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*Courier photo  
taken at sunset from  
the football field*

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City Council Meeting, April 25,  
2022

Guests in attendance: Fire Chief, Harold Stark; Property Officer, Jackie Ruckle; and Roberta Kobbe.

Chief Stark reported that routine maintenance is in progress at the Fire Department. Mayor Murphy discussed possible opportunities for Emergency Responder grants.

vacate a portion of that street.

It is time to begin the Audit for 2021. The City signed an agreement with ATC Accounting to conduct the audit.

The clerk presented a quote with the costs associated with replacing the coin operated bulk water station. The consensus of the Council is that the station is not used enough to warrant a new system.

City Forester: Eric Meyers

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Aaron Murphy

LKM Alternate: Jason Ruckle

Motion by Ruckle, second by Woodard, to approve proposed appointments. Motion carried, 5/0.

Motion by Ricke, second by Woodard, to elect Jason Ruckle as President of City Council. Motion carried, 4/0. (Ruckle abstained.)

Mayor Murphy appointed Nick Rogers as Planning & Zoning Board Chairman. Motion by Ricke, second by Ruckle, to approve the appointment. Motion carried, 5/0.

Property Officer report – Jackie reported that Tree Limb Pickup Day with student volunteers was a huge success. The City has received some written complaints regarding trash and junk piled on properties. Notices were being served on those properties.

Maintenance report – Mesa reported a sewer main was cleared between manhole 24 and 25. The transfer switch has been installed at the Well House. Repairs are in progress at the south warehouse. The dump truck was repaired after a hole was discovered in the radiator. New lights will be installed at the basketball/volleyball courts. The base of the flagpole in Lion's Park needs repairs that will likely require new concrete. Repairs to the plumbing in the pool house are almost complete. The football field has been seeded and watered. A tree by the Well House is split and will be removed; saplings along Fourth Street and Dresden Street have been removed. There was damage to a sewer manhole near Florence Avenue and Douglas Street after someone drove

over it.

Planning & Zoning report – The Zoning Administrator reported that a training opportunity has been made available. It was the consensus of the Council that anyone on the Planning & Zoning Board that would like to take advantage of the training should have the opportunity to.

The Council met in two separate executive sessions to discuss personnel matters of nonelected personnel. No action was taken during the executive session. When the meeting resumed the following motions were made: Motion by Woodard, second by Ruckle, to approve \$1/hour raise for the City Superintendent. Motion carried, 5/0. Motion by Newell, second by Ruckle, to approve \$1/hour raise for the City Clerk. Motion carried, 5/0.

The Council again met in executive session to discuss personnel matters of nonelected personnel in order to protect the privacy interest of the person(s) to be discussed. When the meeting resumed in open session the following lifeguards were hired: Keiden Mills, Kelden Mills, Elizabeth Paris, and Kory Morgan. Returning staff which included: Megan Hansen, Alayna McGuire, Kendra Morgan, Maranda Lohrke, Joanna Hansen, Luke McGuire, and Hannah Ellis all received twenty-five cent/hour raises.

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

Motion by Ricke, second by Woodard, to adjourn. Motion carried, 5/0. Mayor Murphy adjourned the meeting at 8:46 p.m.

Mr. Reed told the board there would be a Football Jamboree here on August 26<sup>th</sup>. We have travelled to other towns

Government funded open enroll-

Darren Parker's watercolor of the current high school has been purchased by the Stackhouses and donated to the school, to hang in the new building.

Principal Dunlap gave his report  
(con't on page 3)

A woman with blonde hair, wearing a red graduation cap and gown with a yellow stole, is speaking at a wooden podium. She is looking down at a microphone in front of her. The background is a plain, light-colored wall.

*Ashlynn Miracle,  
Valedictorian for the Class of  
2022 addresses the audience.*



*Madison Dowse gives her  
Salutatorian's speech.*

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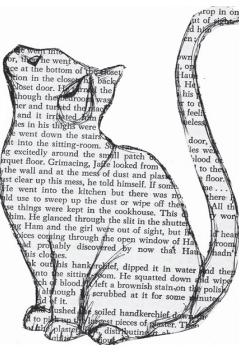
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Meanderings

I think I have found a soulmate. Her name is Dorrine. She lives in Arizona. I don’t think she’s really aware of who I am. I suspect she’s read a post or two of mine in our Facebook Book Club, and there are 31,000 readers subscribed to this Facebook group.

So you must be wondering how I found Dorrine.

One of the posts this last week was by Whitney: “After buying a duplicate of a book that I already have, I decided to rotate my bookcase and make a TBR list on my Goodreads account.

If my scanning worked... I have 135 books that I own that are waiting to be read. 135. What’s your number?

I made a “phfft” noise and said, “Beginner!” I have 135 books piled on tables around my home. I read through the other comments “250”. Why bother having a list?

“854”. She’s getting the idea, but she’s still an amateur.

Kaye said, “I need to live to 110 years old to get all of them read!” Sorry, Kaye, I have you beat. I’ll have to live to be 1110 years old to get all mine read!”

Judith made a comment “and write book reports with each”. That is an ambitious reader!

And then there was Dorrine. I love Dorrine. She posted, “I don’t buy many books anymore. I get them from the library or from friends. I have a huge TBR list however on the computer - 72 pages, single-spaced, with two columns per page - no idea how many books are on it. I can guarantee I’ll never get to read them all, but I am still adding every time I see something I’d like to read, and I consult it often, and cross them off when I’ve read them...”

NOW we’re talking. I decided to do a bit of math. (I’m not much of a person for ciphering, but I think this is something I can handle.) Let’s assume Dorrine uses a 14 point font. Regular margins. That is about 40 books per column. Eighty books per page. Multiply by 72 = 5,760 books. That is an impressive ‘To Be Read List’. I have great admi-

ration for a woman who can keep a list like that. Dorrine and I will both be living to be 1,110 years old in order to get all our books-t-be-read read.

BUT She doesn’t have me me beat.

One of my favorite book sites is, of course, paperbackswap.com. On this site I can put books on a ‘wish list.’ When someone has that book and they post it, I can claim it and they will send it to me and I can read it immediately or I can put it on one of my book stashes and read it later. However, I am not usually the only reader wanting that book, so I have to wait my turn. I have on my paperback-swap.com wish list 500 books (that is the maximum you can put on it).

I know you are thinking “amateur! What is 500 books?” BUT there is also a ‘reminder’ list where you can keep a list of unlimited books. I currently have 3,201 books on my reminder list. Not yet up to Dorrine’s 5700 number. However, here I have an advantage over Dorrine because unlike her, I do buy books. I buy them at books sales and estate sales and consignment stores. And ebay and Amazon and.... And I also check them out from the library. And today,

in the mail, one of our readers sent me the book “A Parcel of Patterns” by Jill Paton Walsh. So, even friends and subscribers send me books. (Thank you, Jody!)

In my home I have closets with books in them. I have bookcases stuffed with books. I have armoires with books stacked in them. I have containers with books in them. I have books piled on tables and bureaus. I have books everywhere. I have books to last me 110 lifetimes. I never lack for reading material. And I have Dorrine beat with my T-Be-Read list!

But I do admire that woman! She is a dedicated reader. Just think single spaced document double-columned, seventy-two pages. Impressive.

I have changed up my snacking. I am trying desperately to cut back on sugar. I need to.

I have decided to try 'alternative snacks.' I have found there are many Chex Mix recipes that make for yummy snacks.

I've tried three or four of them. So far this is my favorite:

**Cranberry-Orange Chex™ Party Mix**  
Ingredients:  
3 cups Honey Nut Chex™ cereal

3 cups Rice Chex™ or Corn Chex™ cereal  
1 cup sliced almonds  
1/4 cup butter  
2 tablespoons sugar  
1 teaspoon grated orange peel  
1/2 teaspoon ground ginger  
1 1/4 cups dried cranberries

**PREPARATION**  
Line large rimmed cookie sheet with waxed paper. In large microwavable bowl, add cereals and almonds.

In small microwavable bowl, microwave butter uncovered on High 20 to 40 seconds or until melted. Stir in sugar; microwave 30 to 60 seconds or until sugar is dissolved. Stir in orange peel and ginger. Pour onto cereal and almond mixture, mixing thoroughly to coat.

Microwave uncovered on High 4 to 6 minutes, stirring after every minute, until well coated and glazed. Spread on cookie sheet; cool completely, about 15 minutes.

Carefully separate cereal pieces; stir in cranberries. Transfer to large serving bowl.

I highly recommend this little snack. Easy and tasty. And not too much sugar. It makes a nice large batch as well. A batch can last me a day or two! Ha!

I have another here I want to try, but I'm having a difficult time finding apple chips.

When I find the chips, and I make up a batch, and if they are tasty, I'll get you all the recipe.

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While I was working on the paper this evening, I happened to glance at the news. I'm sorry I did. The mass shooting in Texas... there are no words for how many of us are feeling. No words. Too many of these heart-wrenching events are taking a toll on our society.

Too many good, kind, innocent people are randomly being killed through senseless acts of disturbed people.

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Always reading and currently reading, "The Timothy Game" by Lawrence Sanders, Roberta

*“Books are the carriers of civilization...They are companions, teachers, magicians, bankers of the treasures of the mind. Books are humanity in print.”*  
— Barbara W. Tuchman

*“A house without books is like a room without windows.”*  
— Horace Mann

Tallgrass and Tumbleweeds

by Gaille Pike

Column for May 19th

Dear Readers,

Mother Nature used our yard as her canvas this week. She applied windy brushstrokes to every nook and baked each color in with 90+ degree heat. Then she power washed every cranny overnight with a rain-storm. I woke to view of lush greens, every shade of green you can imagine. Red squirrel mommas

played follow-the-leader with their babies, scampering up and down tree trunks and darting across the lawn where they scattered a band of blue jays breakfasting on worms. Dew sparkled on the first purple wildflower blossoms and dripped from the last white iris blooms.

I turned from this tranquil scene reluctantly and sat down at my desk to

work. What happened next was a good thing but it sure made me shake my head. A piece of paper slid to the floor. As I picked it up, I realized it was something I had been looking for, for at least a week. I had known exactly WHAT I was looking for, I could “see” it in my head. I knew I had it...somewhere. So I’d gone through every file and stack of papers in my office. And I got pretty worked worked-up when I couldn’t put my hands on it. Now long after I’d wanted it and days after I’d stopped

looking for it—now, it just dropped in my lap so to speak. And I couldn’t stop laughing because for the life of me, I couldn’t even remember why I thought it was so all-fire important or why I needed it.

It must not have been that important, right? And that thought made me laugh at myself even more. I confess I got to giggling so much that I spilled my coffee and made a mess and I sniggered my way through cleaning that up. Then I tried to get ahold of myself so I could work.

I sat back down and read my to-do list with fresh eyes. I re-numbered my tasks. I re-prioritized how I would spend my time based on what matters most: as my brother Dale says, “weeding and watering” my relationships, meeting my responsibilities, and making time for fun. It gave me pause to look at my revised list and realize how often I waste energy on things that seem imperative that are not, situations that insignificant and qualms over troubles that may never come to come to pass.

And then a fresh round of laughing at myself ensued. There’s no doubt I’ll lose perspective again because all humans do. But for the moment I had my head screwed on right rather than tight, realizing that when Mother Nature can go from ninety-five degrees in the shade to sixty-six and cloudy in a few hours, a single piece of paper can’t be all that important.

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

Tallgrass and Tumbleweeds

by Gaille Pike

Column for May 26th

Dear Readers,

Following a Bean Tragedy 50-some years ago, I swore I’d do no more garden harm. I honored that pledge until the 2020 Great Pumpkin Patch Massacre, following which I zealously recommitted to gardening non-violence. Last summer, my horticultural endeavors were minimal in scale, thoughtfully planned, and by my hands no plants died.

Our growing season has barely begun and though I am no less devoted to garden pacifism, recent events concern me that garden evil still lurks within.

I confess my past wrongdoings. I’ve sought to change my ways. And my previous “evils” were well-intentioned, if not quite defensible.

Those string bean seedlings I killed? That was a matter of youthful

exuberance and overconfidence. I remember the feel and shape of those seeds in my little GAILLE HANDS and my brothers following behind me and chiding me when I dropped them in the rows too close together. Once planted, more long rows for irrigation had to be hoed. And then, every couple of days, we’d all go out to weed and watch for sprouts. I observed my parents on occasion helping little sprouts by gently picking a little of the soil from around their base. So one sunny afternoon all by myself, I did the same. When Mom and Dad confronted me with

their withered remains that evening, I sobbingly confessed. Those bean plants died tragically but they did die free.

And as for the pumpkin patch I killed off in 2020? Yes, I was responsible for the murder of those plants. And in hindsight, attempting to grow a pumpkin patch in a 30-gallon container (without reading the instructions on the seed packet) was an ill-conceived notion at best. But my *cucurbita moschata-cide* was not intentional. Ironically, my plant-slaughter occurred precisely because I did not want to cull any of them in the beginning

though more than 3 dozen seedlings sprouted. And my refusal to handle my “pumpkin problem” resulted in my macabre killing of them all.

So imagine both my delight and my dismay at finding that 52 bird-house gourd plants sprouted this week...in a 10-gallon pot. I was the one responsible because, on a whim, dumped out the innards of a dried bird-house gourd in that pot without really thinking any of those old seeds would germinate. What to do, what to do? I knew I didn’t want to add to my plant-killer-karma so I couldn’t just hope this “gourd problem” would

go away on its own.

I searched Google and YouTube for solutions but found none. When I tried to ask any of my friends for ideas, all they wanted to talk about was my pumpkin-killing ways.

As of this writing, all 52 bird-house gourd seedlings live. I left five in the pot and the remaining 47, I planted around the edge of the lawn. It’s too soon to know if I’ve done garden harm or good, but I promise to tell you how it turns out. Well, maybe not.

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

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<b>Friday, May 27th</b> State HS Track Meet at WSU *** 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. Free Swim at Cunningham Pool	<b>Wednesday, June 1st</b> FFA Convention
<b>Saturday, May 28th</b> 1:00 - 7:00 Cunningham Swimming Pool Official Opening Day	<b>Thursday, June 2nd</b> FFA Convention *** T-Ball
	<b>Friday, June 3rd</b> FFA Convention
	<b>Monday, June 6th</b> 7:00 p.m. BOE Meeting


**Ninnescah Valley Bank  
will be closed Monday,  
May 30th in observance  
of Memorial Day.**

**Thursday, May 26th**  
**Free Concert**  
**The Other  
Guys Band**  
7:00 p.m - 9:00 p.m.  
Doors open at 6:00 p.m.  
Seating will open at 6:30.  
Concessions will be sold.  
Free will donations will be  
taken to support the theatre.

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*I would like to ask for help in gathering the community events for the summer. If you can send in information about ballgames or other events, please do! We need to let folks know that our community is active and on the go even during the summer. Thanks a bunch!*  
**Roberta**

**Cunningham Historical  
Museum  
will be open Memorial  
Weekend**  
**Saturday, May 28th  
12:00 to 6:00**  
**Sunday, May 29th  
2:00 to 5:00**  
**Monday, May 30th  
11:00 to 3:00 p.m.**

**American Legion  
Lorraine Post 98 Isabel  
Memorial Day  
May 30, 2022  
Honor Guard and  
Benediction**

Coats Cemetery  
8:45 AM  
Ellenwood Cemetery  
(Sawyer) 9:15 AM  
Lutheran Cemetery  
(Nashville) 10:30 AM  
Liberty Cemetery  
(Nashville) 10:45 AM  
Isabel Cemetery  
11:15 AM

**Memorial Day  
Ceremony for Pratt  
Monday - May 30  
at 2:00 pm  
All Veterans B-29  
Memorial Site  
Pratt Industrial Airport**

**Come and hon-  
or our Veterans.  
Bring a lawn chair.**

**Open House at the B-29  
Museum 3:00 - 5:00 pm**

**Art Contest**  
Pratt Art & Music Walk  
Theme: Our Town  
Three Categories:  
Primary School (PreK - 5th Grades)  
Secondary School (6th - 12th Grades)  
Adults (18+)  
1st, 2nd, and 3rd place winners in each category.  
Winners artwork will be showcased with picture of artists and artist statement at participating locations downtown May 30th - June 3rd.  
Drop off deadline is May 25th at ZabelJane's Gallery 1115 W U.S. Hwy 54.  
Judging will be based on creativity, use of medium, your representation and explanation of the theme, skill level and use of space (paper).

**Memorial Day  
May 30, 2022**

**Sunday, May 29th  
Leredo Cemetery**  
10:00 a.m. Music  
10:30 a.m. Program  
Speaker Bill Holcomb  
Music by Ethan Pearson  
Color Guard - Lyons  
High School ROTC

**BOE Takeaways**  
*(con't from front page)*

about the accreditation process.  
FFA members will be attending the state convention in Manhattan the week of June 1<sup>st</sup>. Mr. Hoch and new ag teacher, Bailey Osborn will be attending with the students.  
Eric Kerschen will be having summer weights classes.  
Nine through twelve grades summer school begins June 1<sup>st</sup>.  
Schedules continue to be a work in progress.  
Some bond issue issues were discussed. The meeting to accept bonds will be Wednesday at 5:00.  
There is a sixth month delivery date on materials and supplies, and during the summer months the architects will be working on the design and other aspects of the project. Groundbreaking for the new building is tentatively planned for December 13<sup>th</sup>. The new section with classroom should be finished by the beginning of the 2023-2024 school year. February 2024 should see the project completed.  
The storage of school records was brought up. They are currently in a vault in the old high school. A new home

will need to be found for them.  
A resolution to apply for MIP (municipal investment pool) was passed.  
There were several executive sessions to discuss personnel and one to discuss negotiations. *(Editor's note: All in the group waiting for the executive sessions to end decided that whatever the teachers wanted they should get.)*  
Substitute teachers' pay was discussed.  
The program offering free lunches to all students ended with this school year. Next school year everyone will need to apply for free or reduced lunches to qualify for the program.  
Driver's education with Mr. Ricke will take place the last two weeks of July.  
Ginnie Wright was hired as summer custodial help.  
The purchase of school vehicles were discussed again. The board voted to buy two new vehicles from Newbery Motors.  
*And there you have it, most of the news from the school board meeting. It was a long evening!*  
*-the editor*

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YEARS AGO IN

The Cunningham Clipper

W. A. BRADLEY, EDITOR

1932

May 27 – There will be a big Fried Chicken Dinner at the St. Leo School auditorium next Tuesday, May 31st . The prices for the Chicken Dinner will be 35c for adults and 15 cents for the children.

The dinner is given to commemorate the first Mass read by Rev. Father Edwin Albers, which will take place in the St. Leo Catholic Church at nine o'clock Tuesday morning. The dinner will follow the services at the Catholic church.

Everyone is cordially invited to attend the Mass by Rev. Father Albers and also to partake of the dinner at noon and supper in the evening.

The following boys and girls believe in the conservation of gasoline and have taken up horseback riding. The following enjoyed a long ride Sunday afternoon: Misses Bonnie, Ruby, and Bertha Gibbens, Gertrude, Elsie, and Anna Crow, Velda Huffman. Messrs. Devere Doty, Elmo Huffman, Sam McMichael, Ray Nehr, Finley McClellan, James Hoagland, Wilbur Slattery, Orville Shelman, and Marvin Shelman.

A tent has been erected on the lots north of the old Savidge Hotel into which Revival Meetings are being held and sponsored by the Assembly of God brethren. Services are held each night at 8 o'clock, excepting on Decoration Day, Monday, May 30th . The services will continue until June 15th .

The Cunningham Golf Course will get a good mowing next week and will be put in fine shape for playing.

Try Jo-Mar Ice Cream – Pint 20c, Quart 40c – All Kinds of Sundaes and Cold Drinks at all times. – Jones Café.

W. A. DeLair and Oscar Baber, local representatives of the K.T. Oil corporation, went to Hutchinson. Wednesday evening where they attended a banquet given at the Leon Hotel for a district meeting of the K. T. Oil corporation dealers.

Mr. and Mrs. Allen Washburn and son Lee, and Mrs. W. C. Gage left Monday morning for Mrs. Gage's home in Deerfield, Mo.

1937

May 28- With a decrease of 466 the population of Kingman county slipped below the 12,000 mark. County Assessor Ralph Hodge reports population of the various towns: Kingman, 2,715, loss of 97; Cunningham, 452, loss of ten; Nashville, 249, gain of 11; Norwich, 418, loss of 30; Penalosa, 108, loss of 14; Spivey, 202, loss of one; Zenda, 255, gain of 13.

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Cunningham, Kans.  
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Thunder in the City  
With Edward G. Robinson  
Sunday, Monday, Tuesday  
Our Relations  
With Laurel and Hardy  
Wednesday, Thursday  
Hopalong Cassidy Returns  
With Bill Boyd

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Wilson left last Thursday morning for Elgin, Ill., where they will reside. Mr. and Mrs. Lee Wilson, parents of Robert, live on a dairy farm near Elgin, Mr. Wilson being the manager of the farm. The young people will make their home on the farm also. Elgin is only forty miles from Chicago.

Leo Rohiling, who has been manager of the Williams Oil Station, sold out to one of the Schnittker boys last week, and is now employed on the Standard Oil Truck.

1942

May 29 – Here An' There From Everywhere – A stranger addressed the farmer's boy across the fence. "Young man, your corn looks kind o' yellow." "Yes, that's the kind we planted." "Don't look as if you would get more than half a crop." "Don't expect to. The landlord gets the other half." Then after a pause, the man said: "Boy, there isn't much difference between you and a fool." "Nope," replied the boy, "only the fence." - Skelly Tattler.

Fred Cloud of the Kingman Journal says people talk of synthetic rubber as if it were something new, when for years it has been used by soda fountains for cherries.

1947

May 30– Paul DeWeese of Cunningham, World War II navy veteran and journalism senior, has been

presented with the Arthur Capper Award for outstanding work in industrial journalism at Kansas State College.

Arnold Heeke left Wednesday for Kansas City, to get a new tank for his truck.

Mr. and Mrs. D. G. Duff and Merle moved into their new home in the East part of town Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Pete Stockmer moved into their recently acquired property in Cunningham, the first of the week. Their home is the former D. G. Duff property.

The Ivanhoe Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star will celebrate their 25th anniversary at the High School auditorium Monday evening at 8:00 o'clock.

Three Cunningham students will be graduated Sunday evening, June 1st, from Kansas State College at Manhattan. They are Frances Wetherall, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Wetherall of Cunningham; Corlis Dell Goyen Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Dell Goyen of Cairo; and Paul DeWeese, son of Mr. and Mrs. Leo DeWeese of Cunningham.

Mary Cooley Frye graduated from Newton Memorial Hospital School of Nursing in Winfield, in exercises Saturday, May 10th. Mrs. Frye is the daughter of Mr. Glen Cooley.

Mary Evelyn Walker, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Luther Walker, was graduated from the St. Francis School of Nursing in Wichita, May 10th.

1952

May 30 – Cunningham almost caught St. Leo in the final inning of a baseball game here last Sunday afternoon, but fell one run short and went dow to defeat 11 to 10.

Cunningham spotted the St. Leo team ten runs during the first three innings when St. Leo led 11 to 1. "Mort" Becker, Paul Rohlman, and Joe Theis shared the hurling chores for Cunningham. Jack Theis pitched for St. Leo.

Quite a number of people have visited the Iris gardens at the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Dafforn.

The Preston American Legion Post will hold Memorial Day services, Friday morning (today) at 11:00 o'clock at the Shelman Cemetery north of Cunningham.

Seaman Apprentice Jerry Schafer will leave Saturday on a month's tour of duty at the Great Lakes Naval Training Station, Illinois.

The City of Cunningham gained seven people during the year of 1951, according to figures released this week from the office of the County Clerk, Sylvester Biggs. The population of Cunningham increased to 526. Population figures for other towns in Kingman County were given as follows: Kingman, 3407; Nashville, 150; Penalosa, 62; Spivey, 114; and Zenda, 196.

1957

May 30, – According to unofficial figures concerning population from the office of County Clerk Sylvester Biggs, Cunningham and Norwich are the only two towns in Kingman County showing a gain in population in the past year.

Cunningham's population figure jumped to 624 with a whopping big gain of 29 citizens. Norwich gained three in a total of 435. Kingman suffered a loss of 34 to 3,604; Nashville lost nine to 129; Penalosa dropped 16 to 67; Spivey lost 28 to 111; and Zenda lost two to 175.

Total city population in the county is 5,145, compared to 5,202 in 1956. Rural population figures also showed a decrease, with total township residents now 5,308 compared to 5,479 last year.

The Meade Drive-In, located three miles east of Kingman on Highway 54, will open for the summer, Saturday evening, June 1, according to word this week from Manager Charles Shoemake.

Miss Sondra Dunn, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Dunn of this city, became the bride of F. N. Sherman Ellis, son of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Ellis, also of Cunningham, in a simple but impressive ceremony at 2:00 o'clock Sunday afternoon in the local Methodist Church.

1962

May 31– Pouring of the concrete for the four blocks of curb and gutter along North and South Main Street in Cunningham was completed by Klaver and Wallace Construction Company of Kingman, Tuesday afternoon.

Several new petitions have been submitted to the city for additional curbing and guttering. One petition is for one block on Henderson Street. Two other petitions from the south part of town call for three blocks of curbing and guttering in conjunction with a five-block stretch now under consideration by the City Council.

The 1960 Census of Housing counted 3,444 housing units in Kingman County.

Of these, 2,403 were in sound condition with all plumbing; 3,054 were occupied; 2,120 were occupied by owners; \$6,700 was the median value of owner-

occupied places; 934 were occupied by renters; and \$61 was the median gross rent of rented places.

The final assembly program of the 1961-62 school year was held in the study hall, Friday, May 14.

The following awards were made:

Valedictorian: Alan Dafforn  
Salutatorian: Larry Millsap  
Good Citizenship Award: Janet Graves  
Scholarship Award: Alan Dafforn  
Senior Music Award: Larry Millsap  
Senior Athletic Award: Roger Krug

Farmers in the Cunningham area are readying harvesting equipment in anticipation for what appears to be one of the earliest wheat harvests in many years.

Hot windy weather during the past two weeks has hurried the ripening of the wheat, so that harvesting could be less than ten days away.

1967

June 1, 1967 – The Masonic Lodge of Cunningham will present two 50-year pins at a meeting, open to the public, in the Lodge Hall, Thursday evening, June 1, at 8:00 o'clock.

Receiving the coveted awards are R. O. (Bob) Underwood of Cunningham, and Charles J. Fee of Lakeside, Calif., former Cunningham resident.

It was "Class Reunion Day" in Cunningham last Sunday, with the graduating classes of 40 years ago and 20 years ago at Cunningham High School each enjoying a class reunion.

The "Class of 1927" was entertained at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Rufus Leiter, following a luncheon served by Mrs. Letha Jones at Jones' Café.

Those present were Mr. and Mrs. Elmo Huffman of Sacramento, Calif., Mr. and Mrs. Everett Baber of Tribune, Mr. and Mrs. Warren Kailer of Chase, M. and Mrs. Orvil Pierce of Wichita, Mr. and Mrs. O. R. Benningfield of Kingman, Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Mooney of Burrton, M. and Mrs. Frank Hart of Belpre, Mrs. Dwight Harpe of Mullinville, and Mr. and Mrs. Leiter.

The "Class of 1947" met at the school lunchroom in the afternoon, and enjoyed a social time together, reminiscing and taking pictures, with refreshments of dessert, tea and coffee.

Present were Mr. and Mrs. James Stanley and family of Manhattan, Mr. and Mrs. Martin Williams (Virginia Bradley) and family of Derby, Mr. and Mrs. Marcellus Schwartz and family, and Mr. and Mrs. Keith Smith (Bonnie Amick) and family of Wichita, Mr. and Mrs. John Luther (Bonnie Stillwell) and family of Pratt, M. and Mrs. Max Smith (Fairy Belle Foster) and son of Edmond, Okla., Mr. and Mrs. Paul Evins (Esther Sheldon) of Syracuse, M. and Mrs. Raymond Hecox (Lucille Mason) and family of Liberal, Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Oak and family of Penalosa, Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Harris Jr., of Seattle, Wash., and Mr. and Mrs. Al Joe Sterneker and family, Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Steffen (Mona Wilcox) and family, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Schreck and sons, and Mr. and Mrs. Ed Hageman (Mary Julane Thimmesch) and family, all of Cunningham.

Other guests were Mr. and Mrs. Bill Bradley and Kandi; Frank McCool of Pratt, and Miss Cozette Taylor.

1972

May 25– A Memorial Day tribute, honoring military veterans resting in St. Leo Cemetery, and Shelman and Maud Cemeteries at Cunningham, will be held by the Carter-Luce American Legion Post No. 114 of Cunningham, according to Post Commander Ralph Baber.

The tribute will be held at St. Leo at 9:00 o'clock, where 10 veterans are buried; 10:00 o'clock at the Shelman Cemetery, where 18 are interred, and at 10:45 o'clock at the Maud Cemetery, where 44 veterans are laid at rest.

Rev. Henry Dutcher of Cunningham, Chaplain of the Seventh District of the Kansas Department American Legion, will speak at the St. Leo Cemetery tribute, and Rev. Gerald Marton of Kingman, will speak at the Shelman and Maud Cemetery ceremonies.

Dr. and Mrs. Frank F. Allbritten Jr. of Shawnee Mission, are new residents of Cunningham, and we are happy to welcome them to our little city.

Dr. Allbritten, who until recently had served as a Dean of Surgery and an administrator at the University of Kansas Medical Center in Kansas City, is a native Cunninghamite, having been born and raised here, and was a graduate of the Cunningham High School in 1931.

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# Consider this...

by Mike Johnson

## Triple 20

When you spend four years trying to accomplish something, it becomes a pretty big deal when it finally falls into place.

So when my third dart sunk into the triple 20 rectangle just like the two before it, earning a 180 point throw, the highest possible in darts, my arms instinctively rose overhead.

No one witnessed it. It wasn't captured on film. But it held the best reward of all - I knew I'd done it.

Darts isn't a passion or anything, it's just something to do while thinking. Like lawn-mowing, it's a tremendous idea generator.

Throwing darts is so

much like life. I admit that to keep things interesting, I sometimes play a mental game while flipping those darts. I call it "annual income." By putting the heat of determining a year's revenue on the results of three throws, I tend to concentrate more. And develop strategy.

Significantly, on the pie-shaped dart board, the highest space is in the 20 slice where the inner tripling ring leaves a half inch space. Worth 60 points, it's even higher than the 50-point bulls-eye. But laying on each side of the 20 slice are the lowly 5 and 1 spaces. Miss by a hair and you've destroyed your point total.

In my quest for the perfect score, there were many times I'd sunk the first two darts into that elusive 60 point slot. But the third always went

astray. I explored many strategies to get that reluctant last dart to follow.

First I tried stopping. Deep breath. Concentrate. Focus only on the tiny square. Let the rest of the board fog out.

I'd choke every time. Sometimes by a 1/16 of an inch - triple one instead of triple 20. Or I'd hit the wire that divides the slices and the dart would fall to the ground. Rejected. Nothing.

So then I tried NOT stopping. Just keep throwing. Keep the rhythm. My body is a machine I'd tell myself. It knows how to repeat the same motion. Let it throw itself. Take your mind out of it.

Triple 5.

So then I tried raising the stakes - I'd generate a crowd for that desired third shot. GIRLS! DAD'S GOING FOR A PERFECT THROW! COME QUICK!

Single 1.

So over time, I detached from the drive to achieve a perfect score and found myself looking for life parallels instead.

Just like life, a 16th of an inch on either side of success lies the 1 and 5 slices. Life moral: shoot for the top and miss, be prepared to end up with almost nothing. Until you shoot again.

The high-scoring 19, 18, and 17 spaces are also positioned with lower scores around them. Moral: The higher your aspirations the higher your risks.

But once you reach the "average" numbers of 14 and lower, the neighboring spaces become more forgiving, holding higher - yet still average numbers. In fact, 14 is surrounded by 9 on one side and 11 on the other, making it the safest cluster to shoot for. Moral:

Shoot for average aspirations, receive average results.

I can't count the number of times a first dart would score only one point and then the remaining two would hit 20 or 60. Moral: Your first result is not your best result.

When I first started throwing for the 60 point slot, my scores took a major dive. The neighboring 5 and 1 point slots sucked up more darts than I could total. My average scores fell from 50 points to barely 20. Moral: Leave the familiar and for a time you won't do as well.

But over time, by consistently shooting for the board's top space, my scores rose higher than ever before. 100 point scores became common. Hit just one out of three in the 60 slot and you've

earned a dozen hits in the 5 slot. Moral: One good project can better a ton of little paychecks.

After the first two darts sunk into their target during that final throw, there was no stopping. The perfect throw wasn't even on my mind - I just enjoyed throwing the darts. No pressure. No intense concentration. Just another dart. Until it buried itself 60 points deep next to the others - providing my first perfect score - and perhaps the best moral of all.

Enjoy what you're doing and the results will take care of themselves.



### Cunningham Hands of Hope, Inc.

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

**Who we serve:** Residents within the USD #332 school district

**What:** Food

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

**Where:** 117 N Main (Old School Board Office)

**Why:** To provide food assistance to those in need.

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

Do you need assistance outside distribution hours?


Please call 620-491-0292 and leave a message. Your call will be returned as soon as possible. This institution is an equal opportunity provider.

## Pass It On®...

### The Legacy of Dorothy Vaughan.

### The Hidden Figure who Helped Put a man on the Moon.

Dorothy Vaughan was born in Kansas City, Missouri, just 45 years after the Civil War ended. At times, her load must have felt heavy, earthbound, during a time when African American women questioned how they would move beyond the barriers they faced. She looked for answers in two places: the African Methodist Episcopal Church, where



she sang in the choir, and mathematics. She graduated high school as valedictorian and later earned a mathematics degree, cum laude, from Wilberforce University.

During the Great Depression, she supported her family as a math teacher. Her career as a human computer at NASA didn't begin until she'd been teaching for 14 years.

Imagine going from trying to hold the attention of schoolkids to specializing in calculations for flight paths. Dorothy's flight trajectory was similar to the

one she plotted for John Glenn to orbit the moon. She became the supervisor over 400 human computers and taught herself the computer language FORTRAN, which she then taught to her coworkers. All of these accomplishments led to her greatest honor: being part of the team that put a man on the moon.

Dorothy stayed at NASA for 28 years and retired in 1971 having lived through slide rules to computers and segregation to desegregation. She received the Presidential Medal of Honor from President Obama and was posthumously honored by having a moon crater named after her.

As children, we often look at the moon with awe and wonder. Dorothy Vaughan saw possibilities. She applied herself to her education knowing the opportunities would

follow even though the road would be harder for her than for many others heading in the same direction. As a supervisor at NASA, she was active in championing rights and opportunities for all women. Her own daughter followed in those big footsteps to also work at NASA.


Dorothy Vaughan pushed through the gravity that held women and minorities earthbound to inspire generations of dreamers and achievers. When you shoot for the moon, you're not just setting your own sights high — you're inspiring all those around you to be the best they can be.

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### Catholic Churches


**Sacred Heart, Cunningham**  
Sundays 10:00 a.m.

**St. John, Zenda**  
Saturdays 5:30 p.m.

**St. Leo**  
Saturday 4:00 p.m. St. Leo

**St. Peter Willowdale**  
Sundays 8:30 a.m.

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




### Lutheran Churches

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

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


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

**Pastor Dennis Fangmeyer**  
Cell: 620-886-0911




### Church of Christ

**Penalosa**  
Sunday 11:00 a.m.



### First Christian Church

**Cunningham**  
Sunday School 9:30 am  
Morning Worship 10:45  
Sunday Evening Worship 6:00  
Jr High Youth Group 4:00 pm Sunday  
Sr High Youth Group 7:30 pm Sunday  
Wednesday Prayer Service 7:00  
Pastor Mike McGovney 620-298-3201



### 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**  
620-491-0680



Here's our version of the stories of the Bible if they were to be told by a child.

**Abraham, Isaac, Jacob and Joseph**

Next were Abraham, his son Isaac and his grandson Jacob. Esau was Jacob's brother, but Jacob was more famous because Esau sold him his birthmark for some pot roast. Jacob had a son, Joseph. Joseph wore a really loud sports coat.

**Moses**

Moses was the next important man. His real name was Charlton Heston. Moses led the Israel lights out of Egypt because of the bad Pharaoh. God sent ten

plagues on the Egyptians. Some of the plagues were mice, frogs, bugs, lice and no cable.

Every day in the desert, God fed the Israel lights some manicotti. He gave them His "Top Ten" commandments. They were things like: don't lie, don't cheat, don't dance, don't smoke, don't covet your neighbor's stuff (whatever that means). He also told them to humor their fathers and mothers.

**Joshua**

Moses' best helper was Joshua. He was the first person to use spies. He fought the battle of Geritol. That's when the fence fell down on the town.

**David**

David came after Joshua. They made him king after he killed a giant with a slingshot.

**Solomon**

One of David's sons was called Solomon. He had, like, 300 wives and 500 porcupines. They told us in Sunday School that he was a really wise man, but that doesn't sound too wise to me.

**Jonah and Other Prophets**

After Solomon came a whole lot of major league prophets. Jonah was one of them. He was swallowed by a whale, then barfed up on the beach.

There were some other minor league prophets, but they weren't too important.

### Fundraisers & Charitable Opportunities in our Community

**4C Day Care** Shop [smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com) or contact Kathy Albers 620-298-2725 or 620-388-0774 or leave a donation with the Methodist Church.

**West Kingman County Education Foundation**  
Use your Dillon's Card! Shop [smile.amazon.com](https://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)



“Little League baseball is a very good thing because it keeps the parents off the streets.”



— Yogi Berra



**Aquatic Blue T-Ball Team:**  
Gracelyn Becker  
Miles Becker  
Konner Fischer  
Max Kernohan  
Aspen Hildrith  
Dean Mack  
Jarrett Ford



Grace Patton photo



**Kiwi T-Ball Team**  
Grant Dunn  
Oakley Panek  
Kruze Panek  
Connor Hellman  
Tabby Dunlap  
Beckett Miller  
Kimber Rohlman



**Mint T-Ball Team:**  
Shett Albers  
Trey Albers  
Nash Molitor  
Casey Raney  
Vivian Kerschen  
Sloan Thimesch  
Wade Riggs



**Pink T-Ball Team:**  
Everett Ruckle  
Emma Ruckle  
Lucas Bailey  
Carson Johnson  
Dylan Tyler  
Jade Preisser  
Jett Preisser



**Violet T-Ball Team:**  
Nachon Ndambuk  
Evie Prim  
Weston Meireis  
Avery Beat  
Tucker Henning  
Mason Osner  
Ember Cooper



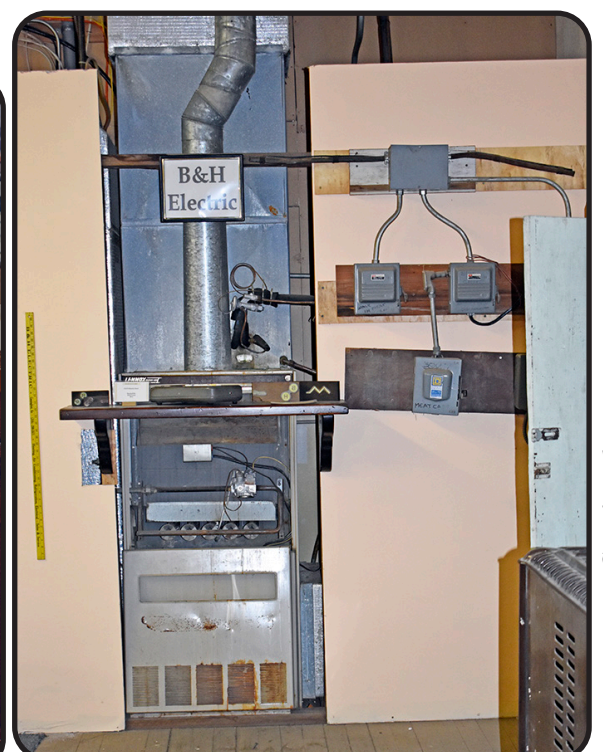
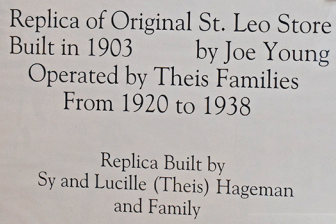
“Baseball isn't just a game. It's the smell of popcorn drifting in the air, the sight of bugs buzzing near the stadium lights, the roughness of the dirt beneath your cleats. It's the anticipation building in your chest as the anthem plays, the adrenaline rush when your bat cracks against the ball, and the surge of blood when the umpire shouts strike after you pitch. It's a team full of guys backing your every move, a bleacher full of people cheering you on. It's...life”

— Katie McGarry, Dare You To





Don't Forget the Museum's Grand Re-Opening this Weekend



*Courier photos*

# Museum Hosting Grand Re-Opening

**Who: Cunningham  
Historical Museum**

**What: Free Meal and Silent Auction**

*Where: Community Center  
and Cunningham Museum*

***When: Saturday, May 28th***  
***Doors open at 4:00. Meal***  
***served from 5:00 to 6:00***

**Silent Auction winning bids  
will be announced at 6:45.**

**Why: Proceeds will be used for improvements and utility expenses at the museum**

**Contact Angie Mertens**

**at 620-532-4354 OR Mike McGovney at 620-770-9507**

*Some of the items available  
on the silent auction:*

### Gift certificates

### Gift basket sets

### Juice Plus items

### Coat rack

### Norwex products

**Original artwork by local artists**

### Handmade wood table

*the wooden ga*



## Track and Field Perform at League Meet ...

Cunningham Track and Field along with all the other schools in the state have had a busy and exciting end to the regular season. Schools are sending many to the State Meet this coming weekend. Friday and Saturday May 27th and 28th.

Cunningham HS track team had their HOPL meet Thursday, May 12th at Stafford. The girls finished 7th place out of 10 teams and the boys finished 2nd closely behind Central Christian by only 9pts. Congratulations boys on your Runner-up finish in the HOPL track meet! Some notable performances:

- High jump Maranda Lohrke 2nd place 4-8
- Discus Ellie McGuire 2nd place 92-5
- High jump Erik Paris 3rd place 5-8
- Pole vault Will Wegerer 2nd place 12-1
- Javelin Lane Halderson 1st place league champion 156-4 PR
- Erik Paris 3rd place 143-8 PR
- 4x800 Dagim Reed, Keiden Mills, Will Wegerer, Trey DeWeese 1st place league champions 9:24.51
- 800m Trey DeWeese 2nd place 2:09.97. Dagim Reed 3rd 2:15.24
- 1600m Dagim Reed 3rd place 5:09.09
- 110H Kelden Mills 3rd place 19.34
- 4x400 Dagim Reed, Isaiah Reed, Luke McGuire, Erik Paris 3rd place 3:52.33



Ada Adams to Ellie McGuire 4x100 m



Kelden Mills 310m hurdles



Scott Wyatt 3200 m/2 mile



Leo Hageman 3200 m/ 2 mile



Hannah Ellis 300 m hurdles

photos by Molly Morgan

## ....And Regionals

Following the league meet we headed out to Spearville for the 1A regional which hosted a nice meet to some of the top performers in the state especially on the track in the distance disciplines. Cunningham only had a few girls participate this year. The boys tied for 11th place with 19pts. Regional results and notable performances:

- Shot put Alice Huelskamp 29-11.75 PR
- Javelin Hannah Ellis 81
- Matilyn Jump 76-1
- 400m Ada Adams 1:12.13
- High jump Erik Paris NH
- Pole vault Will Wegerer 5th place 12'
- Triple jump Luke McGuire 38-5
- Shot Put Isaiah Reed 38-5.5
- Lane Halderson 38-1.75
- Discus Lane Halderson 111-2 PR
- Javelin (State Qualifier) Lane Halderson 1st place
- Regional Champion 155-7
- Erik Paris 5th place 146'3 PR
- 4x800 (State Qualifier) Dagim Reed, Keiden Mills, Will Wegerer, Trey DeWeese 4th place with a clutch finish by Trey bringing us back from a 75m deficit in a time of 9:04.45 just edging out Macksville by .5 sec.
- 200m Luke McGuire 26.29
- Erik Paris 25.29
- 800m Trey DeWeese 6th place 2:09.63
- 1600m Dagim Reed 5:14.93
- 110H Kelden Mills 18.66 PR
- 4x400 Erik Paris, Isaiah Reed, Luke McGuire, Trey DeWeese 3:44.84 5 second PR
- Congratulations to the State Qualifiers!
- Dagim Reed, Keiden Mills, Will Wegerer, Trey DeWeese, Kelden Mills alt. and Lane Halderson.
- 4x800 Relay and Javelin
- 4x800 Relay Saturday 11:40am
- Javelin Saturday 1:15pm

Coach Eric Kerschen



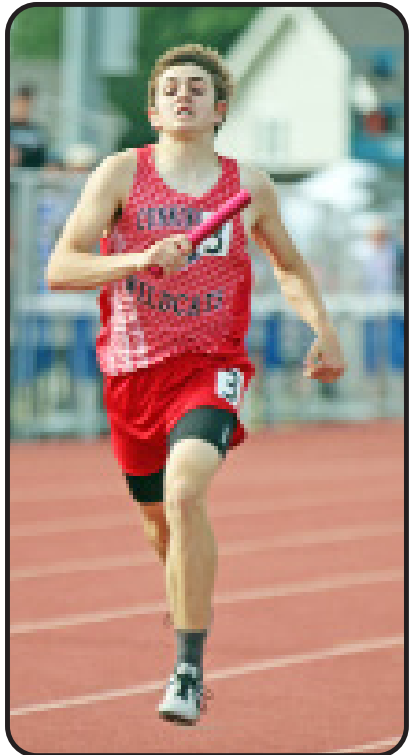
Lane Halderson



Matilyn Jump



Ada Adams with help from Kelden Mills. Ada was getting ready to run the open 400m



Trey DeWeese at end of the 4 x 800 relay

Taylor Schultz photo



Erik Paris



Will Wegerer 300 m hurdles

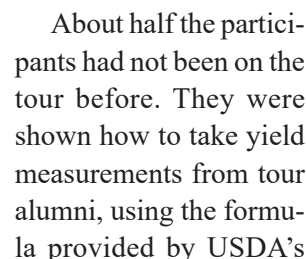


Monte Rose discussed with the council the EMT class being offered in Cunningham this fall. It begins the first of August and finishes up early December. It will be held on Monday and Wednesday evenings. Currently five people are interested in taking the class. The cost is \$1150 per student. Grants are being considered to help people pay for the cost. The city is also considering helping with the cost but would like a signed contract stipulating the person(s) would have to stay in our community and volunteer as an EMT.

Tricia Ruckle and Angela Glascock have resigned from the library board and the new members, appointed by the mayor and approved by the council are Cece Sterneker and Liz Miller. (Thank you to Tricia and Angela for serving in the past and thank you to Cece and Liz for serving

The Planning and Zoning Board will have a training session on July 6<sup>th</sup> and have invited the council members

-the editor



Many tour participants had never stepped foot in a wheat field before and had only seen these Kansas plains from the window seat of passing airplane. These are the millers, bakers, food processors and traders who buy the wheat that Kansas farmers grow. If these fields make it to harvest, the resulting crop will go into breads, but also a number of other food items, from  
(*can't on page 11*)

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It's Pool TIME!



The crew of the Cunningham Swimming Pool have been busy getting the pool open. Front row: Kory Morgan: Asst Manager, Megan Hansen; Elizabeth Paris; Kelden Mills; Keiden Mills  
Back row: Joanna Hansen; Hannah Ellis; Alayna McGuire; Maranda Lohrke  
Not pictured Kendra Morgan and Luke McGuire  
FREE SWIM FRIDAY, MAY 27TH  
6:00-8:00 PM  
Official Opening Day is Saturday, May 28th 1:00 p.m. -7:00 p.m.  
Swim Team - inquire at pool  
Tuesday - Sunday 1:00-7:00  
Mondays 1:00-5:00 & 6:00-9:00  
ADULTS ONLY Tues & Thurs 7:00-8:00  
\$2 admission  
Swimmers and non-swimmers/all ages  
More info on exercise classes and lessons to follow.



NHS Members Volunteer



I'm very proud of this group of NHS students. They donated 179.75 hours to 20 different activities during the school year. They were a great example of providing service to others through volunteer work.  
Ingrid Ricke, Sponsor  
Left to Right: Hannah Ellis, Luke McGuire, Taylor Schultz, Lane Halderson, Trey DeWeese, Levi Adelhardt, Alice Huelskamp, Maranda Lohrke, Ashlynn Miracle, Madison Dowsey, Matilyn Jump

*“The reality is that doing good unto others actually does more good for you.”*  
— Richelle E. Goodrich, Smile Anyway: Quotes, Verse, and Grumblings for Every Day of the Year  
*“There's nothing stronger than the heart of a volunteer.”*  
— Jimmy Doolittle

Kingman County Humane  
Society Pets for Adoption

Dakota  
Sponsored by Baker Accounting

SL  
Sponsored by Karla Westerman



Female German Shepherd  
Weight: 66 pounds  
Age: 1 year, 10 months  
Adoption Fee: \$180.00  
Intake Date: April 19, 2022  
ATTRIBUTES  
Good with cats; Housetrained; People

friendly  
I know how to “sit”. I’m crate trained and house-trained. that’s a good start right? I bet I could learn more stuff if I had someone to teach me. I’m a little timid so it’s okay if you are too. Maybe we can learn together....you can teach me stuff like “stay” and “come” and I can teach you how to feed me cookies. I can already tell we’re gonna be a great pair.



Male domestic short-hair gray tabby  
Weight: 1.5 pounds  
Age: 3 months  
Adoption fee: \$75.00  
Intake date: March 2, 2022

You or your business can sponsor a Humane Society pet for \$10.00 a week per pet. Fifty percent of the profits will be donated to the Humane Society.

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Murdock, KS  
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*“Dogs will give you unconditional love until the day they die. Cats will make you pay for every mistake you've ever made since the day you were born.”*  
— Oliver Gaspirtz, A Treasury of Pet Humor

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620-532-5544

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(except during lunch 12-1)  
on Wed., from 8:00 - 12:00  
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# Minutes from Kingman County Commission for May 16, 2022

Chairman Foley called the Board of County Commissioners meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. in the County Commissioners room at the Kingman County Courthouse. 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; Jeremy Gilson, Gallagher Benefits and Andrea Puls, Arrowhead West Director

Online Visitors: Caller 01; Caller 02; Heather Kinsler and Joyce Foley.

Staff: Mendy Frampton, Expo Center Director; LaDawn Stegman, Financial Officer; Linda Langley, Internal Auditor; Charles Arensdorf, Public Works Director

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

Commissioner Henning

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

Mendy Frampton, Expo Center Director was in to let the Commissioners know that the commercial refrigerator compressor is out and she will have someone look at it.

Ms. Frampton asked the Commissioners about the dirt work that needs to be done and if they want to move forward with hiring to have it done. The quotes she received were from the following:

C3 Skid Steer \$8,400.00

Ryan Boroughs \$14,000.00

MOTION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to approve the bid from C3 Skid Steer from Augusta in the amount of \$8400.00. Commissioner Henning seconded the motion. The motion was

approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

The County Clerk submitted the May 9<sup>th</sup>, 2022 Commission meeting minutes for approval.

MOTION: Commissioner Henning moved to approve the May 9<sup>th</sup>, 2022 Commission meeting minutes. Commissioner Thimesch seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Commissioner Henning moved to go into executive session with Brandon Ritcha, County Attorney to discuss pending administrative proceedings at 8:55 a.m. 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 they will return to open session in the board meeting room at 9:00 a.m. Commissioner Thimesch seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Commissioners returned to regular session

at 9:00 a.m. with no decision made.

Jeremy Gilson, Gallagher Benefits and Stan Goetz, HR were in to discuss the employee benefits and the steps that his company is doing to prepare the information on self-funding.

Commissioners asked questions about the self-funding.

Mr. Goetz discussed the Flat Ridge 3 dedication and thanked the Commissioners for attending.

Mr. Goetz discussed the Flat Ridge 2 upgrades and that he has talked to the company.

Mr. Goetz submitted the following building permits:

Chance Cox for a shop shed in Section 21, Township 27, Range 05.

Harold Forcum for a wood shop in Section 16, Township 27, Range 07.

Farmers Coop for Grain Storage & Office in Section 12, Township 27, Range 07.

Randy Shelman for a shed in Section 32, Township 27, Range 10.

Ezra Olson for a house in Section 34, Township 27, Range 7.

County Clerk dis-

cussed that there were three taxpayers in the NRP program that did not pay their taxes by the deadline and there were three others that are in the program but not on the tax rolls for the project that did not pay their taxes.

Commissioners discussed that if a taxpayer's project isn't finalized and placed on the tax roll that they were not notified to pay by deadline so they will remain in the program.

The three taxpayers that are in the NRP program and are on the tax roll shall be removed for delinquent taxes.

Commissioner Thimesch discussed the towers with the board and that there will be a meeting on the 24<sup>th</sup> with Charles Arensdorf, AT & T, Motorola, and a Commissioner at the landfill site and he will not be able to attend so he asked one of the other Commissioners to attend.

Charles Arensdorf, Public Works Director was in with the following permits:

South Central Wireless-lay fiber optic cable-between Sections

33. Township 27, Range 10 (Dresden) and Section 4, Township 28, Range 10 (Rural).

South Central Wireless-lay fiber optic cable along Section 21, Township 28, Range 10 (Rural) and lay cable along Section 4, Township 29, Range 10 (Kingman).

Mr. Arensdorf submitted the contracts for FAS 296 Hot Mix Overlay for signatures.

Mr. Arensdorf reviewed April financial reports with the County Commissioners.

Mr. Arensdorf gave an update on FAS 693.

Andrea Puls, Vice President Arrowhead West was in to give an update to the County Commissioners and submitted the budget request for 2023.

MOTION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to adjourn the regular board meeting at 11:18 a.m. Commissioner Foley seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

*“In every grain of wheat there lies hidden the soul of a star.”*

— Arthur Machen, *The Great God Pan*



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snack cakes to the coating on your favorite chicken wings.

Every tour participant makes yield calculations at each stop based on three different area samplings per field. These individual estimates are averaged with the rest of their route mates, and eventually added to a formula that produces a final yield estimate for the areas along the routes. While yields tend to be the spotlight of the Wheat Quality Tour, the real benefit is the ability to network among the ‘grain chain.’ This tour gives Kansas farmers the chance to interact with and influence their customers around the globe, on the tour, as well as at the #wheattour22 hashtag.

Tuesday’s cars of wheat tour scouts made 248 stops at wheat fields across north central, central and northwest Kansas, and into southern counties in Nebraska. The calculated yield is based on what scouts saw at this point in time. A lot can happen between now and harvest. The calculated yield from all cars was 39.5 bushels per acre, which was 20 bushels lower than the yield of 59.2 bushels per acre from the same routes in 2021.

Statewide, based on May 1 conditions, Kansas' 2022 winter wheat crop is forecast at 271 million bushels, down 93 million bushels from last year's crop, according to NASS. Average yield is forecast at 39 bushels per acre,

down 13 bushels from last year. Acreage to be harvested for grain is estimated at 6.950 million acres, comparable to last year’s 7 million acres. This would be 94% of the planted acres, below last year's 96% harvested.

For the week ending May 15, 2022, Kansas winter wheat condition rated 17% very poor, 24% poor, 35% fair, 22% good and 2% excellent. Kansas winter wheat jointed was 93%, near 95% last year. Headed was 60%, ahead of 54% last year, and near 58% for the five-year average.

The overall theme for day one of this year’s tour is “spotty.” Stand establishment was spotty last fall. The crop is thin and short. Jeanne Falk-Jones, Kansas State University Multi-County Agronomy Specialist, reported that the crop was a week or two behind average about a month ago, but with the hot temperatures lately, it is now about a week ahead of average.

Romulo Lollato, K-State wheat extension specialist, reported that yields varied greatly based on cropping system. Wheat after fallow looked better than wheat after corn or soybeans. “We saw wheat today that looked better than other fields, but comparing to last year, the yield potential is not nearly as good,” he said.

While the USDA/NASS estimated 6% abandonment, Lollato estimates abandonment will be more like 8-10%.

“We need to be thankful to breeders that we have a crop this year,” said Lollato. “Genetics are playing an important

part. Genetics will have a huge impact on baking quality and protein.” He added, kernels are currently developing, so we can still get test weight if we get rain. Heat stress can hurt the test weights.

If there was any good news from day 1, it’s that there was very little disease pressure. There haven’t been reports of stripe rust in the area because of the lack of moisture.

In addition to Kansas reports, scouts from Nebraska and Colorado met the group in Colby to give reports from their states.

Kent Lawrence, a farmer from Hitchcock, Nebraska, reported that USDA estimates the Nebraska crop at 36.9 million bushels, which is down from 41.16 million bushels last year. Yield is estimated at 41 bushels per acre, down from last year’s 49 bushels per acre.

Brad Erker, executive director of Colorado Wheat, estimated the crop at 40.1 million bushels, based on a yield of 28.6 bushels per acre, 1.4 million acres harvested and 30% abandonment rate. NASS estimates the Colorado crop slightly higher at 49.6 million bushels and 31 bushel per acre average yield. He said the wheat is only 8” to knee high.

These estimates are for this year’s hard winter wheat crop during this current snapshot in time.

Wheat Tour 22 continues Wednesday with six routes between Colby and Wichita, Kansas.

*Written by Marsha Boswell, Vice President of Communications*

*“Every kilogram of beef requires 100,000 liters of water to produce. By comparison, a kilogram of wheat requires just 900 liters, and a kilogram of potatoes just 500 liters.”*

— T. Colin Campbell, *Whole: Rethinking the Science of Nutrition*

## Kingman County Sheriff's Report

### Sunday, May 15th

Traffic stops	5
Traffic complaint	8000 block E Hwy 54 Murdock
Traffic complaint	9000 block E Hwy 54 Murdock
Traffic complaint	SE 20 St. & SE 130 Ave area Murdock
Animal	9000 block SW 100 Ave Spivey
Animal	200 block E Don Lock Dr Kingman
Citizen assist	1000 block E Hwy 54 Kingman
Extra patrol	4000 block NE 20 St. Kingman
Vehicle disabled	16000 block E Hwy 2 Norwich
Welfare check	300 block E D Ave. Kingman

### Monday, May 16th

Traffic stops	2
Traffic complaint	SE 150 St & S Hwy 14 area, Rago
Disturbance	300 block S Douglas St. Cunningham
Suspicious vehicle	400 block W Stanley Ave Spivey
Vehicle disabled	13000 block E Hwy 54 Cheney
Welfare check	4000 block E Hwy 54 Kingman

### Tuesday, May 17th

Traffic complaint	900 block E Hwy 54 Kingman
Assist other agencies	15000 block W Hwy 54 Cunningham
Fire structure	1000 block W D Ave Kingman
Vehicle disabled	W Hwy 54 & SW 90 Ave Cunningham

### Wednesday, May 18th

Traffic stops	1
Traffic complaint	500 block SW 70 Ve Kingman
Traffic complaint	SW 90 Ave & W Hwy 54 area Kingman
Traffic complaint	NE 30 St & N Hwy 14 area Kingman
Traffic complaint	9000 bloc NW 20 St. Cunningham
Harassment	2000 block SE Murdock Ave. Murdock
Trespassing	9000 block N@ 20 St. Cunningham
Vehicle abandonment	SW 90 Ave & W Hwy 54 area, Kingman
Vehicle disabled	NE 50 St & N Hwy 14 area Pretty Prairie
Vehicle disabled	NE 20 Ave & E Hwy 54 area Kingman
Vehicle disabled	600 block W. D Ave Kingman
Welfare check	13000 block NE 50 St. Cheney
Welfare check	24000 block S Highpoint Rd. Pretty Prairie
Welfare check	SE 70 St. & S Hwy 14 area Kingman

### Thursday, May 19th

Traffic complaint	3000 block W Hwy 54 Kingman
Assist other agencies	@ MM 190
Fire wild	15000 block SW 100 Ave Zenda
Suspicious vehicle	9000 block S Hwy 14 Harper
Vehicle disabled	NE 50 St & N Hwy 14 area Pretty Prairie
Welfare check	SE 90 St. & S Hwy 14 area Kingman
Welfare check	16000 block E Hwy 54 Cheney
Welfare check	10000 block S Hwy 14 Kingman

### Friday, May 20th

Traffic stops	5
Traffic complaint	1000 block E Hwy 54 Cheney
Traffic complaint	300 block W Florence Ave. Cunningham
Traffic control	2000 block EHwy 54 Kingman
Assist other agencies	2000 block NW 50 Ave Kingman
Motorist assist	E Hwy 42 & SE 60 Ave area, Rago
Suspicious person	200 block W. F Ave Kingman
Vehicle abandoned	NE Hwy 14 & E Hwy 54 Kingman
Vehicle disabled	2000 block E Hwy 54 Kingman
Vehicle suspicious	400 block E Leiter Ave. Cunningham

### Saturday, May 21st

Traffic stops	4
Traffic complaint	1000 block W. D Ave. Kingman
Disturbance	300 block E. A Ave. Kingman
Motorist assist	E Hwy 54 & SW 90
Motorist assist	6000 block E Hwy 54 Kingman
Vehicle abandoned	Kingman County
Welfare check	700 block W. D Ave. Kingman
Welfare check	16000 block NE 50 St. Cecy
Welfare check	600 block W. D Ave Kingman



## Pratt County Commission Minutes for May 16, 2022

The Pratt County commissioners met in regular session, Monday, May 16, 2022 at 2:00 p.m. in the commissioner room, 1st floor of the courthouse. The following members were present: Rick N. Shriver, Thomas W. Jones III, Dwight Adams, Tyson Eisenhauer, county counselor, Lori Voss, county clerk and Mark Graber, IT director.

Heather Morgan, economic development/ COVID consultant, reported the Pratt area economic committee has reviewed the grant façade applications. They were not complete, so she contacted each one to get the applications completed. She reported she has drawn down the second half of the ARPA funds, an email will be sent when the funds are available. The Supreme Court meeting today about the congressional map redistricting. She discussed selling the land adjacent to Hwy 61. There has been some interest. She feels it would be a good idea to start the process so it could be sold.

Tyson stated it would

have to be published for bids and it would have to be appraised. There is a contract from three years ago that gives an appraisal for the land on Hwy 61. There are 3-4 lots south of the new building that could also be sold. Commissioner Shriver made a motion to get the land on Hwy 61 and the 3-4 lots on Hwy 54 appraised by a certified appraiser. Commissioner Jones seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

She stated the appraiser would have to have no conflict of interest. It was discussed to use ARPA funds for the furniture in the new building. An alternative solution is to use ARPA funds for the road difference and pay for furniture out of capital improvement or special equipment.

Tara Pagenkopf, RSVP director, presented checks for signatures. She reported they had the volunteer dinner last Saturday and it went well.

Commissioner Jones made a motion to recess into executive session for ten minutes at 2:16 p.m. to discuss non-elected personnel. Commissioner Shriver seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. Commissioner Jones made a motion to return from executive session at 2:20 p.m. with no action

taken. Commissioner Shriver seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Jones made a motion to hire Kayli Kisner for the county clerk’s office at \$17.50 per hour and \$100 bi-weekly for election.

Jodi Drake, extension office, presented her 2023 budget with an increase of 5%. She reported they have hired a second extension agent. She reported on activities that are going on this summer. She also reported the fair entertainment will be excellent this year.

Thad Henry, Tim Kuhn and Charmaine Swanepoel, Pratt Historical Society, presented their budget request for 2023, it is the same as previous years.

Commissioner Jones made a motion to approve the minutes from May 9, 2022. Commissioner Shriver seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Jon Roach, noxious weed director, reported they had been spraying when conditions allow. The truck was taken to Southwest Truck for an estimate on repair. They have not had time to look at it. Commissioners suggested he get quotes on a different spray truck with sprayer.

Tim Branscom, emergency manager/zoning

director, zoning meeting tonight discussing solar farm regulations. Tyson stated the code for the solar farm should mesh with our zoning regulations. Participation letter that states we are participating in the next years hazardous litigation. Commissioner Shriver made a motion to sign the regional hazard litigation participation letter. Commissioner Jones seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

He presented quotes for desks only from Dirks Office in the amount of \$16,848.19 and Bolen Office Supply, \$14,281.47. Commissioner Jones made a motion to approve the bid for the desks only from Bolen Office in the amount of \$14,281.47 paid out of capital improvement. Commissioner Shriver seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

He stated the other equipment needed could be purchased through the state using ARPA funds. Tim reported on the radios, portables and fire alarm for the new building.

Brian Atteberry, EMS director, presented equipment for the EMS, recliners, chairs, and love-seats from Working Fire Furniture & Mattress

Co, Inc. They are going to check with the state for a price comparison, he will check back next week and a decision will be made then. Commissioner Shriver thanked Tim for all of his help getting the quotes.

Brian Atteberry, EMS director, presented a quote on the IV pumps. He will bring more information and quotes next week. He has ordered a video laryngoscope for \$1196.25.

Medic 3 should be going in June or July for the remount. The price is locked in for the remount. He has looked at a phone app to put protocols and SOPs on each employee’s phones. He found one for \$750 per year. He has an EMT going on to AEMT asked if the county would pay for it if they would sign a contract. They will look for a contract and discuss later. The new building should be finished by the end of June 2022.

Lori Voss, county clerk, presented dates the accountant would be able to come to start the budget process. The first meeting will be June 15, 2022, and June 29, 2022, for the second meeting.

Commissioner Jones made a motion to pay the vouchers from May 16, 2022. Chairman Adams seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

sion for fifteen minutes at 3:35 p.m. to discuss non-elected personnel. Commissioner Jones seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. Commissioner Jones made a motion to return from executive session at 3:45 p.m. with no action taken. Commissioner Shriver seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Jones made a motion to approve salary adjustments for Justin Seaman to \$21.19 and Cameron Quick to \$24.19. Commissioner Shriver seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. Commissioner Shriver made a motion to approve salary adjustments for Cynthia Brown to \$23.52 and Brian Miller to \$24.08. Commissioner Jones seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Shriver reported he received a call from IMA Consulting with complaints on the open enrollment meeting with them and Blue Cross/ Blue Shield. He stated they had complaints on the lack of information they were able to receive from the clerk’s office. Commissioner Jones stated he is in favor of not renewing their contract next year.

Commissioner Jones made a motion to adjourn at 4:06 p.m.. Commissioner Shriver seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. Meeting adjourned.




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### Public Notice

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#### IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF KINGMAN COUNTY, KANSAS CIVIL DEPARTMENT

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Plaintiff,

vs.

Estate of Linda Keller, deceased; Amy Denise Harvey; Bryan Peter Harvey; Dave Keller; State of Kansas, Department of Revenue; ; John Doe (Tenant/Occupant); Mary Doe (Tenant/Occupant),

Defendants.

)

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) Court Number:

) Pursuant to K.S.A. Chapter 60

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### Public Notice

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#### NOTICE OF PRIMARY ELECTION

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One Candidate for United States Representative (Districts to be determined)

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One Candidate for County Commissioner 1<sup>st</sup> District

One Candidate for Clerk in each Township

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One Precinct Committeewoman in each Township & Ward on Republican Ticket.

**The filing deadline for all local offices in this election will be NOON on June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022.**

The Testimony Whereof, I here-to set my hand and cause to be affixed my official seal. Done at the County of Kingman, State of Kansas on the 9th day of May, 2022.

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Monty Amick

Monty Ray Amick. 53 years old, of Lawrence Kansas, passed away on Tuesday 17 June 2022.

He had a degree in music education from Pittsburg State College. He has played in jazz and blues bands, worked as a carpenter in building and remodeling, he worked as a police officer in Scranton and Carbondale south of Topeka, Kansas.

For the last many years he has worked as a finisher and cabinet maker for Reuter Pipe Organ Company in Lawrence, Kansas.

He was preceded in death by his Grandparents, Betty Amick of Cunningham Kansas and Vernon and Margret Dillon of Topeka Kansas.

He is survived by his wife Megan, of the home, two daughters, Oliver Morgan Amick and Kathryn Jacobson with husband Griffin, brother Michael and his sons Finley and Sawyer Amick all of Lawrence, Kansas, sister Maggie Amick and her three kids, Lola Southard, Cade Southard, and Connar Southard, and mother, Donna Sheldon and Lance all of Pittsburg, Kansas, and his father, David Amick of Lawrence Kansas.

There was a family viewing Monday May 23rd. Time date and place for Inurnment and celebration of life will be announced soon as we figure it out.

Barbara Mason

Barbara Lee Mason, 94, died May 18, 2022, in Kingman.

She was born Dec. 26, 1927, at Cleveland, Kansas the daughter of Otto and Hetty Dir Kelly. A lifetime resident of the Kingman community, she was a retired telephone operator and telephone office employee.

Barbara was a member of the United Methodist Church, Kingman; and the Telephone Pioneers of America.

On March 1, 1953, she married Richard “Dick” Mason at Dexter, Kansas; he died Aug. 19, 2009. Survivors include four children and their spouses Tom and Linda Mason, Ron and Treena Mason, Elise and Bill Klaver, and Kelly and Barb Mason; 8 grandchildren; and 14 great-grandchildren. She was also preceded in death by her brother Rev. Rex Kelly.

Funeral services were Saturday at the Livingston Funeral Home, Kingman. Burial was in the Walnut Hill Cemetery.

Memorials may be made with Rivercross Hospice or Wheatlands Healthcare Center, both in care of the funeral home.

Isabella Zeelie

Isabella Stefanie Zeelie, 6-week-old infant of Divan Daniel and Emmalee Blake (Himmelwright) Zeelie passed away Monday, May 16, 2022 at Wesley Medical Center in Wichita. She was born on April 5, 2022 in Wichita.



Isabella was born the middle triplet but was definitely the leader of the three, as well as the instigator. Though her time with her family was too short, she was very much cherished and loved by all. Isabella loved to be held and cuddled, especially by her big sisters Yanika and Esme’.

She is survived by her parents; sisters, Yanika Blake Zeelie and Esme’ Ane’ Elizabeth Zeelie; brothers, Everett Daniel Zeelie and Emmett Jack Zeelie; grandparents, Christine and Blake Himmelwright of Pratt and Johanna “Babie” Stefanie and Daniel “Dennis” Johannes Zeelie of Cape Town, South Africa; great-grandmother, Suzanne Himmelwright of Belvedere, California; aunts, Pauline (Lucas) Horton of Leawood, Kansas, Allison (Tyler) Hendrickson of Redding, California, Heather (Gus) McDonald of Austin, Texas and Lucinda “Cindy” (Renier) Cronje’ of Cape Town, South Africa; cousins, Xandre’ Cronje’, Janke Cronje’, Clara Horton and Holden Hendrickson; and many other beloved family members.

Isabella is preceded in death by her great-grandfather, Jack Himmelwright; great-grandparents, Claude and Martha Wolfe, James Sameul and Anna Carolina Petronella Smit and Daniel Johannes and Martha Catherina Zeelie.

Cremation has taken place. Friends may sign the book at Larrison Mortuary, 300 Country Club Road, Pratt The family will have a private memorial service at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Pratt Area Humane Society in care of Larrison Mortuary, 300 Country Club Road, Pratt.

Kevin Biles

Kevin William Biles, 41, passed away Wednesday, May 18, 2022 at his home. He was born on March 26, 1981 in Pratt to William “Bill” and Jane (Gatz) Biles.

Kevin graduated from Skyline High School in 1999. He was a member of Pratt Disc Golf Club and Green Valley Golf Course. He enjoyed golfing, playing disc golf and collecting vintage music records. He was a very outgoing and fun to be around.

He is survived by his parents; daughters, Sydney Biles, Keni Donovan and Camrynn Holmes; sister, Kathryn (Logan) McAllister of Macksville; niece, Lakyn McAllister; nephew, Kole McAllister; and grandmother, Jessica Gatz of Pratt.

Kevin is preceded in death by his grandparents, Jack Gatz and Arlie and Marie Biles.

A memorial service will be held at 2:00 p.m., Thursday, May 26, 2022 at First United Methodist Church, Pratt with Reverend Nicole Schwartz-Eck presiding.

Memorials may be made to DCCCA for Drug Education in care of Larrison Mortuary.



A Note of Thanks

*The Cunningham High School German exchange students would like to thank everyone who donated items for our fundraising garage sale. Thank you to all who came, shopped, and gave a donation! We raised over \$1,900, which will be used toward activities that we will be doing while we are hosting the German students here in Kansas. We are so lucky to have a supportive community!*



*Editor's Note: Dan Theis sent me the following essay and poem. It appeared in the recent issue of the Berlin Airlift Veterans Association's newsletter.*

Memorial Day is the last Monday in May. It’s a day to honor those who died serving in the United States military. On May 3, 2000, the “National Moment of Remembrance” was selected to be 3 p.m. local time on Memorial Dy for Americans to take several minutes to stop and reflect awareness and reverence for those who have died defending our nation and our values.

Taps is the bugle call that brings closure to burial and to memorial services. Before my Air Force I had played for burials, including two brothers and my dad, and on Memorial Days. I still have an old brass bugle, but now on appropriate holidays I just hang the Stars and Stripes, service organizations and the POW-MIA flags across the front of our home. Times have changed since my youth but I’m hopeful that Memorial Day traditions of honoring and respecting our departed veterans will continue and that the lilt-ing notes of taps will be heard. From an old bugler

Monday, May 30th is Memorial Day

JUST A COMMON SOLDIER  
(A Soldier Died Today)  
by A. Lawrence Vaincourt

He was getting old and paunchy and his hair was falling fast,  
And he sat around the Legion, telling stories of the past.  
Of a war that he had fought in and the deeds that he had done,  
In his exploits with his buddies; they were heroes, every one.

And tho’ sometimes, to his neighbors, his tales became a joke,  
All his Legion buddies listened, for they knew whereof he spoke.  
But we’ll hear his tales no longer for old Bill has passed away,  
And the world’s a little poorer, for a soldier died today.

He will not be mourned by many, just his children and his wife,  
For he lived an ordinary and quite uneventful life.  
Held a job and raised a family, quietly going his own way,  
And the world won’t note his passing, though a soldier died today.

When politicians leave this earth, their bodies lie in state,



Ralph Westerman will celebrate his 90th birthday on Sunday, June 5th at the Pratt Senior Center located at 619 North Main Street Pratt, Kansas. A come and go party will be hosted by his family from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. Birthday cards may be sent to Ralph Westerman at 406 South Haskell St. Pratt, Kansas 67124



While thousands note their passing and proclaim that they were great.  
Papers tell their whole life stories, from the time that they were young,  
But the passing of a soldier goes unnoticed and unsung.

Is the greatest contribution to the welfare of our land  
A guy who breaks his promises and cons his fellow man?  
Or the ordinary fellow who, in times of war and strife,  
Goes off to serve his Country and offers up his life?

A politician’s stipend and the style in which he lives  
Are sometimes disproportionate to the service that he gives.  
While the ordinary soldier, who offered up his all,  
Is paid off with a medal and perhaps, a pension small.

It’s so easy to forget them for it was so long ago,  
That the old Bills of our Country went to battle, but we know  
It was not the politicians, with their compromise and ploys,  
Who won for us the freedom that our Country

now enjoys.  
Should you find yourself in danger, with your enemies at hand,  
Would you want a politician with his ever-shifting stand?  
Or would you prefer a soldier, who has sworn to defend  
His home, his kin and Country and would fight until the end?

He was just a common soldier and his ranks are growing thin,  
But his presence should remind us we may need his like again.  
For when countries are in conflict, then we find the soldier’s part  
Is to clean up all the troubles that the politicians start.

If we cannot do him honor while he’s here to hear the praise,  
Then at least let’s give him homage at the ending of his days.  
Perhaps just a simple headline in a paper that would say,  
Our Country is in mourning, for a soldier died today.

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