for introductory college courses. Initially justified as serving the few advanced students, they are now marketed to every student. But in most cases, high school teachers lack the academic depth and high school students lack the maturity. This “credit” is even more questionable in competency-based programs awarding credit for merely taking-a-test. Meanwhile, K–12 grade inflation and incompetent teaching have placed many universities in “the remedial education business.” With more students sent to college who are not college-able, this increases their cost of serving temporary students who have little likelihood of graduating.

Meanwhile, faculty evaluation has shifted to counting publications. In response, teaching responsibilities at larger universities have shifted to teaching assistants and they also have moved from small classes to large lecture courses, leading to our Academic Depression.

Our national focus on higher education as primarily job training is a serious concern and a marker of a society in decline. But it is also vital to “have a life” after coming home from “making a living.” Generally, six-out-of-ten college students change their major at least once. Universities are the major place where they make decisions about their future vocation. That has often involved becoming converted to a realm of study due to an inspiring professor in face-to-face lecture or lab. Such professors change lives, and often follow their

A "Just Filling a Little Space" Joke

A small town near Russia and Poland

There was a small town located along the frontier between Russia and Poland; no one was ever quite sure to which it belonged. One day an official treaty was signed and not long after, surveyors arrived to draw a border. Some villagers approached them where they had set up their equipment on a nearby hill.

“So where are we, Russia or Poland?”

“According to our calculations, your village now begins exactly thirty-seven meters into Poland.”

The villagers immediately began dancing for joy.

“Why?” the surveyors asked. “What difference does it make?”

“Don’t you know what this means?” they replied. “It means we’ll never have to endure another one of those terrible Russian winters!”

Ada Adams Places 7th

Ada Adams returned to run at the Larned meet after being out for 2 weeks with an injury. She placed 7th in the JV race with a time of 27:59--about 35 seconds faster than her time last year on the same course. I’m excited about her being back to run and look forward to seeing her progress for the remainder of the year. S

can did not run due to illness.



Brianna Dittmer cheers at the Tescott game.



Quote of the day...

Growing up, I took so many cues from books. They taught me most of what I knew about what people did, about how to behave. They were my teachers and my advisers. - Neil Gaiman

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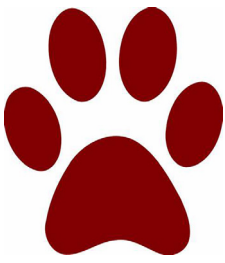
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Wildcats Conquer Trojans

There was a lot of buzz about the Wildcats traveling to Tescott for a battle of the unbeaten; Catch it Kansas even sent a film crew to the game. Film study of the Tescott Trojans showed a physical team that had man-handled 3 opponents in a row with a punishing run game and physical hitting defense. The Wildcats were primed for a big game from the opening kickoff.

Dagim took the opening kickoff 18 yards back to midfield. The Cats struck paydirt on just 4 plays. Two noteworthy plays were the 16 yard pass from Trey to Lane, and then a 24 yard TD pass from Luke to Lane. Dagim nailed the 2 point kick for an early 8-0 lead. A touchback on the kickoff pinned Tescott deep in their territory. Jack got a tackle behind the line of scrimmage and the Trojans had to punt. Despite the good field position and a 12 yard pass from Trey to Lane, the Wildcats ran out of downs and did not score. The “not scoring” part must have bothered the Cats as they cranked up the defensive pressure even more, forcing Tescott to punt after just 3 plays. Luke got an 11 yard run with good blocking up front. Trey completed an 11 yard pass to Dagim, then hit Lane for a 38 yard TD pass and a 14 to 0 lead. After a deep kickoff and another stop by the Wildcats, Jack blocked the punt and recovered the ball on the 4 yard line! Jack punched the ball into the endzone with a 4 yard run on the very next play. Dagim’s two point kick put the Cats up 22-0 at the end of the first quarter.

The second quarter was very similar to the first. Another touchback on the kickoff and another stand by the defense

gave the Cats the ball at midfield once again. A 40 yard pass from Luke to Lane set up a 10 yard pass from Trey to Luke. Cats up 28-0. Dagim got yet another touchback on the next kickoff. Luke picked off a 2nd down pass and returned it 25 yards for another quick score. Cats up 34-0. The Cats shut down the Trojans again and were pushing to score once more before half. Trey completed passes of 10, 16, and 12 to Dagim, Will, and Luke Albers. Luke completed a 19 yard pass to Trey. The Cats pushed a little too hard at the end of the drive and turned the ball over in the endzone. However, with a little time on the clock the Cats still got a score. They held Tescott. Luke returned the punt 25 yards. Then Trey hit Luke Albers for a 25 yard touchdown pass. Dagim kicked through the two point conversion to push the lead to 42-0 at halftime.

The second half was even up as neither team scored. The second wave of Wildcats moved the ball on offense but could not break free for a touchdown. The starters for the Cats refused to yield much at all to the Trojan offense. Both teams ground out hard yards but could not score. Lucas got a nice 23 yard run and Jack got another sack as the two second half highlights. The Wildcat defense proved to be very physical the entire game. Some may say the Cats out hit the home team. That set the tone and will be a great building block for the rest of the season.

- Coach Lance McGuire



Lane Halderson



Dagim Reed



Jack Ruckle scores



Luke McGuire



“Your talent determines what you can do. Your motivation determines how much you are willing to do. Your attitude determines how well you do it.”
— Lou Holtz



Action Shots from Lady Cats at Skyline

Left: Ellie McGuire (#9)

Right: Maranda Lohrke

Below: Hannah Ellis



“...In addition, we are fortunate to teach a sport that emphasizes selflessness, teamwork and response to adversity. In what other sport is there a group hug after every point?”
— Tod Maddox



Puerto Rico Adventure - Part 3: Saying Goodbye

Saying Goodbye to Kansas...

Moving is not for the faint of heart!

For me (Lyn) especially, it was (and still is, since we're entering the final two weeks of saying goodbye) a very emotional and draining experience. I'll explain why below.

In my last PR Adventure post, I mentioned I'd share in a future blog entry all the little steps we've taken to turn our dream of island living into a reality. As I mentioned then, it's not all beaches and sunshine.

First, we pulled the trigger mentally in November, 2021, and decided to go for the move. We immediately started downsizing, so over 6 months ago. Our goal was to sell everything in our house and then sell our house and only take with us 2 suitcases each.

This turned out to be a formidable task. To be honest, we barely got rid of everything before we had to vacate our house. (Took two desks and our mattress to the consignment store the day before we closed the sale!) Julie did an incredible job cleaning each room as we vacated it and closing the door behind us!

For those considering something similar - or even if you plan to move across town - it'll likely take 8 or 9 months of downsizing and prepping for the move! Six months if you focus and have a personality that makes it easy to say goodbye to things.

One reason it was hard for me is that I'm a saver and I attach memories to objects. I have a hard time throwing little things away. Not attached to big objects like TVs or furniture, but silly stuff like cards, newspaper clippings, pictures, medals from Jr Hi, small gifts from friends. Nick-nacks.

I realized early on that I wouldn't have time to go through all my memorabilia and decide what to keep. I had too many boxes from my cub scout days through high school years! I actually got really anxious about it.

So I broke down and rented a 5x5 storage unit for 2 years. Not the best solution, I admit. I'm simply putting off to the future what I can't bring myself to do today. (grin) But like insurance, it bought peace of mind so we could focus on other things.

Like selling what we could through FB Marketplace and Nextdoor and a few other online sales sites. We banked the money from what we sold and that really helped since both of us were not working full

time jobs the final month. We set a goal of making X amount each week and we mostly hit it.

Second, we talked to our realtor friend about the timing of putting our house on the market. Like the rest of the country, Wichita is experiencing a bit of a hot uptick in home sales. It's a seller's market and we were happy to see the value of our home increase from even last November when we first checked Zillow.

Timing was something to consider. We actually had a vacation to Portugal and Spain to fit in before we moved. I would not recommend planning a vacation before you move, but this one had been put off from 2020, then again from 2021 because of certain world events which I will not mention.

Our trip was set for end of April through early May, 2022. So I had to figure out when I should leave my position at the church, before or after. To be fair to the congregation, it had to be before. Then we had to sell the house and visit family in Indiana and Illinois to say goodbye. Then we had to come back to Wichita and make any last minute packing decisions. Then fly out to Puerto Rico.

Here's the schedule we ended up with...

April 24 - Last Sunday at Faith Renewal Church

April 26 to May 9 - Portugal & Spain

Vacation

Sunday, May 1 - Open House (while we're away)

By end of May - Sell then hopefully close on our house

Early June - visit family in the Midwest - another vacation!

Mid-June - return to Wichita, sell car, then fly to PR

It pretty much ended up along those lines. But with one significant and wonderful change. A week before we put our house on the market, we got an offer for more than we were going to ask for it and accepted the offer! So no need for an Open House while we were in Europe! Good news indeed.

So with a closing date of May 27, we got back from vacation and hit the ground running. We cleaned and emptied our house like crazy. Sold stuff, gave away stuff, and stuffed boxes into storage. We had a Bon Voyage Party (thanks J&J for hosting and for everyone who came out!). I fit in a few music gigs. It was a whirlwind!

Then just last week, we prayed and cried and said goodbye to our home of 26 years.

We're now on our domestic vacation, taking some things to family for them to store for us! Ha. And of course saying goodbye to them for the time being. Of course, everyone is wel-



Charlie is going with us...but not in the suitcase!



come to visit us in PR after we get settled into our new place. So no permanent goodbyes.

We'll get back to Kansas soon and finish any last minute tasks, which I know there will be plenty. And then we fly out of Wichita on Saturday, June 18, 2022. So in a few weeks, look for another update, our Puerto Rico Adventure - Part 4: Saying Hello to

PR.

For now, thanks again for joining us on our journey. And let us know about the ups and downs of your moving transitions. Did you know what you were getting into? Drop us a line or comment below. We love stories of change and adventure. Until next time!

Kansas Profile: Now That's Rural Blackbear Bosin, Artist

At the confluence of the Big and Little Arkansas Rivers in downtown Wichita stands a magnificent sculpture honoring the native American history of Kansas. This iconic sculpture is known as the Keeper of the Plains. It was created by a Wichita artist of Comanche and Kiowa descent, who had a remarkable career in the arts.

Blackbear Bosin is the artist who created this remarkable work. Much of the following information comes from the book Blackbear Bosin: Keeper of the Indian Spirit, by Bosin's stepson, David Simmonds.

Blackbear Bosin was born in Oklahoma in 1921 to a Kiowa father and Comanche mother. His native name, which belonged to his paternal grandfather (a Kiowa chief), means Blackbear in English.

Young Blackbear

Bosin attended a mission school in Oklahoma where he studied the collection of Kiowa and European art objects and dabbled in painting. He went on to the Chilocco Indian Agricultural School where he trained to work with sheet metal and then moved to Wichita with his wife. During World War II, he enlisted in the Marines.

In 1943, he fell ill and was hospitalized at the naval hospital in Hawaii. There, he took up painting again. His art was so well regarded that the hospital hosted a one-man exhibition of his works before his discharge in 1945.

Having regained his health, he returned to Wichita where he became an industrial designer and product illustrator for Boeing. He later worked in the training aids and arts department at McConnell Air Force Base. Meanwhile, he was building his career as an artist.

In 1946, he entered a painting, called Green Corn Dance, in the Philbrook Art Institute's first Indian Artists Annual competition and earned

his first award.

From 1947-50, his work was on exhibit at the Dallas Museum of Fine Arts, Detroit Institute of Arts, Smithsonian Institution and more. In 1953, he produced Prairie Fire, which would win first place from the Philbrook and was featured in the May 1955 National Geographic. This painting was said to bring him international recognition.

In 1959, Bosin opened the Great Plains Studio in Wichita. In 1960, he won the Grand Prize at the All-Indian Show in New York. The following year he travelled to Switzerland to receive honors after he was elected a Fellow of the International Institution of Arts and Letters.

Bosin was the only Native American artist to participate in the 1965 White House Festival of the Arts. After winning the Victory Trophy from the Philbrook in 1967, he chose to stop entering art competitions because he felt it was time for younger artists to gain recognition.

His creative work continued. He designed

the logos for the Mid-America Indian Center in Wichita and the Wolf Creek nuclear power plant which is located near the rural community of Burlington, population 2,764 people. Now, that's rural.

In 1969, one of Bosin's friends at the Kansas Gas & Electric Company asked if he would design a large-scale statue as tribute to the Indigenous peoples in the Wichita area. Bosin agreed. It became the iconic structure known as Keeper of the Plains, placed near the rivers in downtown Wichita.

A City of Wichita website describes it as a sculpture "with hands raised in supplication to the Great Spirit." After a restoration and river beautification project, the five-ton, 44 foot tall sculpture now stands elevated on a 30-foot rock promontory, surrounded by a plaza which describes the Plains Indian way of life.

Bosin was commissioned to create ten designs for the Franklin Mint for a series of sterling silver medals about Native American his-

tory. The coins depicted various historical events with one side of the coin featuring the "traditional view" and the other side of the coin featuring the "Indian interpretation" of those events. In 1977, the state of Kansas awarded Bosin the Distinguished Service Award.

Blackbear Bosin passed away in 1980, but his magnificent sculpture still stands on what is considered sacred ground in Wichita. We commend

this Kansan for making a difference with creativity in art. Like the Keeper of the Plains statue itself, the impact of Blackbear Bosin stands tall.

Huck Boyd National Institute for Rural Development, K-State Research and Extension, Kansas State University, Ron Wilson, Wichita

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Keeper of the Plains, Statue downtown Wichita

They May Be Spooky, but Spiders are Good For the Garden

K-State's Upham says most spiders feed on insects that could harm flowers, vegetables

MANHATTAN, Kan. — Many people view spiders as pests, and the fear of spiders is one of the most common pho-

bias among Americans. To their credit, however, they provide a great service to the home garden.

Kansas State University horticulture expert Ward Upham said spiders feed on insects that could harm flower beds and vegetable plants, making them valuable to any gardener.

"There are two common species of garden spiders in Kansas that are

active during the day," Upham said. "The yellow garden spider and banded garden spider."

The yellow garden spider has a black abdomen with yellow markings and black legs with a yellow or red band, Upham said. The banded garden spider has continuous bands across the abdomen and legs, alternating white and dark with orange and black

bands on the legs. Both spiders spin large webs in the usual spider web shape.

To capture insects, garden spiders utilize vibrations that pass through the web from prey. They have poor eyesight, making them extremely sensitive to the vibrations.

Upham recommends leaving garden spiders alone because of their benefits to the garden,

and they are harmless to humans.

Upham and his colleagues in K-State's Department of Horticulture and Natural Resources produce a weekly Horticulture Newsletter with tips for maintaining home landscapes and gardens. The newsletter is available to view online or can be delivered by email each week.

Interested persons can also send their garden and yard-related questions to Upham at mailto:wupham@ksu.edu, or contact your local K-State Research and Extension office.

By Maddy Rohr, K-State Research and Extension news service



Millions in Life Insurance Funds Remain Unclaimed in Kansas

Topeka, Kan. – As part of Life Insurance Awareness month, Insurance Commissioner Vicki Schmidt highlights a lost and found search program that can have a significant financial impact on a family. Kansans can use this program to search among millions of dollars in unpaid life insurance policy funds.

“Purchasing life insurance is an important financial stability tool for families,” said Insurance Commissioner Vicki Schmidt. “The NAIC Life Insurance Policy Locator helps Kansans locate lost or unknown policies.”

The Life Insurance Policy Locator is a free service provided by the National Association of Insurance Commissioners. Individuals can perform a nationwide search for missing life insurance funds by providing the social security number, legal first name, legal last name, date of birth and date of death of a deceased individual. Searches can be performed at eapps.naic.org/life-policylocator.

If you have questions or concerns about a missing life insurance policy, please call the Kansas Insurance Department at 1-800-432-2484. To learn more about life insurance visit insurance.kansas.gov/life-viatical/.

Holiday Hues: Keep Poinsettias in the Dark to Encourage New Blooms

MANHATTAN, Kan. — It is never too early to begin preparing for the Christmas season, starting with the floral symbol of the holidays. Kansas State University horticulture expert Ward Upham said there is a unique way to rebloom poinsettias saved from last year.

He said that poinsettias are considered “short-day” plants, meaning they require short days and long nights to flower.

“Originally, it was thought that short-day plants needed a short duration of daylight in order to flower,” Upham said. “Now we know that flower formation is actually triggered by long periods of uninterrupted darkness.”

The red and green plant requires 12 hours of complete darkness in 60-65 degrees Fahrenheit for every 24-hour cycle. Upham recommends placing the plant in a closet or covering it with a cardboard box to ensure uninterrupted darkness.

“If you use a cardboard box, tape all the seams with duct tape to cut off any light,” he said.

During the day, poinsettias can be placed in the sunniest part of the house at 65-75 F.

Exposing the plant to the sun is necessary for energy conversion, which impacts the color of the flowering.

It is recommended to start the dark treatment early, as it takes 8-11 weeks for the poinsettia to flower. Upham suggests starting in late September or early October. The first six weeks trigger the reblooming process and the remaining time is when the flowers begin developing.

While this can take significant effort and scheduling, Upham said for every night you miss during the first six weeks, add two days to the bloom time. After the buds have set, there is no longer a need for the dark treatment.

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We like to check out the fire trucks...

...and ask the fire fighters questions.

Kids: color stuff in!

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Have you ever visited the firehouse or had a fire fighter come to your school to speak? It's just plain smart to learn how to help prevent fires. When fire fighters talk about fire safety we tell students:

- Get out of the house quickly if there is a fire.
- Call the fire department from a neighbor's house.
- If your clothes catch on fire remember to...

STOP, DROP AND ROLL!

Family Fire

☐ Cook in the kitchen only when an adult is helping you.

☐ Don't touch matches, lighters or candles. They are only for adults to use.

☐ Do you have smoke detectors on every level of your home? Test them monthly. Change the batteries at least once a year.

☐ Do you know two or more ways out of the house?

☐ Never use elevators if there is a fire (stairs are much safer).

☐ Smoke rises. If there is a fire, stay low: crawl under the smoke.

☐ Have you picked a place to meet the rest of your family once you are all out of the house?

☐ Once you are out of the house, stay out of the house.

Safety Checklist

2 Ways Out

Families check out this list!

Read each of the 15 words and phrases in the list below. Then, find a word or phrase above that means almost the same thing and fill in the puzzle.

1. fireplug

2. home

3. siren

4. fireman

5. getaway

6. steps

7. smoke alarm

8. fumes

9. crisis

10. fire engine

11. way out

12. fire exercise

13. flame

14. firehouse

15. adult

smoke detector

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exit

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fire truck

fire drill

smoke

house

fire fighter

stairs

fire station

alarm

fire

Hmm... I spy a hydrant!

New inventions help fire fighters do their difficult work. One invention is a scanner that can detect faint heartbeats, which can help to find people trapped under rubble. Another is a mask with built-in "thermal imaging" that lets fire fighters "see" people and flames through smoke.

Finish each phrase with the word that makes sense:

In a typical day, fire fighters may:

1. spread fire safety and awareness by visiting

2. slide from the third or second floor to the first on a

3. use scuba gear and a boat for

4. go to public buildings or businesses for a safety

5. clean their vehicles and perform equipment

6. feed, play with and train the

7. teach classes about CPR and other

Match each word to the phrase that makes sense:

To complete the job, fire fighters may use (a):

1. fire truck

2. helmet

3. axe

4. water hose

5. air tank

6. ladder

7. helicopter

8. coat

A. to reach high floors or windows when a door is blocked

B. to protect their heads from flames and debris

C. to spray gallons of water onto the fire

D. to allow them to breathe in a smoke-filled room

E. to get to a fire quickly with all the right equipment

F. to lift water from a lake or pond to put out wildfires

G. to protect their bodies from fire (flame-proof materials) and to be seen easily by others due to reflective strips

H. to chop down doors or walls during a rescue

See the nine words in bold print to the left? Circle them in the fire extinguisher.

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Z X V C S F A C P

P O Q O D K I U O

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In the Day of a FIRE FIGHTER

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Q I W O

X

ONCE YOU ARE OUT SAFELY, NEVER GO BACK INTO A BUILDING!

(Answers on page 10)

What does this fire safety message tell you? Follow this color key to find out: R = red Y = yellow O = orange

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Transportation Debt Paid Off Early, Saving Taxpayers \$22.2M

TOPEKA – Governor Laura Kelly announced today that for the first time ever, debt issued by the Kansas Department of Transportation has been paid off early, resulting in a savings of \$22.2 million in interest payments. The Kelly Administration was able to pay off the debt due to strong state revenues and

its work to close the Bank of KDOT.

“Kansas taxpayers continue to see the benefits of our fiscal responsibility,” said Governor Laura Kelly. “By closing the Bank of KDOT and balancing the state budget, my administration has saved taxpayers millions of dollars – all without compromising the quality of our state infrastructure.”

The now-retired C Series bonds issued to KDOT in 2012 initially had a principal of \$200 million. This summer,

KDOT was able to pay off the remaining \$97.8 million in principal of the 20-year bond, thus saving \$22.2 million in interest. The bond was retired with current cash flow and without negatively impacting existing programs or construction projects as part of the Eisenhower Legacy Transportation Program (IKE). Under the Kelly Administration, KDOT has increased construction lettings by 300 percent across the state.

From 2014 through 2018, un-

der the Brownback Administration, the state transferred more than \$1.7 billion from KDOT to other parts of the state budget—a practice known as raiding the “Bank of KDOT.” The state budget for fiscal year 2023, as approved by the Kansas Legislature and signed by Governor Kelly last April, did not include a transfer out of the agency and effectively closed the Bank of KDOT.

We are always mindful that this not KDOT’s money; it’s the taxpayers’ money and we

have responsibility to manage it in a way that generates the most benefit for Kansans now and in the future,” said Transportation Secretary Julie Lorenz. “Saving Kansans \$22 million and delivering IKE projects as promised is testament of that and I want to thank all our KDOT workers who worked hard to make this happen.”

KDOT has had the authority to issue debt to ensure necessary cash flow since 1992. On a 20-year bond, refinancing or full payment can

take place at the 10-year mark. This was the first time the agency was able to pay off a highway bond early. To date, KDOT has not issued bonds during the IKE program.

“KDOT focuses on making sound financial and investment decisions that allow the agency to be good stewards of state resources,” said Pam Anderson, Interim Director of Fiscal and Asset Management. “Saving money and spending wisely go hand in hand to make every dollar count.”

Different Types of Dog Kennel Systems

Are you looking for a quality kennel for your pet that is comfortable, sturdy and low maintenance? Kennels provide shelter to your little companion and is an important addition in a home if you are a dog owner. A dog kennel manufacturer has various options of domestic and commercial kennels that will suit your requirement. The manufacturers concentrate both on the design and the materials used for the kennel to offer a product of value to the customers. The kennel systems should be such that you should not have to worry about repair or replacement for years. There are different types of dog kennels in the market and you can explore the options to know what suits you, your home and your

dog the best. The article gives a brief account of the different kennels available.

Kennels are available in both galvanized steel and plastic or a combination of both. Dog kennel manufacturer uses the highest quality steel and plastic sheets to design and construct a stable and long-lasting kennel. Chatsworth kennels, for example, are strong and practical systems that are made of a steel box and covered with a plastic coated steel roof. The floor too is made of plastic sheets as against wood to prevent decay. The kennels are exclusively designed to prevent damage from scratches and chewing. This airy kennel is perfect for your dogs and will keep them safe and secured. Choose a manufacturer that supplies quality kennel systems to the clients. The Bowland range can house

several dogs and is bigger than Chatsworth kennel. The sleeping box too is larger.

You can get in touch with a dog kennel manufacturer in your vicinity for Blenheim. This kennel has the specifications of a Chatsworth kennel but is available in both mesh and bar variety. You can also invest in free-standing kennel boxes that are designed for internal use. Made of plastic and galvanized steel these boxes can be cleaned easily and like others are chew proof. If you require external kennel box, it comes with a sliding hatch door for easy cleaning. Thus there are many options in kennel systems whether you require it in your home or external use. If you own a cattery or a pet house you will require multiple kennels or the ones that accommodate more than one dog. The kennels can

be built according to your needs and specifications.

While choosing a dog kennel manufacturer pay attention to the quality of the products supplied by them. Also focus on the design of the kennel systems and whether they are constructed in the best interest of your pet. Make sure that they meet the highest standards required for a kennel. You should select a manufacture that merges aesthetics with practical use of the kennels. The kennels today should be damage free, low maintenance, sturdy and affordable. You can get in touch with them about your requirements and find out whether they can customize the kennels for you depending on the space available, number of dogs etc.

(petkeeper.com)

Attention Golfers! 1st Annual Dog House Scramble Golf Tournament

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2022 AT 9 AM

Come join us for the 1st annual golf tournament benefitting Kingman County Humane Society! It's a 4-person scramble, so gather your friends and head out to Eagles Pub and Golf Course for the fun.

Entry fee will be \$240 for the team. There will raffle prizes, hole prizes and mulligans available for purchase the day of the tourney.

We will be using the Dog House Scramble format (aka Florida Scramble), where all players tee off, and the best shot is selected. The person who hit the selected shot is in the Dog House for the next shot (they sit out); then continue, until ball is holed. It is a fun, different spin for a Scramble, and it will require strategy (and maybe beer) to win!

Call or text 316-841-6263 to register!



Kingman County Humane Society Pets Ready for Adoption

Romeo

Sponsored by Baker Accounting



Romeo
Male Abyssinian
Age: 1 year
Adoption Fee: \$15.00
Intake Date: September 19, 2022

Henry

Sponsored by Alan Albers



Male Shepherd
Weight: 43 pounds
Age: 1 year, 11 months
Adoption Fee: \$180.00
Intake Date: August 29, 2022
(Found in Memorial Park in Anthony)

Bashful

Sponsored by Kathy Albers



Female Domestic Shorthair
Weight: 3 pounds
Age: 3 months
Adoption Fee: \$75.00
Intake Date: June 28, 2022

KCHS Donation Wish List

The pets at Kingman County Humane Society are in need of the following items:


- 13-gal. kitchen trash bags
- dry cat and kitten food
- clumping cat litter
- canned dog food
- Purina Puppy Chow
- long-lasting chews
- stainless steel flat-sided water buckets

paper towels
bleach
liquid laundry detergent
poop bag rolls
disposable gloves (large)

The items can be brought to KCHS at 811 East C Avenue in Kingman
Monetary donations can be sent to KCHS
P.O. Box 103
Kingman KS 67068

Please consider volunteering or adopting or fostering or donating! or all four!






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Fire Safety is Smart!

ONCE YOU ARE OUT SAFELY,
NEVER GO BACK INTO A
BURNING
BUILDING!

In a typical day, fire fighters may:

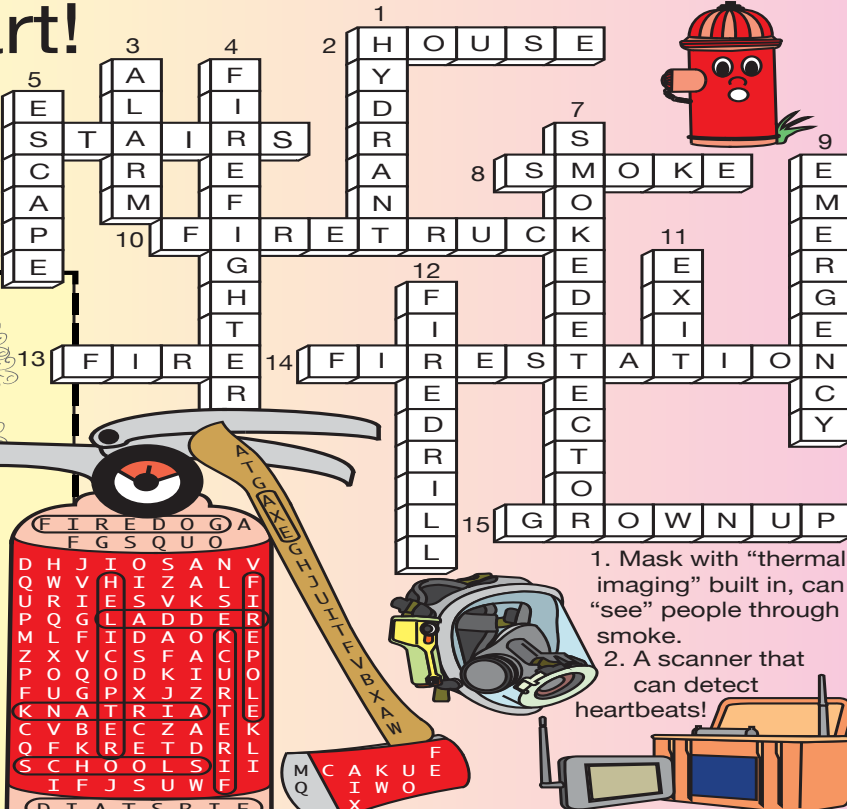
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1. fire truck
2. helmet
3. axe
4. water hose
5. air tank
6. ladder
7. helicopter
8. coat

A. fire pole
B. fire dog
C. schools
D. inspection
E. water rescue
F. maintenance
G. first aid

A. to reach high floors or windows when a door is blocked
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Minutes from Kingman County Commission on September 19, 2022

Chairman Foley called the Board of County Commissioners meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. on September 19, 2022, in the County Commissioners room at the Kingman County Courthouse. Present: Fred Foley, Chairman; Jerry Henning, Commissioner; Jack Thimesch, Commissioner; Carol Noblit, County Clerk; Brandon Ritcha, County Counselor

Visitors: Bob Morris, Kingman Leader-Courier; Larry Landwehr; Patrick Elpers; David Luke, KCAMP and Jes Pfannenstiel, KWORC.

Online Visitors: Caller 01; Susan Hubbell; Tammy Miller; Macay Ewy; Reed McGregor; James Gambrell; Caller 02; Caller 03.

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

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

Brandon Ritcha, County Counselor would

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

Chairman Foley asked if there was any public comment.

Carol Noblit mentioned the Constitutional Day celebration that was held on Saturday was good.

Macay Ewy, Emergency Manager was in with updates and discussed the fire at Eagle Acres and that they used the Emergency trailer to help. MOTION: Commissioner Henning moved to approve Resolution 2022-R13 and Proclamation for State of Local Disaster for Kingman County, Kansas. Commissioner Thimesch seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Leslie Schrag, Economic Development Director was in to discuss some funding that is available.

Commissioners discussed what can be done for the misplaced individuals from Eagle Acres.

Amanda Stucky, Field Appraiser was in to request an extension for Shawn Vredenburg’s NRP project. Ms. Stucky said that it is his first

request.

Commissioners approved Mr. Vredenburg’s extension.

Carol Noblit, County Clerk submitted the minutes of the September 12th, 2022, Commission meeting for approval. MOTION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to approve the September 12th, 2022, Commission meeting minutes. Commissioner Henning seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to go into executive session with Brandon Ritcha, County Counselor at 9:06 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 9:26 a.m. Commissioner Henning seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

The County Commissioners returned to regular session at 9:26 a.m. with no decision made.

Becky Luntsford, County Treasurer was in with an update on the tax sale.

Ms. Luntsford let the Commissioners know that we need to have more people coming in for drivers’ license or we may lose or Drivers’ License Examiner down to a couple of days.

Ms. Luntsford discussed that the computers in her office are having issues and would like to get bids on replacements.

Ms. Luntsford let the Commissioners know that she attended the annual KCTA (Kansas County Treasurer Association) conference last week in Kansas City.

MOTION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to appoint Macay Ewy as a replacement to serve as the Kingman County’s representative on the South-Central Regional Homeland Security Council beginning September 19, 2022 through December 31, 2024. Commissioner Henning seconded the

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

MOTION: Commissioner Henning moved to approve a letter of support to the Council on Aging General Public Transportation program. Commissioner Thimesch seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Macay Ewy let the Commissioners know that a retired Meterologist is returning to Kingman County and would like to help in the community. This individual would like to be on the LEPC board.

Commissioners opened the bids received for County Property and Work Comp.

The bids received were as follows:

KWORC (Work Comp) \$39,072.00

KCAMP (Property, Liability,Crime) \$148,988.00

KWORC representative Jeff Pfananstiel let the Commissioners know why the annual premium went down from what we were billed this year.

KCAMP representative David Luke went over the reason for the increase in the annual premium bid and the coverages with the Commissioners.

MOTION: Commissioner Henning moved to approve bid from KCAMP for property, liability and crime. Commissioner Thimesch seconded the motion. The motion was

approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

MOTION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to approve the bid from KWORC for workman’s comp. Commissioner Henning seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Stan Goetz, HR/Planning/Zoning/Wastewater Director was in to let the Commissioners know about the upcoming Planning/Zoning Hearing next Monday night and the agenda for it.

Mr. Goetz discussed that Sarah Carroll and Mark Brady will be attending the Commission meeting next week at 10:30 a.m.

Charles Arensdorf, Public Works Director and Steve Bachenburg, County Engineer were in with contract for the Kyle Bridge to be signed.

Mr. Bachenburg discussed the road that they are wanting the shoulders to be extended. The shoulders will need to be graded and a little bit more work.

Mr. Bachenberg let the Commissioners know that he talked with Terracon about the sampling.

MOTION: Commissioner Thimesch made a motion to adjourn the regular board meeting at 11:29 a.m. Commissioner Henning seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Kansas Insurance Department recovers \$4.12 million for Kansans

Topeka, Kan. – Insurance Commissioner Vicki Schmidt, today, announced the Kansas Insurance Department recovered \$4.12 million in insurance funds for Kansans in the first eight months of 2022.

“When Kansans

call the Insurance Department, we work diligently to help make sure they receive the benefits they are entitled to under their insurance policy,” said Commissioner Vicki Schmidt.

If a dispute arises between a policyholder and an insurance company, regardless of the type of insurance, the Kansas Insurance Department investigates the complaint with the consumer and the company and works to ensure the insurance policy is fol-

lowed and benefits are paid accordingly.

“The insurance claims process can be complicated for consumers and if you are having an issue, I want to hear from you,” said Schmidt.

If you or someone you know have trouble with an insurance claim, please contact the Kansas Insurance Department’s consumer assistance division toll-free at 1-800-432-2484 or online at insurance.kansas.gov for any claims-related questions or concerns.

Public Temporarily Allowed to Salvage Fish at Ellis City Lake Due to Drought

ELLIS –Recent drought conditions resulting in minimal inflow at Ellis City Lake are having detrimental effects on local fish populations. And, continued dry weather may lead to significant fish losses in the near future. That’s why the Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks (KDWP) and the City of Ellis, Kan.

have issued a temporary order to open the lake to public salvage effective immediately.

When a public fish salvage is in effect, the public may collect any remaining fish in the designated waterbody by any legal methods, as well as by hand, dip net, or seine, per K.A.R. 115-7-1. The Ellis City Lake fish salvage order also temporarily removes all daily creel limits and size limits, per K.A.R. 115-25-14.

Anglers should pay special mind to posted notices around the lake, as this order will remain in effect only until posted notice is

removed.

Under normal conditions, anglers can expect to find the following species at Ellis City Lake:

Bluegill; Black Bullhead; Channel Catfish; Crappie; Flathead Catfish; Green Sunfish; Largemouth Bass; Saugeye; Wiper

Other waterbodies with a temporary fish salvage order in place due to drought include Warren Stone Memorial Lake, two miles east of La Crosse.

For information, contact KDWP district Fisheries biologist Dave Spalsbury at (785) 726-3212.

Kingman County Sheriff's Report

Sunday, September 11th

Traffic Stop	6
Traffic Complaint	13000 E Hwy 54, Cheney
Traffic Complaint	11000 E Hwy 54, Cheney
Traffic Complaint	SW 170 Ave, Cunningham
Traffic / Check Tag	N Hwy 11 & W Hwy 54, Kingman
Misc / Sign Down	NE 20 St & NE 40 Ave

Monday, September 12th

Traffic Stop	4
Traffic Complaint	SW 170 St & SW 170 Ave, Nashville
Traffic Complaint	SW 90 Ave & W Hwy 54, Kingman
Traffic/Abandoned Vehicle	NE 10 St & NE 100 Ave, Murdock
Animal Complaint	719 SW 50 Ave, Kingman
Animal Complaint	NE 10 St & NE 150 Ave, Cheney
Agency Assist	735 E D Ave, Kingman

Tuesday, September 13th

Traffic Stop	1
Traffic Complaint	SW 90 Ave & West Hwy 54, Kingman
Traffic Complaint	SE 40 St & SE 60 Ave, Murdock
Traffic Complaint	NW 50 St & NW 30 Ave, Kingman
Traffic / Disabled Vehicle	NE 40 Ave & Hwy 54, Kingman
Traffic / Vehicle Fire	SE 30 St & SE, Cheney
Animal Complaint	4550 SE 10 St, Kingman
Suspicious Vehicle	SW 180 Ave & West First St, Cunningham
Suspicious Vehicle	12979 NE 10 St, Cheney
911 Accidental Dial	2084 NE 150 Ave, Cheney

Wednesday, September 14th

Traffic Stop	1
Traffic Complaint	W Hwy 42 & SW 150 Ave, Nashville
Traffic Complaint	235 W D Ave, Kingman
Traffic Complaint	6000 S Hwy 14, Kingman
Traffic Complaint	214 E 4th, Cunningham
Traffic Complaint	712 W Hwy 42, Spivey
Animal Complaint	NW 110 Ave & NW 10 St, Kingman
Check Welfare	Murdock

Thursday, September 15th

Traffic Complaint	8000 W Hwy 54, Cunningham
Traffic Complaint	284 E Hwy 41, Rago
Traffic Complaint	1615 E Kansas Ave, Kingman
Traffic Complaint	11000 E Hwy 54, Cheney
Traffic Complaint	3220 E Hwy 54, Kingman
Traffic Complaint	121 S Main St, Kingman
911 Accidental Dial	12796 SE 20 St, Murdock

Friday, September 16th

Traffic Stop	4
Traffic Complaint	18000 W 54 Hwy, Cunningham
Traffic Complaint	S Hwy 14 & W Hwy 42, Rago
Traffic Complaint	16000 S Hwy 14, Rago
Traffic Complaint	2820 S Hwy 14, Kingman
Animal Complaint	SW 90 Ave & SW 40 St, Kingman
Traffic / Disabled Vehicle	6000 W Hwy 54, Kingman
Traffic / Disabled Vehicle	13000 E Hwy 54, Cheney
Traffic / Vehicle Fire	12000 W Hwy 54, Cheney
911 Accidental Dial	East C Ave & N Spruce St, Kingman

Saturday, September 17th

Traffic Stop	6
Traffic Complaint	9000 E Hwy 54, Murdock
Traffic Complaint	16000 S Hwy 14, Rago
Traffic / Disabled Vehicle	4000 W Hwy 54, Kingman
Traffic / Debris in Roadway	11000 W Hwy 54, Kingman
Suspicious Person	245 N Main St, Kingman
Suspicious Person	201 South Main St, Nashville
Trespassing	445 E Leiter Ave, Cunningham
911 Accidental Dial	211 N Lincoln, Cunningham
90 Ave, Zenda	
Agency Assist / Fire	501 N Thompson St, Kingmn
Fire Ivestigation	SE 20 St & SE 130 Ave, Murdock
Fire Ivestigation	E Hwy 42 & SE 100 Ave, Rago
911 Accidental Dial	507 N Four Wheel Dr, Kingman

Minutes from the Pratt County Commission Meeting on September 12, 2022

The Pratt County commissioners met in regular session Monday, September 26, 2022 at 2:00 p.m. in the commissioner room, 1st floor of the courthouse. The following members were present: Rick N. Shriver, Thomas W. Jones III, Dwight Adams, Tyson Eisenhower, county counselor, Lori Voss, county clerk, and Mark Graber, IT director.

Heather Morgan, economic development/ COVID consultant, reported talked to dept trans about electric vehicle charging station. Have 14 of the 44 million in hand. Grant process, with applications, they will pay 80% out of grant money and local has to pay 20% matching funds. Taking to economic development to

partner, she can fill out the application and will report back. Federal govern to state to local, grant for cyber security 80% of funds will have to flow down to states, cities, she thinks there will an application process. Prevent homeland security issues. Another grant that is open at the state level, 50/50 grant for construction and façade for buildings that are on Main Street or one block on either side that are not being utilized. Anyone that is interested can contact her. Dept of treasury email, laying off federal employees, assistance to ARPA funds will be diminished. Commissioner Shriver asked if the county is responsible for the charging station, can we charge a fee, Pratt was chosen as a location. Chairman Adams asked how much the county would be responsible for, she guessed 50,000. She will be reporting back when more information is known. Paula and Kevin Mazzanti, she reported she is questioning her property taxes. She has

paid all years' taxes but owes for 2017 and says she did not receive the tax statement for that year. She has continued to call and asked to take off the interest charges but will pay the late fees. She has been told by the treasurer the interest charges cannot be removed. Tyson stated that taxes are due every year regardless whether a statement has been received. She stated she would have paid the bill had she received it. Spencer Siroky, Tyson stated he is interested in purchasing the land south of the new public safety building. Tyson state it has not been appraised. He stated it would have to be put out to bid, publish for three consecutive weeks. It does not have to be appraised, but all we have is the value Commissioner Shriver made a motion to give Tyson the authority to contact the appraisal company and surveyor about the ground south of the building. Commissioner Jones seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. Tyson explained the timeline, around a month

to get the appraisal, he will get a hold of Spencer when the appraisal has been done. Jon Roach, noxious weed, gave an update on the truck, it has been completely rebuilt. He presented a map of where they have sprayed. Doug Freund, road supervisor, presented pay slips for two employees. Commissioner Shriver made a motion to approve a six month raise for Carl Swisher in the amount of \$.50. Commissioner Jones seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. Commissioner Jones made a motion to approve a raise for Ben Henning in the amount of \$.50. Commissioner Shriver seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. He will go to winter hours October 10, 2022. Commissioner Jones made a motion to approve the minutes from September 19, 2022. Commissioner Shriver seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. Commissioner Jones made a motion to recess into executive session for an attorney/cli-

ent matter at 2:38 p.m. for fifteen minutes to discuss multiple legal issues. Commissioner Shriver seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. Commissioner Jones made a motion to return from executive session at 2:51 p.m. with no action taken. Commissioner Shriver seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. Commissioner Jones made a motion to approve the payment vouchers for September 26, 2022. Commissioner Shriver seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. The interviews for emergency management/ zoning position will be conducted October 3, 2022. Clerk Voss will call applicants to make appointments. Mark reported the internet was set up at the new building. Tim and Billy are moved into their offices. Telephones will be hooked up in the next two weeks. Commissioner Jones had contacted Tim about putting letters on the stone for the PSB. Chairman Adams discussed the air tanks, he

contacted a company in Colorado. He stated the sheriff had purchased two for 450 for aluminum ones. Commissioner Shriver stated Billy had contacted him with a new bid 650 per tank for fifteen tanks. Chairman Adams asked why they needed that many new air tanks. He asked why they needed all this new equipment at the new building. Commissioner Shriver wants to visit with Scot Loyd, CPA about our funds. Chairman Adams questioned the capital improvement fund and the special equipment funds and why the department heads think that is their money, it used to be all one fund. Tyson explained the special equipment fund purchases are approved by the commissioners. Commissioner Shriver would like to see the tanks being replaced a few each year payable out of his budget. Commissioner Jones made a motion to adjourn at 3:11 pm. Commissioner Shriver Seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Notice of Public Meetings in Central and Eastern Kansas for Public Water Supply Lead and Copper Rule Implementation

TOPEKA – The Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE) is holding public meetings to help communities and public wa-

ter supply systems learn about the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) new Lead and Cooper Rule Revisions (LCRR). Under the LCRR, public water supply systems are required to prepare and maintain and inventory of service line materials. This inventory is to be submitted to KDHE by October 16, 2024. Public water supply system decision-makers, operators, and the public are encouraged to attend to learn more about the

inventory requirements and actions that can be taken to reduce lead exposure risks in drinking water. Piping containing lead can become a potential health risk in drinking water. Some homes (typically built before 1988) may have lead service lines that connect to the public water supply system. Young children, infants and fetuses are particularly vulnerable to lead in drinking water and water used for formula because the physical and behavioral effects of lead occur at lower exposure levels in children. KDHE staff will review the following topics: Development of Lead Service Line Inventories Public Water Supply System Responsibilities Water System Customer Cooperation Lead Exposure Health Risks from Drinking Water Funding information for lead service line replacement The meetings will be held: October 3, 2022 1 – 3 p.m. Courtyard by Marriott 3020 Riffell Drive Salina, Kansas 67401 October 4, 2022 1 – 3 p.m. Drury Plaza Hotel 400 W. Douglas Ave. Wichita, Kansas 67202 October 11, 2022 1 – 3 p.m. Emerald Ballroom 1717 SW Topeka Blvd Topeka, Kansas 66612 October 12, 2022 1 – 3 p.m. Chanute Memorial Auditorium 101 S. Lincoln Ave. Topeka, Kansas 66612 Chanute, Kansas 66720

Individuals needing accommodations should contact the Kansas Department of Health and Environment at least five business days before the hearing by phone at (785) 296-5514, fax (785) 559-4258 or TTY 711. Meetings for other regions of the state will be announced once they are scheduled. For more information about KDHE's Lead Service Line Inventory requirements please visit KDHE.KS.gov/LCRR.

Public Notice

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ORDINANCE NO. 678
AN ORDINANCE VACATING ESTELLA AVENUE EAST OF WILMOT STREET IN THE CITY OF CUNNINGHAM, KANSAS AND RESERVING AN EASEMENT FOR PURPOSES OF EGRESS AND INGRESS.

WHEREAS, the City of Cunningham, Kansas desires to vacate a portion of the street right of way below described:

Estella Avenue east of Wilmot Street between Lot One (1) of Block Three (3) of Elliot's Second Addition and Lot Six (6) of Block Six (6) of Elliot's Addition, and;

WHEREAS, a Petition was presented to the City of Cunningham, Kansas and a public hearing was held on Monday, September 12, 2022 at 6:30 p.m., and;

WHEREAS, proper notice of such street vacation was given pursuant to

K.S.A. 12-504 by publishing notice of intent to vacate in The Cunningham Courier, and;

WHEREAS, a public hearing was held and there were no objections to the street vacation, and;

WHEREAS, no private property rights will be injured or endangered by vacating the street, and;

WHEREAS, the public will suffer no loss or inconvenience and in the interest of justice, the petition shall be granted, and;

WHEREAS, the City of Cunningham, Kansas reserves itself an easement in the vacated street for purposes of egress and ingress and more particularly described as:

Estella Avenue east of Wilmot Street between Lot One (1) of Block Three (3) of Elliot's

Second Addition and Lot Six (6) of Block Six (6) of Elliot's Addition.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF CUNNINGHAM, KANSAS:

SECTION 1. That the following described portion of Estella Avenue is hereby vacated:

Estella Avenue east of Wilmot Street between Lot One (1) of Block Three (3) of Elliot's Second Addition and Lot Six (6) of Block Six (6) of Elliot's Addition, and;

SECTION 2. The City of Cunningham, Kansas reserves itself an easement for purposes of egress and ingress and more particularly described as:

Estella Avenue east of Wilmot Street between Lot One (1) of Block Three (3) of Elliot's Second Addition and Lot Six (6) of Block Six (6) of Elliot's Addition.

SECTION 3. The City Clerk is hereby directed to file a certified copy of this ordinance with the County Clerk and Register of Deeds of Kingman County, Kansas.

SECTION 4. Ownership of the street right of way being vacated shall revert to the adjacent property owners pursuant to state law.

SECTION 5. This ordinance shall take effect 30 days after the publication thereof, unless one or more interested parties file a written protest be the expiration of such time.

P A S S E D B Y T H E GOVERNING BODY THIS 26 DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2022.

Attest:

Molly Morgan
City Clerk

KDHE staff will review the following topics: Development of Lead Service Line Inventories Public Water Supply System Responsibilities Water System Customer Cooperation Lead Exposure Health Risks from Drinking Water Funding information for lead service line replacement The meetings will be held: October 3, 2022 1 – 3 p.m. Courtyard by Marriott

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF: JILL MILLER, Deceased. Case No. 2022 PR 54

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

NOTICE OF HEARING

THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:

You are hereby notified that a Petition has been filed in this Court by Valerie A. Nichols, an heir of Jill Miller, deceased, praying:

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

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(30), Range Nine (9) West of the 6th P.M., Kingman County, Kansas

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

You are required to file your written defenses thereto on or before October 4, 2022 at 10:00 o'clock a.m. in the city of Kingman, in 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.

Valerie A. Nichols
Petitioner
BY: Matthew W. Ricke
349 N. Main, PO Box 113
Kingman, KS 67068
(620) 532-3103
Attorney for Petitioner

Visit with Mark Holland
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Bonnie Stark Rupp

Bonnie Lee Stark Rupp, 90, died September 23, 2022, at Mennonite Friendship Communities, South Hutchinson. She was born August 10, 1932, in Virgil, to Leondius Irl and Patra Devela (Kerr) Abbey.

Bonnie worked for many years in restaurants and grocery stores in the communities in which she lived – Cunningham, Buhler/Inman, Hutchinson, and Pueblo, CO. Bonnie’s love language was giving and she expressed that through painting, baking (especially banana bread), and shopping for others. Bonnie especially loved spending time with family. She was of the Baptist faith.

On December 24, 1948, Bonnie married C. Harold Stark, in Cunningham. He died November 1, 1985. On August 22, 1987, she married Eugene Rupp in Pueblo, CO. He died February 7, 2009.

Bonnie is survived by: her children, Harold Stark (Theresa) of Cunningham, Earl Stark (Rebecca) of Buhler, Bill Stark (Debbie) of Derby, Bert Stark (Patti) of Moore, OK, Denise Hahn of Bentonville, AR; stepchildren, Joe, Mike, Kenny, Loretta, Cindy; and numerous grandchildren, great-grandchildren, step-grandchildren; 1 great-greatgrandchild; and many other extended family members.

She was preceded in death by: her parents; sisters, Lucille Klinginsmith, Hazel Crowell, Kathleen Bischof; and brother, Gene Abbey.

Funeral service was. Wednesday, September 28, 2022, at Elliott Chapel. Burial followed in Buhler Municipal Cemetery West. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Mennonite Friendship Communities or Reno County Food Bank, in care of Elliott Mortuary, 1219 N. Main, Hutchinson, KS 67501.



Gareld Inslee

Preston - Gareld Wayne Inslee, 81, passed away Wednesday, September 21, 2022 in Gainesville, Florida. He was born on September 23, 1940 in Pratt County, Kansas to James Eldon and Marguerite (Ratlief) Inslee. He married Janelda (Olmstead) Inslee.

Gareld graduated from Isabel High School in 1958. He worked as a farmer and an oil field hand. He was a member of Army National Guard from 1959-1965. He enjoyed reading western books, watching western movies, rodeos and farming.

He is survived by his wife, Janelda Inslee; children, James DeWayne Inslee of Hawthorne, Florida, Gareld Dean Inslee of Preston, Michael David (Jennifer) Inslee of Pratt and Michelle Deann (Russell) Oberdier of Vincent, Ohio; sisters, Janie (Lonnie) Fredrick of Isabel, Nancy Bales of Sawyer, Eileen (Bennie) Murphy of Isabel and Eva (David) Christman of Arkansas; grandchildren, Dustin (Jamie) Inslee, Cody (Alisha) Inslee, Larimee (Randall) Clements, Heather Inslee, Cory Oberdier and Brady Oberdier; and 9 great grandchildren with another on the way.

Gareld is preceded in death by his parents.

Funeral service was held Tuesday, September 27, 2022 at Larrison Mortuary with John Hamm presiding. Burial followed at Isabel Cemetery, Isabel.

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KANSAS WHEAT

K-State Recommends Testing Soils Ahead of Planting to Hhelp Set the 2023 Wheat Crop Up for Success

September is a busy month for Kansas producers, who are making final selections for wheat varieties, prepping equipment and spraying volunteer wheat and weeds ahead of planting this year’s wheat crop. K-State Agronomy recently released guidance on one other action that could help save some cost and set the 2023 wheat harvest up for success from day one — soil sampling.

In a K-StateAgronomy eUpdate on August 25, Nutrient Management Specialist Dorivar Ruiz Diaz noted soil sampling “is particularly important with higher fertilizer prices contributing to very tight margins for wheat.”

Ruiz Diaz wrote, “Accurate decisions are especially important during years with low grain prices and tight budgets. Furthermore, after variable conditions and yield

levels across the state, fertilizer needs may require adjustments based on soil test...Now is the time to get those samples taken, to ensure there will be enough time to consider those test results when planning your fall fertilizer programs.”

Producers should plan for 10 to 20 soil samples per field for an accurate measure of nutrients throughout the field, rather than applying nutrients based on sampling in only a small area. While the specific soil tests producers should order depend on location, application methods and level of tillage, the most common nutrients to which wheat shows good responses are nitrogen (N) and phosphorus (P) with low soil pH rounding out “the Big 3.” However, in Kansas, sulfur and chloride deficiencies are becoming more common.

Producers can opt for one of two standard soil samples — 0-6 inches and 0-24 inches. The standard 0-6 inch sample helps test for nutrients Phosphorus and potassium (K), both of which are buffered processes in Kansas soils. According to Ruiz Diaz, “This simply means that the soil contains significant quantities of these nutrients, and the soil tests we commonly use provide an index value of the amounts available to the plant, not a true

quantitative measure of the amounts present.”

Wheat takes up the majority of its N before flowering, but “in many years, especially following dry summers like this year, significant amounts of N can be present in soils at wheat planting.” Still, these residual N levels may be lower than “default” values and producers need to adjust applications according to sampling recommendations.

For P, Ruiz Diaz noted: “Wheat is the most P-responsive crop we grow in Kansas, and while the P removal with wheat may be less than with corn or soybeans, the relative yield response is often the highest.”

K-State also noted low soil pH is an increasing concern, especially in fields with high rates of previous N applications. Potassium (K) deficiency could also be an issue in southeast and south central Kansas, but the focus of most K testing is with rotation crops like corn and soybeans.

Other options producers can monitor with this standard sample include soil organic matter and micronutrients like zinc, both of which are especially important when planning for rotation crops like corn and grain sorghum. Soil organic matter also helps producers calculate N needs; K-State calculates 10 pounds of available N for every 1% of soil organic matter.

Without soil sampling, Kansas producers could waste valuable resources by applying too many or too few nutrients, which could result in excess foliage, increased plant disease, inefficient use of water and reduced yields. In contrast, combining soil sampling informa-

tion with yield maps, topography, personal experience on the land and other information allows producers to build layers of management for each wheat field. Doing so long-term helps growers minimize cost, maximize yield and build healthier soil for the upcoming growing season and wheat harvests for years to come.

Read the full K-State Agronomy eUpdate articles on soil testing at <https://eupdate.agronomy.ksu.edu>.

For more information on soil sampling and submitting samples to the K-State Soil Testing Laboratory, visit their website at <http://www.agronomy.k-state.edu/services/soiltesting/>.

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