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"Small Town Paradise" Homecoming is Friday, October 1st



Candidates are **Isaiah Reed, Annabelle Hansen, Ashlynn Miracle, Erik Paris, Levi Adelhardt and Hazel Osenbaugh**

Jerree FitzSimmons photo

Kingman County Commission Meeting September 20th, 2021

The Board of Kingman County Commissioners met in the Commission Room of the County Courthouse, Kingman, Kansas on September 20th, 2021. Those present:

Jerry Henning, Chairman; Jack Thimesch, Commissioner; Fred Foley, Commissioner; Carol Noblit, County Clerk; John Caton, County Counselor
Visitors: Bob Morris, Kingman Leader-Courier; Larry Landwehr and Zachary Bieghler, Kingman EMS Director.

Staff: Becky Luntsford, County Treasurer; John Wimer, Noxious Weed Director; Linda Langley, Internal Auditor; Stan Goetz, HR/Planning/Zoning/Wastewater Director and Charles Arensdorf, Public Works Director

Chairman Henning called the Board of County Commissioners Meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

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

MOTION: Commissioner Foley moved to approve the agenda as presented. Commissioner Thimesch seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the majority vote of the County Commissioners.

Chairman Henning asked if there was any public comment.

Becky Luntsford, County Treasurer was in to give an update on the tax sale. There are five properties that are to be sold but there is no date yet.

Ms. Luntsford let the Commissioners know that starting November 1, 2021 there will be a state examiner every Wednesday in the Driver's License office.

The County Clerk submitted the minutes of the September 13th, 2021 Commission meeting.

MOTION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to approve the September 13th, 2021 Commission meeting minutes. Commissioner Foley seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

The Commissioners discussed a support letter for the transportation program at the Council on Aging.

MOTION: Commissioner Foley moved to approve a support letter to the Council on Aging for the transportation program. Commissioner Thimesch seconded the motion. The motion was

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Time to Renew Dog Licenses

The 2022 dog tags are available at City Hall. Cunningham City Code requires every dog in Cunningham to be licensed annually. Tags expire annually on Sept. 30th.

The city code reads as follows: "Every owner of any dog over six months of age shall annual register with the City Clerk, his or her name and address with the name, sex, and description of each dog owned and kept within the city. It shall be un-

lawful for the owner of any newly acquired dog or any dog brought into the city to fail to register such animal within 30 days from acquisition or bringing the dog into the city. It shall be unlawful for the owner of any previously registered dog to fail to maintain current registration of such dog.

"Upon registration, the owner shall present a current, completed certificate of immunization against rabies. No registration shall follow without evidence of this document, and it shall be unlawful for the owner of any dog over six months of age to fail to maintain effective immunization of such dog."

The registration fee is \$2 for each neutered male dog and for each spayed female dog, and \$4 for each unneutered male dog and for each unsprayed female dog. Failure to register your dog with the City

will result in a fine and a possible appearance in Municipal Court. The mandatory fine for failure to register a dog as required by City Code is \$50 per dog. The fine can be paid to the City Clerk to avoid a Municipal Court appearance on the violation.

For more information, contact City Hall at (620) 298-3077.



Clarence (the handsome old dog) and Quin (the cute pup) will be getting registered this week. Your dogs will want to join the club!



KINGMAN HEALTHCARE CENTER

September is National Suicide Prevention Month

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Thursday, Sept. 30th 3:00 p.m. JH VB at Pretty Prairie with Burton ***** 4:00 p.m. HS Cross Country at Pratt *** 6:00 p.m. JH FB at Pretty Prairie	Monday, October 4th NO SCHOOL
Friday, October 1st HOMECOMING HS FB vs Ashland	Tuesday, October 5th HS VB vs Fairfield/Central Christian at HOME *** Volleyball Senior Night **** Lions' Club Meeting
Saturday, October 2nd HS VB at Burrton Tournament	Thursday, October 7th 4:00 JH VB vs Norwich at HOME **** 4:00 HS Cross Country at Burrton **** 6:00 JH FB vs Norwich at HOME
Sunday October 3rd 4:00 - 6:00 p.m. 4H Community Event Downtown	Friday, October 8th 6:00 p.m. HS FB at Moscow



Meanderings

My friend and neighbor passed away last week. Well, she was my former neighbor, but she was my neighbor here for 13 years, so she's still my neighbor and always will be.

I've known Beverly Zrubek for decades. I delivered the Pratt Tribune to her home when I was in grade school. I was most pleased to have her as a neighbor when I moved back here 16 years ago.

Beverly and the adult me spent many, many hours standing in our backyards at the chain link fence talking about things. Or should I say talking about everything?

We discussed our dogs, (her Abby, by Joey and Chloe and Clarence, and I know she would have LOVED my little Quin). We also talked about my cats, gardening, history of Cunningham and the families who lived here, the neighbors, the weather, food, news, books; because we both loved to read, current events, happenings in our community, new people in town, vet-

eran Cunningham people, youth and senior citizens, and every age in between.

Beverly had an incredible recall of events and people in this community. She was a wealth of knowledge. She often said she knew so much because no one was as old as she was. I am telling you, her memory was stellar.

Sometimes she'd call up and ask, "Do you like carrot cake? Meet me at the fence." Or maybe "Do you need donuts for breakfast? Meet me at the fence." It could be 30 degrees out or 100 degrees and meet at the fence we did, and she'd hand over a piece of cake or a donut or bananas, or whatever and then we'd talk.

Many evenings, we'd stand at the fence and talk for an hour or more. I'm not sure why we didn't get a couple of chairs and set them up there, but we just stood and visited.

She knew my pets and I'd hear her outside while she was working in her yard talking to the cats and dogs. I couldn't hear what she was saying, but I knew she was talking to them. She'd laugh at some of their silly antics. She did love and understand animals.

I spent many hours in her kitchen as well. Visiting, talking. I remember the crossword puzzles from the newspapers being there on her table, partly solved.

After Beverly moved, I missed her terribly, but

I knew the world was just fine because she was still on this earth imparting her knowledge and smiling and laughing and loving animals and gardening and visiting....

My condolences to her family. I know you miss her. She was one of a kind.

I do believe the cool days of autumn are sliding in bit by bit. I have spent a few days and nights without the air on; opening the windows and doors in anticipation of those fall days I love.

I continue reading about Three Pines, Quebec and Chief Inspector Gamache.

I do like those characters. The book I believe I've liked least is "The

Brutal Telling." Not sure why, but it just didn't set well with me. My favorite so far is "Bury Your Dead". I think I enjoyed the historical mystery surrounding Samuel de Champlain.

Always reading,
And currently reading,
"A Trick of the Light"
By Louise Penny,
Roberta

"I was tired of seeing the Graces always depicted as beautiful young things. I think wisdom comes with age and life and pain. And knowing what matters."
— Louise Penny, *A Fatal Grace*

"Things are strongest where they're broken."
— Louise Penny, *Bury Your Dead*

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

Kingman Historic Theatre
237 N. Main in Kingman
(620) 532-1253
<http://www.kingmantheatre.org/>
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My Breast Cancer Experience
Part 7
By Beth Blasi 2021

Over the Cliff - My mind was whirling – if these spots were cancer, that's basically the whole breast anyway.

Taking only 1 breast would leave me lop-sided and I think that would just drive me really crazy trying to deal with a prosthetic that doesn't sag at the same rate as the natural breast! And still have to have a "half" mammogram every year? So, does that mean I should just take them both off and be done with it – and never have another mammogram? Even if the "spots of concern" are not cancer and I proceed with only a lumpectomy, will that be a constant worry and just be something I'll have to continue to be concerned about (considering the papilloma the prior year) and then I'll just end up having a double (bi-lateral) mastectomy anyway after going through radiation and possibly chemo?

I pretty much decided, with discussions with my husband, that I should just do the double and hopefully keep my original surgery date. At this point, I really felt like I was jumping off a cliff

– this started as a simple lumpectomy and now it's a double mastectomy!

However, the question of reconstruction.... how much more healing/recovery time? Is the process uncomfortable/painful? Remember, I'm 64....and I'm all about avoiding discomfort....

So, I called my neighbor/friend/cousin (I'll refer to her as our neighbor since she lives just across the "creek") who had reconstruction and who had lost a father and 2 sisters to cancer – she is kind of our local cancer expert. She came right over, gave me a shoulder to cry on, and talked through some various options taken by her family and other women in Breast Cancer support groups. She reminded me this is my body and I can say "No" to some things and also that reconstruction can always be done later – plastic surgeons can be miracle workers! Doing it at the time of the mastectomy has the advantage of one surgery but is not your only option of timing. With her information and support, my husband's support, and reviewing comments on the internet from various women on having or not having reconstruction (going "flat"), I was feeling more settled with the bi-lateral mastectomy and no reconstruction. Again, I'm 64 and my breasts were barely a B-cup anyway – real estate is not at a premium here. No more bras and no more mammograms is appealing. Wonder if

anyone will even notice they are gone?

Still, I had a restless night of sleep/no sleep. I had to make the call to my surgeon. I had to make that final decision. I was still a little unsure, but finally just getting it over seemed to be the most prudent.

I let the surgeon's nurse know I decided to do a double mastectomy – if we're taking one, we're taking both (of course, there were tears involved).

So, then the question was if that surgery could still be done on the original surgery date and what would happen if the surgery had to be moved. If moved, I think I would have started on some estrogen blocker medication. But, the bi-lateral mastectomy could still be done on the original surgery date which was a week away.

At what point does the oncologist get involved? (the surgeon later explained that there are protocols they follow as to who is involved when. My small tumor and early stage indicated the surgeon first and then handed over to the oncologist. My understanding is that if the tumor was larger or seemed to be a more aggressive cancer, the oncologist would have been consulted before surgery).

Later, I also realized that since this was all happening so fast, I didn't really have that in-office opportunity to walk thru what to expect with a mastectomy and

the after-care with my surgeon. Fortunately, my neighbor was able to provide some information but I also got quite a bit from the internet and the books I had. As I informed my daughters of the change in plans (they told me I was doing the right thing), and the more I talked about it, the more settled I became with the decision.

Oh, and by the way, the nurse also informed me that the MRI indicated there was a spot on my upper right lung! So, they were scheduling me for a CT scan to check that out before next week's surgery to make sure it wasn't something else we needed to be concerned about! I'm beginning to think that if I didn't have bad luck, I'd have no luck at all!

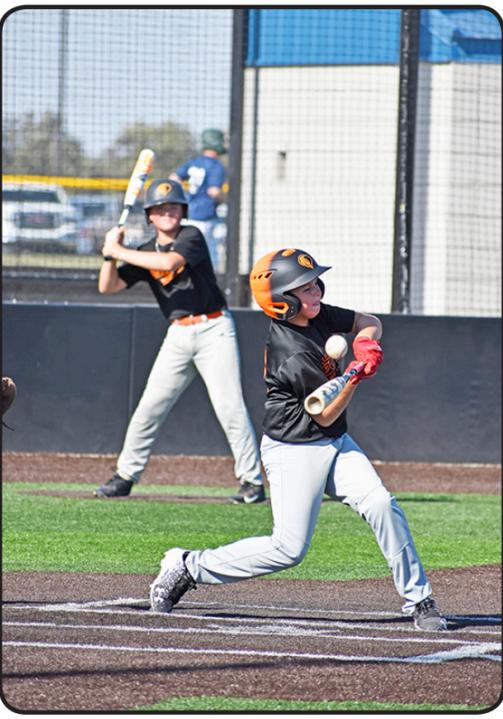
CT Scan - Another trip to town for the CT scan of my upper body. This CT scan was actually done at the surgery center instead of the imaging center where I'd had the MRI. I think that was the fastest place they could get me in. Another IV, more dye, but this time I was able to lie on my back and they scooted me into the machine feet first – arms still above the head. This time, the dye that was injected really did make me feel like I peed my pants – it was a warm feeling down there and I was very anxious to get off the table to make sure my pants were dry! (Thank goodness they were!)

Next Week – So little time

Comfortably Dumb by Bruce Quast



"Alas, my brothers... I feel we may no longer be welcome hereabouts."



Adam Sterneker hits a high fly ball. The photo captures that moment the ball left the bat. Adam is playing a fall baseball league in Maize. The Maize Cobras play at the Genesis Complex in Goddard every Sunday afternoon.
-Molly Morgan

Broadband, Phone Discounts Available for Students and Families

TOPEKA – The start of a new school year is an expensive time for families. If you are struggling to pay for phone and internet service while navigating back to school costs, help is available. The Kansas Corporation Commission encourages Kansans in need of assistance to apply for Lifeline and the Emergency Broadband Benefit (EBB). Both programs help low-income families and individuals stay connected so they can access healthcare, attend classes, find jobs, and call for help in an emergency. Anyone who qualifies for Lifeline also

qualifies for Emergency Broadband. Lifeline provides federal and state discounts up to \$17.02 per month on phone service (wireless or residential) and broadband. The \$3.2 billion federal Emergency Broadband Benefit, launched last May in response to the pandemic, provides a \$50 per month broadband discount. Participants also receive a one-time discount of up to \$100 to purchase a laptop, desktop computer, or tablet from participating providers. Both programs offer additional discounts for subscribers living on tribal lands. To be eligible for Lifeline, your household income must be at or below 135% of the poverty level or you receive one or more of the following benefits:

- Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)
 - Medicaid,
 - Supplemental Security Income (SSI)
 - Federal Public Housing Assistance (FHPA)
 - Veterans Pension & Survivors Pension Benefit
 - Bureau of Indian Affairs General Assistance
 - Tribally Administered Temporary Assistance for Needy Families
 - Head Start Tribal Programs (only those meeting its income qualifying standard)
 - The Food Distribution Program on Tribal Lands.
- To qualify for EBB, your household must meet one of the following requirements:
- Meet the criteria for the Lifeline program

Receive benefits under the free and reduced-price school lunch program or the school breakfast program, or did so in the 2019-2020 school year.

Received a Federal Pell Grant during the current award year.

Experienced a substantial loss of income due to job loss or furlough since February 29, 2020.

Meet the eligibility criteria for a participating broadband provider's existing low-income or COVID-19 program.

Kansans can apply for both programs directly through one of many participating providers in the state. More information is also available on the KCC website.

Kingman County Health Department Update

COVID-19 vaccine booster recommendations are now available for SOME people who have received the Pfizer vaccine at least 6 months ago:

- People aged 65 years and older and those living in long-term-care facilities;
- People aged 50-64 years who have underlying health problems;
- People aged 18-49 with underlying health conditions, based on indi-

vidual risks and benefits of vaccination;

- People aged 18-64 years of age at high risk for COVID-19 exposure and transmission through work or residence in group setting who received a complete Pfizer vaccination series at least 6 months ago, including healthcare, teachers, grocery store workers, retail workers, first responders, residents, and staff of congregant settings, and other settings where a person in in close contact with people on an ongoing basis.

Please note booster vaccinations currently don't apply to those who received Moderna or Johnson and Johnson.

If you have questions about booster vaccine eligibility, please give us a call at 620-532-2221.

Libraries

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

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

Kingman Carnegie Library
620-532-3061
Mon.: 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.
Tues.: 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.
Wed.: 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
Thurs.: 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.
Fri.: 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
Satu.: 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

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



Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday, from 8:00 - 5:30
(except during lunch 12-1)
on Wed., from 8:00 - 12:00
Call for Saturday hours.
1015 East U.S. 54, Kingman, KS

Want to be a **Volunteer**

- Go to KingmanCountyHumaneSociety.org
- Click on the **VOLUNTEER** button
- Fill out the volunteer form
- Wait for us to get back to you!

If you can help out just one or two hours per week, we have lots of ways for you to help. You must be 16 years of age or older.

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Car 54 Officers Toody and Muldoon would like to remind Kingman County residents to call **620-532-5133 for Kingman County Sheriff's Office OR **1-800-kscrim** OR **911** to report suspicious activity**



Cunningham's Unofficial City Bird: The Turkey Buzzard. photo by Josh Theis

Upcoming Auctions

Saturday, October 9th - 221 W Broadway, Stafford KS, House and Contents CONTENTS SELL AT 9:30AM, HOUSE SELLS AT 1:00PM.


Monday October 11th, 2021 - FARM EQUIPMENT 10:00 AM
Haviland, Ks: 1 mile west on 54 Hwy, 1 mile south on 49th, 1/4 mile west on 'J' St. 23426 'J' St

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Celebrations of Life

Linus Gaider

Linus John Gaider, 87, died Sept. 18, 2021 at Southwind Home, Pratt.

He was born Oct. 9, 1933, at Willowdale the son of George C. and Ann Rose Weber Gaider. A longtime resident of Pratt, he was a retired ditcher for White Pipeline as well as a retired farmer and carpenter.

Linus was a member of the Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Pratt; and the International Union of Operating Engineers AFL-CIO.

On Feb. 14, 1982, he married Jeanette Marie Miller Weber at St. Leo. Other survivors include daughter Janice Cross and her husband Steve; sisters Mary Ann Ziegler and Rose Lester; grandchildren Dianna Allaman and her husband Scott, and Brent Cross; and great-grandchildren Jullian Marie Allaman and Barrett Bradley Allaman.

Family services were held Livingston Funeral Home, Kingman with burial to be the St. Peter Church Cemetery, Willowdale.

Memorials may be made with the Southwind Home or Kindred Hospice both in care of Livingston Funeral Home, 1830 N Main, Kingman, KS 67068.

(More life celebrations on page 12)

“There is no exercise better for the heart than reaching down and lifting people up.”
— John Holmes



COMING NOVEMBER 2021:

Kansas Veterans Virtual Memory Wall

Are you a Kansas Veteran?

Submit your Kansas Veteran's story to the Kansas Veterans Virtual Memory Wall:

kansasveterans.doleinstitute.org



Consider this...

By Mike Johnson
"Rattlesnake Mountain"

To the spectators 3,000 feet below, we were skilled mountaineers. Clinging to the south side of Rattlesnake Mountain, Margie and I rested, two specks of red just 500 feet below its summit. The distance prevented onlookers from detecting what they'd never suspect -- this was our first mountain climb -- and we were terrified.

It sure had looked easy back in 1996. Visible from our driveway in Cody, Rattlesnake Mountain had teased us for weeks, soaring 3,500 feet over our then new northwestern Wyoming town. What a view it must be from the top!

So one Sunday morning, loaded with too little water and too much confidence, we nonchalantly headed off. "We'll be back by lunch," we shouted to the kids, stepping out the door and into adventure.

The mountain enticed us by rising gradually from the road, an innocent dirt trail leading us like birds following bread crumbs into its boulder field. The giant slabs were easy to hike and teased us with their promise of ever greater ascension. By the time the boxcar-sized rocks had faded into the steeper, more teacher-

ous gravel field, we were three-quarters of the way to the summit.

We rested, and reflected.

What had begun as a "hike" to the top, had subtly become a "climb" to the top. Initially relaxed and biting off terrain in hundred foot sections, we'd progressively turned tense, unable to focus farther than the next hand hold. Noon was arriving and the mid-day sun had long ago become searing. We'd consumed 60% of our water and 70% of our courage, yet the summit remained 500 of the steepest feet above. Looking at our current position, and then at the summit, we saw no way to traverse the gap between the two.

Yet, we knew the climb down from this point would be no picnic, and we also knew if we abandoned our ascent now, the mountain would forever mock us every time we glanced up from our driveway.

What had we gotten ourselves into?

More accurately, what had I gotten ourselves into?

Margie had originally refused to take the arduous route I'd selected. "I'm not climbing up the face of a mountain, Mike. You always underestimate these things. I'm just not going to do it."

"OK," I'd rationalized

both to myself and to her, "Let's just take this easy trail and see where it leads. If it gets too spooky we'll just come back down." Technically that was a fib - I knew where it would lead all right - straight to the top. But inspirationally, I knew if I could just get her started, we'd both relish the accomplishment.

3,000 feet later - more perspired than inspired -- we were unable to turn back. She was right, I HAD underestimated the thing. Yet, there was only one way out of our pickle - straight up. So precarious was our position, we stopped focusing on the summit and centered instead on the step immediately before us. As that footstep held, the following one appeared.

Isn't that the way life works? We see someone successfully standing on their mountain top - perhaps it's an actress, corporate president or superstar athlete. I'd like to be there too, we dream. But then we size up our current position as compared to our hero's accomplishment, and see no possible way to duplicate their level of success. And surrender before we even begin.

The hidden truth of every goal is that it actually DOES arrive with a well-marked trail. Our very desire to achieve, writes the plan to which we cleave. The rub is

that this road map only reveals itself one step at a time - AFTER we've put ourselves on the line. In order to get to the mountain top, we have to start climbing the mountain. Life asks just one thing from us - take the first step. It then happily rewards us by exposing the next step. And the next. One at a time, all the way to the top.

90 minutes later, after cresting the summit we'd been reaching for all morning, we reverently rose to our feet. Leaning carefully into the roaring, alpine winds, accepting their crispness as reward for our efforts, we scanned our town thousands of feet below. Somewhere down there, lay the driveway where our dream was hatched. Although we couldn't see it from our altitude, we knew that once we returned, its view would be forever altered.

As we surveyed other landmarks from our lofty position, our eyes settled on a new discovery - a rocky pinnacle that had been invisible from the ground below. This higher mountain top lay hidden behind the summit we'd just traversed.

Margie flashed a grin of recognition in my direction. I nodded. It was life, revealing its next step.

“God always brings someone into your life that has traveled the same path and knows the rocks you climbed to get to the end of the trail.”

— Shannon L. Alder

“The mountain greets me with respect and guides me to traverse the rocks and crevices of its body! He is strong and vigorous and he appreciates my stamina and toughness.”

— Avijeet Das



A Note of Thanks

Friends of the Cunningham community, and those far and wide, We wish to thank you for your participation in our 60th anniversary celebration. Older friends and family pass along, but new friends and family come to us. Praise God. Again, thank you. Mary and Gary FitzSimmons



P.S. Without our children and grandchildren, this event would not have happened. Thank you, Mom and Dad



Catholic Churches

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

St. John, Zenda
Saturday 4:00 p.m.

St. Leo
Saturday 5:30 p.m.

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

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



Lutheran Churches

St. John, Nashville
620-246-5220
Sunday School & Bible Class
9:45 a.m.
Worship Service
8:30 a.m.

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

Our worship service is found on the YouTube channel at:
<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCCrenCH1219nmpcojCFyYLA>

Pastor Dennis Fangmeyer
Cell: 620-886-0911



Church of Christ

Penalosa
Sunday 11:00 a.m.



First Christian Church

Cunningham
Facebook:
<https://www.facebook.com/CunninghamChristianChurch>
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 Ken Keeling
620-491-0680

*Happy Birthday,
Royce-a-roni!*



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Who we serve: Residents within the USD #332 school district
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How: Attend monthly distribution. Adult of household must be present.

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Fundraisers & Charitable

Opportunities in our Community

- Cunningham Public Library**
- 4C Day Care Shop** smile.amazon.com or contact Kathy Albers 620-298-2725 or 620-388-0774
- West Kingman County Education Foundation**
Use your Dillon's Card! Shop smile.amazon.com
(Janet DeWeese 620-298-2717)
- Hands of Hope** (contact Fitzsimmons Insurance or 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** (leave your old eyeglasses at the bank)
- Cunningham Museum** (to donate contact Donna Glenn)

YEARS AGO IN
The Cunningham Clipper

W. A. BRADLEY, EDITOR



1931

October 2- Frank Allbritten of Cunningham was elected President of the freshman class at an election of all class officers held at Southwestern College recently. This is quite an honor being elected President of the large freshman class which numbers about 180, and since the group has not been in college long. He will head the activities of that class for the first semester. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. F. F. Allbritten and is majoring in mathematics.

1936

October 2- Rev. and Mrs. W. E. Shuler and daughter, Janice Coarl, Henry Gibbens and Bob Carson accompanied a group of Boy Scouts to the State Fair at Hutchinson last Friday. The boys in the group were: Elmer Steffen, Billy Bradley, Charles Crow, John Fee, Phillip Fee and Devere Lawson.

1941

October 3- Five Cunningham boys were inducted into military service this week in Kingman County's largest draft quota under the Selective Service Act of October 14, 1940. Four of the local young men were Army draftees, and the fifth man, Leo "Mose" Bainum, enlisted in the United States Navy.

In the first draft call this week, that of September 29, Leo Dyer of Cunningham was inducted into the Army at Fort Riley.

The first draft call for October, was Thursday, October 2, and three Cunningham boys were included in the draft quota of twelve ordered from this county. They were: Harold Ast of this City; Dean Toot, son of Mr. and Mrs. Alex Toot, and one of the twenty-one year old registrants; Herbert Park, son of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Park.

1946

October 4- The high school mixed quartette composed of Esther Sheldon, Virginia Bradley, Jerome Schnittker, and Jim Stanley sang on the program following the banquet given by the Kingman Association of Commerce as a courtesy to the Kingman City teachers, Wednesday, October 2.

Cunningham high school defeated Spivey 12 to 6 Friday afternoon at Sternaker diamond. Tuesday afternoon the Wildcatters tamed Turon 15 to 3 on the Turon diamond.

1951

October 5- Mrs. Dan Cusenbary, Mrs. Raymond Chaney, Mrs. Arch Lovern, and Mrs. Charles Boen were hostesses at a meeting of the Women's Society of Christian Service held in the Methodist Church basement, Wednesday afternoon. Twenty-eight members and three visitors were present.

Mrs. Roy McGeorge Sr. was the lesson leader for the afternoon, assisted by Mrs. S. T. Kincheloe, Mrs. Ferd Burnett and Mrs. Cecil Sheldon.

Mrs. Harold Watkins was in charge of the devotional service.

Refreshments of cookies, ice tea, coffee, nuts and mints were served.

A basket supper is planned for Wednesday night, October 10, at 6:30 o'clock in the church basement.

The hostesses at the visitation meetings held Wednesday, September 26, were as follows, Mesdames Perry Shafer, Harold Watkins, Glenn Patton, Frank Allbritten, Luther Azbill, Glenn Pearson, Roy McGeorge Sr., S. T. Kincheloe, Ferd Burnett, and O. R. Benningfield.

1956

October 4- Rally Day Services of the local Methodist Church Sunday School was celebrated at the church, Sunday, with a basket dinner served at noon followed by a program in the afternoon. About 200 guests were present for the occasion.

Invitations had been sent to former members and friends, and many were in attendance from out of town. Faculty members of the city schools and their families were specially invited guests.

Miss Jennie Walker of Wichita, a former Cunningham girl, was the guest speaker at the afternoon's program, which opened with organ selections played by Judy Huffman and Lynn Millsap, and followed by a vocal trio composed of young singers, Debby Sheldon, Carolyn Witt, and Mary Faith Cusenbary, accompanied by their vocal teacher, Mrs. Bill Bradley.

Miss Walker showed pictures and related interesting details of the trip she and her three sisters, Misses Ruth, Florence, and Gladys Walker, also of Wichita, took this summer through five countries of the Holy Land, and through several countries of Europe. They

were gone seven weeks and traveled through 13 European and Far East countries.

Mrs. E. E. Witt, Sunday School Superintendent, was in charge of the day's activities, and much of the day's success is largely due to her efforts.

Special recognition was given to Carde Cannon during the afternoon's program for having been a member of the Sunday School the longest time, and Steven Dunn, son of Mr. and Mrs. Don Dunn, born September 22, for being the youngest member.

136 women of the community were in attendance at the regular Women's Society of Christian Service at the Methodist Church here this afternoon.

Mrs. N. H. Pronko of Wichita, the former Geraldine Allbritten of Cunningham, showed pictures and related interesting experiences of a trip that she and Dr. Pronko recently took to Russia.

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- Elmdale Peanut Butter 32-Ounce Jar 69¢
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- U. S. Graded Veal Roast Pound 39¢
- U. S. Graded Veal Ribs Pound 29¢
- Home-Dressed Baking Hens Pound 35¢

1961

October 5-The DeWeese Variety and Hardware will hold their Grand Opening, Saturday, Oct. 7.

Owner Lee DeWeese has planned a big day, complete with coffee and cookies, door prizes, and lots of bargains.

He invites everybody to come in the store, Saturday, make his acquaintance, and browse around the newly remodeled establishment.

A special feature of the day is the opening of the store's paint department, under the supervision of the Pittsburgh Plate Glass Company's Paint Division.

An advertisement by the DeWeese Variety and Hardware may be found on page four of this issue of the Clipper. Please refer to it for details of their Grand Opening, Saturday, Oct. 7, and a list of just a few of the many bargains.

Scoring on four of their first five plays from scrimmage, Cunningham rolled over Arlington, 66 to 7, in a Ninescah League football game here last Friday night.

Roger Krug opened the Cunningham scoring parade with a 20-yard run around right end. He was followed by Eugene Huston on a 26-yard run around left end; a 54-yard broken field gallop by Bobby Meyers, and two more touchdowns by Huston on runs of 39 and 54 yards. With points-after-touchdowns added by Krug, Huston, and Meyers, Cunningham led 33-0 at half-time.

David Bainum scored for Arlington on a 47-yard run after the start of the second half. Robert Moore made the point-after-touchdown, and that proved to be Arlington's dying gasp. Cunningham retaliated with five more touchdowns in the second half. Krug trotted 56 yards around right end; Meyers raced 29 yards for Cunningham's 45th point; Huston went 67 yards, and Meyers completed the scoring with touchdown dashes of 36 and 10 yards. Points-after-TD's were scored by Krug, Meyers, and Huston.

Cunningham rolled up 439 yards rushing, but were credited with only one first down. Arlington had nine first downs and 140 yards rushing.

1966

October 6- The following article was written by Bill McGovney, Junior leader of the Cunningham 4-H Club, in observance of National 4-H Club week. "Learning For Living Through 4-H"

4-H is a family affair; where the whole family can work and play together.

4-H Clubs exist for members and since the family is an important part of the social, economic, and educational life of the member, the whole family is involved in 4-H Club activities.

The motto for National 4-H Club Week this year is "Learning For Living." 4-H Clubs take this seriously; 4-H members are living all the time they are learning.

Their projects and activities from which they learn are their living. There are all kinds of projects and activities that a 4-Her can become involved in; foods, livestock, crops, leadership, entomology, photography, clothing, forestry, electricity, and many more. When 4-H Club members are learning about these things, they are using them in their everyday living. There is no way to estimate the value of these projects and these learning practices in the life of the 4-H boy or girl and his or her family.

Let us be thankful for this organization that is

training "Youth Today For Leaders Tomorrow." This effort is well spent, and is building better citizens for a greater community, state, nation, and world.

Remember the 4-Her pledge is: I pledge my head to clearer thinking, my heart to greater loyalty, my hands to larger service, and my health to better living for my club, my community, my country, and my world. We are "Learning For Living."

The Cunningham Wildcats won their third straight football game of the current season at Sylvia last Friday night, when they squeaked past the Mustangs by a 28-27 score.

The Wildcats scored a touchdown and the "point-after" in every quarter, but it took a recovered fumble by Wayne Jarmer on the Cunningham two-yard line with less than a minute to play, to clinch the Cunningham victory.

Danny Meyers scored twice for the Wildcats on runs of one and five yards; Larry Lubbers scored on a 26-yard pass play from Meyers, and Jim McCune scored on a two-yard plunge. Meyers scored three of the all-important points-after-touchdowns, and the fourth came on a pass from Meyers to Frank McClellan.

The Wildcats will travel to Norwich tomorrow night for a game with the Eagles.

The Girl Scouts met last Wednesday after school in the Methodist Church undercroft for their regular meeting.

The girls made plans for an overnight camp-out, Saturday evening.

Saturday afternoon, six Cadet Girl Scouts, accompanied by their leader, Mrs. Bob Long trekked to the ed Steffen farm, where they enjoyed an overnight camp-out. Girls making the trip were Vicky Spade, Teresa Long, Carol Raney, Rogene Cooley, Kathy McCune, and Kandi Bradley.

1971

September 30- Column 1-By Editor Bill Bradley Kansas Attorney General Vern Miller made a public speaking appearance in the Cunningham High School Gym-Auditorium last Wednesday evening before a large audience of over 400 persons.

Mr. Miller recited the principles of his office and their aims in enforcing the laws of the state, especially in drug traffic.

His talk was spiced with the reading of several letters he has received since he has been in office, and in a question-and-answer period at the conclusion of his appearance, where he deftly parried questions concerning the actions of his office in regard to rock festivals, drug arrests, and convictions.

At the start of his talk, Mr. Miller made reference to the fact that he might have state-wide news the next day. He did. Mr. Miller led a drug raid in Emporia at 5:00 o'clock the next morning, along with simultaneous raids in Manhattan, Junction City, and Abilene, that resulted in a number of people arrested for the possession and use of drugs.

Mr. Miller's appearance in Cunningham was the first in a series of nine adult education programs sponsored by the Sacred Heart Parish Council. The series will feature state and nationally known speakers. The guest speaker at the October 13 program will be Dr. Nick Pronko of Wichita, who will show pictures and tell of his trip to the Holy Land. This program will be held in the Sacred Heart Parish Hall at 8:00 o'clock that evening. There is no admission charge to these programs, and the public is invited to attend.

Nashville-Zenda's return to gridiron action was a successful one as they shutout Hardtner 24 to 0. Stanley Henning provided the offensive spark for the Thunderbirds with 90 yards on 18 attempts and scored two touchdowns. Leading N-Z defensively were Craig Schwartz with six unassisted tackles, and Henning and Richard Hageman with four unassisted and our assisted tackles each.

Cadet Girl Scout Troop No. 9 met at the City Park, Tuesday after school.

The troop decided to go to Pratt, October 4, on a Patrol Gallor, and set first camp-out for October 8 at the Vera Watkins farm. The members discussed supplies and what each Scout would furnish for the camp-out, after which refreshments were served.—Peggy Cain, Scribe.

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JH Football Team Blow Past the Tornadoes

On Thursday, September 23, 2021, the Cunningham JH Wildcat football team hosted the South Barber Tornadoes and came away with a 66-20 win. The Wildcats led 38-6 after the first quarter and 52-14 at the half. Dylan Halderson scored two touchdowns in the first quarter on a 45 yard run and 48 yard kickoff return, he would also run in two, two-point conversions and throw for one to Kendall Rogers. Stephen Kerschen would also score a pair of touchdowns in the first quarter on runs of 47 and 49 yards, Stephen would also add a two-point conversion. Skyler Thimesch would also add to the scoring in the first quarter with a 50 yard punt return for a touchdown. The second quarter scoring got started with a 15 yard touchdown pass from Halderson to Logan Kinsler to stretch the lead to 44-6. Layne Green would later take the ball into the end-zone on a 3 yard run and with the Halderson run for the two-conversion the Wildcats led 52-6. South Barber would score on the last play of the half to extend the game to the third quarter, one that the Tornadoes had the ball for much of the time and

would get the score to 52-20 before Dylan would take the ensuing kickoff 54 yards to extend the lead back to forty, 60-20 following his run for the two-point conversion. Late in the fourth Skyler Thimesch would end the game with a 22 yard run to put the game beyond the 45-point mercy rule to make the final score 66-20. The Wildcats will hit the road next with a game at Pretty Prairie and try to improve on their 3-1 record.

by Coach Bart Ricke



Skyler Thimesch



Logan Kinsler



Dylan Halderson for a touchdown.



Kendall Rogers



- #4 Layne Green
- #7 Blake Swope
- #10 Kendall Rogers
- #12 Andrew Schultz
- #13 Dylan Halderson
- #14 Logan Kinsler

- #15 Skyler Thimesch
- #21 Stephen Kerschen
- #32 Cole Ruckle
- #40 Kollin Fischer

Molly Morgan Photos

CJH Volleyball Action from South Barber



Nora Huff



Kyra Morgan



Rylee Miller



Morgan Oldham



Brynn Wyatt



Andi Young



Kourtnei Fischer



Kaylee Mertens



Whitney Mead



Janessa Schnittker



"Hard work is critical, a good team is essential, brains and determination are invaluable, but luck may decide the outcome."
— Phil Knight, Shoe Dog

Molly Morgan Photos

Wildcats Place at Cross County 5K Meet

Congratulations to Will Wegerer for winning the boys JV 5K today and Ada Adams and Kaitlyn Hennessee for placing 3rd and 4th in the JV 5K race.
-Coach Ingrid Ricke



Dick Smith Photos

Cross Country Runs at Larned

Cunningham ran in their 2nd meet this week on a tough Larned course today. Kaitlyn had a huge pr taking off more than two minutes placing 23rd (27:42) and Ada ran her 2nd best time this year placing 29th (28:36) in the freshman/sophomore division. Congratulations to Will Wegerer for placing 19th out of 84 (all age groups) runners and 10th in his age division earning him another medal with a 20:33. These cross country runners have been working super hard and I couldn't be more proud of them! Way to go Wildcats!!
Coach Ricke

Classes, Clubs and Organizations Elect Officers for 2021 - 2022

The CHS classes have elected officers for the school year. They are :

Seniors-Class of 2022

President: Madison Dowsey
Vice President Isaiah Reed

Juniors-Class of 2023

President: Lane Halderson
Vice President: Trey Deweese
Secretary: Alice Huelskamp
Treasurer: Hannah Ellis

Sophomores-Class of 2024

President: Taylor Schultz
Vice-President: Mattie Jump

Freshmen-Class of 2025

President - Will Wegerer
Vice-President - Ava Bock

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President: Madison Dowsey
President: Annabelle Hansen
Members
Isaiah Reed
Trey DeWeese
Matilyn Jump
Ava Bock
Maranda Lohrke
Alice Huelskamp
Ashlynn Miracle
Hannah Ellis
Zack Strohl
Shanelle Romine

KAYS

President: Madison Dowsey
Vice President: Alice Huelskamp
Secretary: Taylor Schultz
Senior Members:
Levi Adelhardt
Madison Dowsey
Isaiah Reed
Junior Members:
Trey DeWeese
Hannah Ellis
Lane Halderson
Alice Huelskamp
Shanelle Romine
Sophomore Members:
Brianna Dittmer
Carlos Hurtado
Rick King
Maranda Lohrke
Luke McGuire
Jack Ruckle
Taylor Schultz
Scott Wyatt
Freshmen Members:
Ava Bock
Wylan Betzen
Emma Harden
Payton King
Ellie McGuire
Dagim Reed
Trenton Schnittker
Will Wegerer

National Honor Society

(# - Member last year)
President: Ashlynn Miracle
Vice President: Hannah Ellis
Points: Trey DeWeese
Secretary: Alice Huelskamp
Senior Members
Levi Adelhardt#
Madison Dowsey#
Annabelle Hansen#
Ashlyn Miracle#
Junior Members
Trey DeWeese#
Hannah Ellis#
Lane Halderson#
Alice Huelskamp#
Zachary Strohl
Sophomore members
Matilyn Jump
Maranda Lohrke
Luke McGuire
Taylor Schultz

Pep Club

President: Maranda Lohrke
Vice President: Alice Huelskamp
Members:
Madison Dowsey
Ashlynn Miracle
Hannah Ellis
Trey DeWeese
Lane Halderson
Shanelle Romine
Rick King
Scott Wyatt
Luke McGuire
Matilyn Jump
Carlos Hurtado
Brianna Dittmer
Joanna Hansen
Taylor Schultz
Jack Ruckle
Ellie McGuire
Payton King
Nate Sterneker
Will Wegerer
Ava Bock
Trent Schnittker
Ada Adams
Julia Hageman
Dagim Reed
Elizabeth Paris

Robotics 2021-22

Levi Adelhardt
Nathan Cannon
Erik Paris
Alice Huelskamp
Leo Hageman
Nathan Sterneker

CHS Volleyball Highlights from Skyline/Attica/Udall



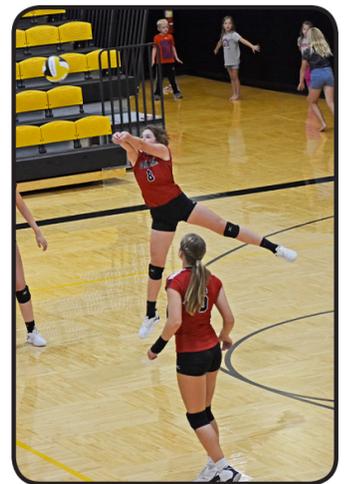
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Ellie McGuire & Alice Huelskamp



Ashlynn Miracle



Maranda Lohrke

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Ellie McGuire



Shanelle Romine



Mattie Jump



Hannah Ellis

Kyra Morgan Photos

Kingman County Commission

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approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

The County Clerk submitted the State holidays to the County Commissioners for approval.

MOTION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to approve the 2022 holidays. Commissioner Foley seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

John Wimer, Noxious Weed Director was in with a department update for the Commissioners.

Mr. Wimer let the Commissioners know that twelve townships have been sprayed for Johnson grass, bindweed musk thistle, trees and brush.

Mr. Wimer has sprayed the county right of ways entirely for broad leave weeds, bindweed thistle, Johnson grass and A.M. spraying of trees and brush.

State right of ways have been sprayed for bindweed and Johnson grass. Also, on real windy days some private property noxious weeds have been sprayed.

Stan Goetz, HR was in to request an executive session individual evaluation.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Commissioner Foley moved to go into executive session at 9:19 a.m. with Linda Langley, Internal Auditor; Stan Goetz, HR and John Caton, County Counselor to discuss an employee's evaluation pursuant to the exception under the Kansas Open Meetings Act for discussion of non-elected personnel matters of nonelected personnel

in order to protect the privacy interests of the individual to be discussed, and will return to open session in the board meeting room at 9:29 a.m.

Commissioners returned to session at 9:29 a.m. with no action taken.

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Commissioners returned to regular session at 9:34 a.m. with no ac-

tion taken.

Mr. Goetz submitted the following building permits:

Edward & Eudon Dutton for a manufactured home in Section 10, Township 27, Range 08W.

Fred Simon for a shed in Section 23, Township 27, Range 06W.

Zachary Bieghler, Kingman EMS Director was in to give a department update to the County Commissioners.

Mr. Bieghler reviewed the revenue and expenses report with the Commissioners.

Commissioners discussed the EMS Budget with Mr. Bieghler.

Mr. Bieghler went over the Runs/Demand; transports; simultaneous calls; rescue responses and new medical billing with the Commissioners.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to go into ex-

ecutive session at 10:12 a.m. with Carol Noblit, County Clerk and John Caton, County Counselor to discuss Attorney Client Privilege 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 will return to open session in the Board meeting room at 10:22 a.m. Commissioner Foley seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Commissioners returned to regular session at 10:22 a.m. with no action taken.

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

Black Hills Energy-Pipeline Crossing-Sections 33 & 34, Township 27, Range 5(Evan).

AT & T Kansas-relocate cable- Section 6, Township 28, Range 8 (W Ninnescah).

Mr. Arensdorf gave an update on the M.0-7.5 Bridge abutment repair.

Mr. Arensdorf let the Commissioners know that the state will review bids on 9/27/2021 for FAS Bridge 13.

Mr. Arensdorf gave an update on the FLAP-Cheney Reservoir Project and there is a field check set for October 13, 2021 and Project informational signs are in. Road & Bridge forces will install the signs.

MOTION: Commissioner Foley moved to adjourn the regular board meeting at 11:09 a.m.

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

Pratt County Commission Meetings

September 20, 2021

The Pratt County commissioners met in regular session, Monday, September 20, 2021 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. Also, present, Micheal Blackford, Pratt Tribune.

Tyson Eisenhauer, county counselor, please state your name and title when speaking, public comment will be allowed to the extent that it is on topic. Persons participating via Zoom are currently muted. If you have a comment, please let Mark know via the chat function. Mark will then inform chairman Shriver, who can take up the comment in a manner that does not disrupt the agenda. In the event an executive session is needed, it will be muted when recessed and turned back on when they return from executive session.

Heather Morgan, COVID and economic development consultant, reported on federal COVID related funds and policy. She followed up on the Biden vacci-

nation executive order which will impact businesses with over 100 employees or businesses with contracts with the federal government. She indicated that there is still a lot of uncertainty, and many things are not clear. However, early indications are that public entities in Kansas would not be impacted because they would not be considered private businesses under the OSHA orders which is how the mandate would be enforced. She indicated that the federal arpa funds received by the county are not tied to the vaccination order and that any entity impacted by the government contractor provision would be an entity who had a new contract not an existing provider. She indicated that it is highly likely that the executive order/OSHA vaccine mandate would be litigated and the best thing businesses can do is wait patiently to see how this issue plays out in the courts.

She then briefed the board on the state SPARK committee who is soliciting members to serve on various workgroups who will advise them on needs across the state in areas such as education/workforce/economic revitalization, broadband, and on-going state needs. This group plans to award 500 million prior to 12/31/21 and has until 12/31/24 to have over 1 billion dollars en-

cumbered for expenditures which are allowable under the ARPA. She then thanked the commissioners for helping spread the word to local businesses about the new business loans that are available and the changes in the amounts and terms which are available.

Finally, she mentioned that the governor's tax council property tax sub group is going to be recommending property tax changes which will impact a number of homeowners if passed into law by the legislature. The changes being proposed include expanding the homestead property tax relief program to households with incomes of up to \$75,000 from the current \$36,000. The group also suggested increasing the property valuation exemption from \$20,000 to \$40,000 for the state-wide 20 mill property tax support of public schools. She indicated that she wanted to keep the commissioners updated as property tax issues will impact local citizens and businesses and there will be many tax cut options considered by the Kansas legislature this session.

Darcie Vander Vyver, health director, gave the COVID update. There are thirty-six active with ten new cases. The Pfizer booster vaccine has not been approved for the general public. Flu clinics will be held on Friday mornings, they prefer appointments on other days. There are eleven flu clinics already scheduled. The part time help wanted ad has been posted.

Tiffany Ailstock, RSVP director, presented checks for signatures.

Doug Freund, road supervisor, grader out for repair should be finished in a week. New dump truck has been returned for warranty work. Commissioner Adams made a motion to recess into executive session to discuss non-elected personnel for fifteen minutes at 2:22 p.m. Commissioner Jones seconded. Motion carried 3-0. Commissioner Jones made a motion to return from executive session

at 2:37 p.m. with nothing to report. Commissioner Adams seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Chairman Shriver discussed a road that has a water hole that someone got stuck in. He was sent a picture people driving out in the field. Doug will get the road filled in.

Tim Branscom, emergency manager/zoning director, reported on the training they attended in Mulvane. He discussed the government emergency telecommunications service that allows individuals with accounts priority access from landlines during disasters. Pratt County has an account with emergency management as the primary account holder. The city of Iuka got approved for the storm shelter. The city of Preston is looking at using the new federal funding for a new water well. Tim is looking at grant funding for a new weather tower. He wants to change companies for mass notification alerts. Alertsense is replacing Civic Ready. He is checking into Everbridge the company homeland security region is using for their mass notification system.

Chairman Shriver discussed the wall issue between third and fourth floor on the landing. Commissioner Jones made a motion to contact JA Knight & Son to repair the wall for no more than \$1200.00. If additional work is needed, he will need to stop and let us know what else needs to be done and the approximate cost.

Chairman Shriver brought up the issue of COVID/quarantine pay. They discussed that it was a federal program that ended. There is no incentive for the local government to participate. Employees will have to use personal sick pay for COVID and COVID quarantine time off.

Chairman Shriver discussed the transfer of 911 funds to the city of Pratt. Tyson Eisenhauer reported the city of Pratt has received everything they need to proceed. He explained we would only

need a budget amendment if the general fund went over budget. The city of Pratt will have to set up their budget. A check will be written to transfer the money to the city of Pratt.

Commissioner Jones made a motion to approve the minutes from September 13, 2021. Commissioner Adams seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Jones made a motion to approve the minutes from the RNR/budget hearing Monday, August 30, 2021. Commissioner Adams seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Adams made a motion to approve a pay raise for Nicholas Moss, EMS in the Amount of .25 per hour. Commissioner Jones seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Tyson Eisenhauer, county counselor, state he will need a motion to approve the American Tower agreement. Commissioner Adams made a motion to approve the amendment to the American Tower lease agreement. Commissioner Jones seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. Documents were signed, witnessed and notarized.

Tyson Eisenhauer, county counselor, presented documents relating to the hospital refinancing bonds. Chairman Shriver made a motion to sign the investment directive. Commissioner Adams seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Adams made a motion to sign the costs of issuance directive for specific amounts not to exceed the total of \$82,228.05. Commissioner Jones seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Jones made a motion to send a letter to the trustee relating to county reimbursement from the cost of issuance account for fees of the county counselor totaling \$2,580.00. Commissioner Adams seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. All

Invoices received by

the county clerk relating to costs of issuance should be submitted to the trustee for payment out of the cost of issuance account.

Commissioner Adams made a motion to recess into executive session at 3:22 p.m. for seven minutes to discuss an attorney/client matter. Commissioner Jones seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Adams made a motion to return from executive session at 3:30 pm with nothing to report. Commissioner Jones seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Chairman Shriver gave an update on the PSB. The trim did show up and is being installed. Interior panels are in and will be installed. Framing will start the middle of October.

Commissioner Jones made a motion to recess into executive session at 3:30 p.m. for fifteen minutes to conduct an EMS director interview. Commissioner Adams seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Adams made a motion to return from executive session at 3:45 p.m. with nothing to report. Commissioner Jones seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Jones made a motion to recess into executive session at 4:00 p.m. for fifteen minutes to conduct an EMS director interview. Commissioner Adams seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. Commissioner Jones made a motion to return from executive session at 4:15 p.m. with nothing to report. Commissioner Adams seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Jones made a motion to approve the payment vouchers for September 20, 2021. Commissioner Adams seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Jones made a motion to adjourn at 4:34 pm. Commissioner Adams seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. Meeting adjourned at 4:34 pm.

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Kansas Profile – Now That’s Rural: Nan Lisher, Elsie Grace’s

By Ron Wilson, director of the Huck Boyd National Institute for Rural Development at Kansas State University

“Bake the world a better place.” Not just “Make the world a better place,” but “Bake the world a better place.”

That sounds like a baker’s motto, and it would certainly apply to this bakery and gift shop in rural Kansas.

Nan Lisher is owner and founder of Elsie Grace’s Gift Shoppe and Bakery in Frankfort. As a kid, Nan was close to her grandmother, Elsie Grace Tilley. “She taught me a lot about baking and cooking,” Nan said. Nan and her cousin Sara even dreamed of running a restaurant someday.

That dream came true when Nan opened Nan’s Cooking Nook in Frankfort, with Sara’s help. They served homemade food. Their pies

were especially popular. The restaurant operated until 1992.

Then Nan started formulating dry mixes for her snack dips, soups and pies. She formed a company to market these products and named it in honor of her grandmother, Elsie Grace’s. Nan and Sara marketed the dry mixes across northeast Kansas.

In downtown Frankfort, an older lady operated a small gift shop and fudge factory. One day in 1999, Nan stopped in to visit the lady and said, “If you ever want to sell this place, keep me in mind.” One month later, Nan owned the store. Talk about good timing.

Elsie Grace’s Gift Shoppe and Bakery now operates in that location, with Nan and her cousin Sara Colvin. The store offers a wide variety of gifts plus homemade pies, hot lunch meals and fudge. “There’s been fudge produced at this corner of town for 32 years,” Nan said.

Nan and Sara brought one of their homemade pies with them when they

consulted with the director of the Small Business Development Center at the time. “He told us the pie was delicious but he said, ‘Nobody makes pies anymore.’” However, he helped with their business plan and promotion. “He was very beneficial, but I still laugh about that because I use that pie mix every day of the week,” Nan said.

“I love to bake and I love to cook,” she added. Her mother helped in the store and her husband would help open up in the mornings. “He called this my hobby.” That would change in a tragic instant.

April 7, 2002. Nan and her husband and her mom and dad were driving to Topeka for her grandson’s fourth birthday party. Near Frankfort, their car was hit by a drunk driver. Nan’s husband and her mother were killed instantly. Nan and her father were critically injured but survived.

“Without the town of Frankfort, I would never have made it,” Nan said. “The people in Frankfort wrapped their arms around us.” The

community mobilized to help, with fundraisers and support.

“You have choices in life,” Nan said. “You can give up or you can stand on your feet.” With support from the community, Nan chose to continue Elsie Grace’s after her recovery. “I threw myself into the business after the accident,” Nan said. She later remarried.

Today, Elsie Grace’s offers products online as well as in the store at Frankfort. The business has expanded to the building next door. Upstairs apartments in the building are available for rent.

Nan and Sara created the 320-page Elsie Grace’s Family and Friends Cookbook. At the gift shop and bakery, hot homemade meals are served at lunch on weekdays. The dry mixes for pies, soups, pancakes, cookies and dips are marketed across the nation.

“We’ve shipped to most states and as far away as Germany,” Nan said. That’s an impressive record for a business based in the rural



community of Frankfort, population 726 people. Now, that’s rural.

“Cooking is my therapy,” she said. “I love to make people happy with food.”

For more information, go to www.elsiegraces1.com.

“Bake the world a better place.” That is a good way to describe what happens at Elsie Grace’s Gift Shoppe and Bakery. We commend Nan Lisher and Sara Colvin at Elsie Grace’s for making a difference with a creative gift selection and delicious food. They are baking the world better, one pie at a time.

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Celebrating 50 years of Title IX

by Brett Marshall, Special to KSHSAA

By the time Dodie Martin reached her freshman year of high school in the fall of 1995, Title IX had been in place for more than two decades.

The Johnson-Stanton County teenager was certainly well aware of high school girls' athletics, but admittedly hadn't looked at the historic nature of the Education Amendment of 1972 that produced opportunities for female student-athletes to compete.

Additionally, the Lady Trojans' cross country and track and field teams from those first two decades had enjoyed immense success under the legendary and KSHSAA Hall of Fame coach Clarence "Ark" Morris.

"My best recollection of that time is having watched my older sister, Regan, compete with her team and the success that they enjoyed," said Martin (Baalmann), now 40 and a physician's assistant in the small, central Kansas town of La Crosse where she works at the Rush County Memorial Hospital. "I think it was that type of success that motivated me to want to continue what she and the others had done before."

Martin certainly did her part in continuing a tradition of excellence in girls' cross country,

where she won all four Class 2-1A individual titles from 1995 to 1998. But the motivation to win came from a pioneer in another sport – college women's basketball – in the person of University of Tennessee coach Pat Summit.

Martin, also an outstanding basketball player, read Summit's biography and was inspired by how she motivated her players and conducted herself on and off the court.

"She set a high standard for herself and for the players she coached," Dodie said. "I think Coach Morris was in the same mold. We were all just a team. The attitude was the same and he was just an amazing person who was incredibly positive about life and athletics."

Dodie said that the boys' team likely ran more miles in training than the girls, but the expectations were still the same from their coach.

"I know there were some good teams before and there were different runners, but we had such a good group and he (Morris) treated us the same," Dodie recalled. "I believe he respected us as much as the boys. I knew a little about Title IX, but truthfully, we just thought it was normal for us to be competing."

The tradition of running in both cross country and track and field started early in Johnson (later school name changed to Stanton County). Carolyn Gum was the school's first girls' state cross country champion

in 1979, and in her four-year high school run, placed third, first, second and second at the state meet. That 1979 SC team also claimed the Class 2-1A crown. Runners like Jeri Sosa, and Marylee Ramsey would be top 10 state finishers, while Kelli Shore added to the school's championship roster with a first in 1982. Others such as Debbie Terrill and Misty Case had their moments of top 10 glory for the Trojans in the mid to-late 1980s.

Dodie's older sister, Regan, entered the running scene in 1991 and helped the Lady Trojans to three state titles while being a top 10 individual medalist three of those years, ending her prep XC career in 1994.

So, it all seemed the natural thing for young Dodie Martin to focus on her fall cross country season and then for the spring 1996 track and field campaign. And she didn't disappoint.

"I'm pretty sure that I didn't appreciate it (running and success) as much then as I do now," said Dodie, who considers herself a recreational runner who doesn't compete in any distance races these days. 1996 GXC Stanton Co.

Now a mother to three girls – Wrynn (8), Willow (6) and Whitlee (4) – Martin (married name Baalmann), encourages her young ones to be active.

"My kids have been active in gymnastics and t-ball as well as some volleyball and basketball camps," Martin Baalmann said. "I just

encourage them to do things that they enjoy. We do bike rides and play some golf. I haven't pushed them into organized sports."

Recently this past summer, Dodie's middle daughter, Willow, joined her for a morning walk/run for the first time.

"It was 6:30 a.m. and she asked if she could go with me," Baalman said. "It was an awesome moment. We had a rare 1-on-1 time and it was just very special. I love that I have somebody who loves something as much as I love running. It was three miles and there's this 6-year-old out with me. It was peaceful. She talks a mile a minute, so we did a combination walk/run."

Each fall, Martin would make the transition from the cross country layouts to the basketball court, helping her teams to strong finishes, highlighted by the 1999 third-place finish at the Class 2A state tournament. Martin, a 5-5 guard, also was named to The Garden City Telegram's All-Area First Team in 1998 and 1999, cementing her place among the top players in southwest Kansas.

As she wound down her prep career with two state track and field titles in 1999 (1600/3200), Martin concluded her high school days with 9 state individual gold medals – four in the 3200-meters (best time at state was 11:24.61), three in the 1600-meters (best mark of 5:18.334) and two in the 800-meters (2:22.57 best state time). Combined, it gave her 13 gold medals at state track and cross country meets.

Perhaps surprising to many, but not to Martin at the time, she chose to forego running in college and instead went back to the basketball court where she played two years at Otero Junior College in La Junta, Colo., and finished with a two-year stint at Wayne State, Neb., a Division II

school.

Following graduation, she spent a year as an assistant basketball coach while taking one year of classes to get her pre-requisites out of the way for Physician's Assistant School. In 2005, she enrolled at Wichita State University and finished in 26 months and also served as an assistant coach at Friends University. She graduated in 2007 and took a position in La Crosse where they offered an opportunity to repay her college loans if she were to remain there for a certain amount of time.

As it turned out, Martin met her husband, Brian Baalmann, in La Crosse at a nearby restaurant in Rush Center, and after getting married, they've settled into the small central Kansas community that Baalmann has called home most of his life. For seven years she commuted the short distance to work in Great Bend, but the last five she has worked in La Crosse.

When Baalmann answered her cell phone call in mid-summer she was somewhat surprised and uncertain as to why a story would be of interest about someone who had just turned 40 years of age in December of 2020. Explaining the 50-for-50 project, Baalmann expressed gratitude that female athletes were being recognized for their accomplishments on and off the competitive field.

"I think when you compete in sports, the biggest thing is that you have to have the heart to win," she said. "You have it or not. You have to have the right mindset or you will never win. I always went out with the idea I would win. There were so many lessons that help you in life."

Now, more than two decades later, the tradition continues at Stanton County High School. Current star Chesny Peterson has smashed all of Martin's school

records while posturing herself as among the top two or three middle distance runners in all classes at the 2A state meet in May. Peterson's mother, Shawn, was Shawn Wilkerson, who placed 10th on the 1994 state team champion Trojans with Dodie's older sister, Regan.

"I just try to be a good supporter and wish her good luck for her runs," Baalman said of her contact with Peterson. "She knows how to run. She's focused. I try to tell her to enjoy it, that it's not a job."

Today's life is a far cry from those early morning runs that would be punctuated by cool temperatures, light breezes and the after-practice breakfasts which were highlighted by Friday visits to the local donut shop that included orange juice.

"Those 6 a.m. times were special," she said. "We would meet at the golf course and Coach Morris would have the flash lights ready and say "let's go!" Off we'd go on the run. I met a lot of great people and it's something I will never forget. Friday's were always the best."

Recalling her high school running days, Baalman said she has a greater appreciation for the accomplishments than she did at the time.

"That's what I expected back then," she said of the victories. "I look back now and it's a pretty neat thing."

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Kingman County Sheriff's Report

Sunday, September 19, 2021

Traffic stops	1
Check welfare	4000 block S Hwy 14 Kingman
Hazmat/Leak	8000 block SE 20 Street
Alarm	200 block N Parkway Norwich
Alarm	200 block N Parkway Norwich
Agency assist	9000 W Hwy 54 Cunningham
Alarm	200 block N Parkway, Norwich
Suspicious person	14000 W 54 Hwy Cunningham
Suspicious person	9000 block SE 70 ST. Murdock
Accident non-injury	2000 block E. Kansas Ave Kingman
Traffic complaint	2000 E Hwy 54 Kingman
911 ACC/hangup	200 block E. D Ave. Kingman

Monday, September 20, 2021

Traffic Stops	1
Non-injury accident	400 block N Main Kingman
Traffic complaint	SW 70 St & SW 50 Ave Spivey
Traffic complaint	SW 70 St. & SW 40 Ave Spivey

Tuesday, September 21, 2021

Traffic stops	1
Animal complaint	SW 90 St & SW 30 Ave, Spivey
Animal complaint	E Hwy 54 & N Hwy 14, Murdock
Suspicious person	5000 block SE 180 St. Harper
Suspicious person	300 block S Valley, Cunningham
Welfare check	3000 block E Hwy 54, Kingman

Wednesday, September 22, 2021

Animal complaint	SW 90 St & SW 80 Ave. Zenda
Animal complaint	8000 block E Hwy 54 Kingman
Agency assist	100 West D Ave Kingman
Suspicious Vehicle	800 block SW 30 St. Kingman
Traffic complaint	SE 100 St & SE 140 Ave. Norwich

911Acc/911 hang up 4000 block SE 10 Ave. Kingman

Thursday, September 23, 2021

Animal complaint	100 block S Orange St. Penalosa
Animal complaint	SW 170 Ave & SW 10 St Cunningham
Agency Assist	400 block NE 150 Ave, Cheney
Traffic complaint	1000 block SW 170 Ave Cunningham
Traffic complaint	10000 block S Hwy 14 Kingman
Disabled vehicle	12000 block E Hwy 54 Cheney
911Acc/911 Hang up	400 block E. D Ave Kingman

Friday, September 24, 2021

Traffic stop	1
Traffic complaint	1300 SW 170 Ave Cunningham
Traffic complaint	5000 block W Hwy 42 Kingman
Suspicious person	E Hwy 54 & NE 40 Ave Kingman
911 Acc / 911 hang up	16000 block W Hwy 54 Cunningham

Saturday, September 25, 2021

Traffic stop	4
Welfare check	400 block E Lieter Cunningham
Welfare check	400 block N Broadway Kingman
Accident non-injury	SW 50 Ave & W Hwy 54 Kingman
Traffic complaint	12000 block SE 20 St. Murdock
Traffic complaint	9000 block E Hwy 42 Rago
Traffic complaint	SW 90 ST & SW 110 Ave Zenda
Traffic complaint	SW 120 St & SW 30 Ave. Spivey
Traffic complaint	1000 W Hwy 54 Kingman
Traffic complaint	E Hwy 54 & NE 150 Ave Cunningham
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Beverly Zrubek

Beverly Lou Zrubek, 92, died Sept. 23, 2021 at Wichita.

She was born Feb. 19, 1929, at Gary, Indiana the daughter of James and Cretae Owens Hamilton. A longtime resident of Cunningham, she was a retired hairdresser.

Beverly was a member of the Sacred Catholic Church, Cunningham.

On Dec. 6, 1946, she married Donald A. Huhman. On May 1, 1970, she married Leo L. Zrubek, Jr.; they both preceded her in death. Survivors include daughter Diana Rakestraw; sons Dane Huhman, Kirk Huhman and wife Kathy, and Scott Huhman with wife Julie; sister Marquita Camblin and husband Ed; 12 grandchildren; and numerous great-grandchildren. She was also preceded by son-in-law Curt Rakestraw and daughter-in-law Sue Huhman; brother Leland Hamilton; and sister Marilyn Fayette.

Mass of Christian Burial was on September 28, at Sacred Heart Church, and burial was in the Sacred Sacred Heart Church Cemetery.

Memorials may be made with the Sacred Heart Bell Tower Construction Fund or Harry Hynes Hospice, both in care of Livingston Funeral Home.



Ethel Warren

Ethel M. Warren, 67, passed away Saturday, September 25, 2021 at her home. She was born on September 8, 1954 in Pratt to Doris (Pinkston) Gould. Ethel married Mark Warren on May 26, 1979. He preceded her in death on August 4, 2018.



Ethel was a beloved member of Sacred Heart Catholic Church and Daughters of Isabella. She enjoyed cooking, baking, gardening, making flower arrangements, spending time with her family and volunteering for her church. She was a devoted housewife and a very loving stay at home mom.

She is survived by her daughter, Ashley Warren of the home; stepdad, Joe Lusk of Pratt; and brother, Terry (Florie) Gould of Lufkin, Texas; and numerous aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces and nephews.

Ethel is preceded in death by her husband, Mark Warren; mother, Doris Lusk; fathers, Lee Charles Gould; grandparents, Henry and Ethel Pinkston; and grandmother, Blanche Gould.

Visitation will be Thursday, September 30, 2021 from 9:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m. with family receiving friends from 5-7 at Larrison Mortuary, 300 Country Club Road, Pratt. A Rosary will be held at 9:00 a.m., Friday, October 1, 2021 with Mass of Christian burial following at 10:00 a.m., at Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Pratt. Burial will follow at Greenlawn Cemetery, Pratt.

Memorials may be made to Sacred Heart Catholic Church in care of Larrison Mortuary.

Dorothy Flickner

Dorothy D. Flickner, 91, died Sept. 25, 2021 at her home in Kingman.

She was born Aug. 8, 1930, at Kingman the daughter of Chester and Sarah Josephine Spotts. A lifetime resident of Kingman, she was a homemaker.

On Oct. 19, 1947, she married Ray H. Flicker at Kingman; he died Sept. 4, 2002. Survivors include a sister Norma Dodge and her husband Frank; nephews Dallas and Lial Dodge; nieces Deb Benson and Sandra Goetz; and numerous great-nieces and nephews. She was also preceded in death by a sister Mildred Lee.

Funeral services will be 10:00 a.m., Wednesday at the Livingston Funeral Home, Kingman. Friends may call from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., Tuesday at the funeral home. Burial will be in the Walnut Hill Cemetery.

Memorials may be made with the NU-2-U Store or Rivercross Hospice, both in care of the funeral home.



Leon Murphy

Marvin Leon Murphy, 80, passed away Thursday, September 23, 2021 at Grand Plains Skilled Nursing in Pratt. He was born on November 23, 1940 in Montevallo, Missouri to Clarence Melvin and Aliene Marie (Oyler) Murphy. Marvin married Christie LeAnn (Badders) Murphy on January 2, 1964 in St. John, Kansas. They were married for 57 years.



Leon was the former owner of Cunningham 66 Service Station until 1995 when he went to work as a truck driver for Kanza Coop for 18 years. He was a member of Calvary Baptist Church and was formerly a member of the Masons and Lions Club. He enjoyed fishing, mowing and working on mowers and spending time with his grandchildren.

He is survived by his wife, Christie of Pratt; children, Aaron (Angela) Murphy of Cunningham, Sherrina (Doug Badders) Murphy of Wichita, Connie (Malan) Bontrager of Hutchinson and Jim (Kathleen) Badders of Wichita; brothers, Bob (Nancy) Murphy and Bennie (Eileene) Murphy both of Isabel; grandchildren, Bryce Murphy, Lauren Murphy, Elizabeth Dies, Helen Doss, Tori (Jay) Culver, Ashley Badders and Heather Badders; and 7 great grandchildren.

Leon is preceded in death by his parents; brothers, Gene Murphy, Kenny Murphy and Bill Murphy; sisters, Charlene Gowens and Dixie Hamilton; and grandsons, Bill Culver and James Culver.

Funeral service will be held Tuesday, September 28, 2021 at Calvary Baptist Church, Pratt with Pastor John Kissell presiding. Burial followed Iuka Cemetery, Iuka.

Memorials may be made to Calvary Baptist Church in care of Larrison Mortuary. Online condolences may be made at www.larrisonmortuary.com.

Mike Swope

Michael James "Mike" Swope, 53, died Sept. 24, 2021 in Wichita.

He was born January 11, 1968, in Wichita the son of George A. and Theresa Zandler Swope. A longtime Zenda resident moving to Kingman in 2015, he was an extrusion operator for FabPro.

Mike was a member of the St. Patrick Catholic Church, Kingman.

On April 21, 2008, he married Irish Paraculles. Other survivors include sons Jarid Swope and Jacob Swope; daughters Michelle Irish Swope and Macy Lee Swope; his mother Theresa; brothers Dale, Tim, Daniel and Joel; sisters Carol Thimesch, Roxanne Mahnesmith and Cheryl Swope. He was preceded in death by his father George.

Mass of Christian Burial was September 28, at St. Patrick Catholic Church. Burial was in the St. John Cemetery, Zenda.

Memorials may be made with the St. Patrick Grade School and Phoenix Hospice, both in care of the funeral home.



Leon Winter

Leon H. Winter 89, died Sept. 26, 2021 in Kingman.

He was born May 28, 1932, at Nashville, Kansas the son of Walter Harold and Matilda Naasz Winter. A longtime Kingman resident, previously of Wichita, he was a retired aviation electrician for Cessna and Learjet.

Leon was a member of the Bethany Lutheran Church, Wichita; and was a longtime Boy Scout Master.

On Dec. 11, 1954, he married Shirley Hodson at Nashville, Kansas; she survives. Other survivors include four sons, Michael, Mark, Rick and Dennis; 15 grandchildren; 30 great-grandchildren; and 2 great-great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by a daughter Cindy Serna; a brother Lawrence; sisters Louise Smith and Rosalie Goertzen; and 3 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be 10:00 a.m., Friday, at the Livingston Funeral Home, Kingman. The family will receive friends from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., Thursday at the funeral home. Burial will be in the Walnut Hill Cemetery.

Memorials may be made with Bethany Lutheran Church in care of the funeral home.



D. J. Moore

Darrell J. "D.J." Moore, 84, passed away September 19, 2021, at his farm home near Penalosa, Kan. He was born to Otis R. and Gladys M. (Boyd) Moore on November 2, 1936, at Kingman, Kan. He grew to manhood on the family farm and that is also where he spent the last 30 years of his life. He married Patricia Shrauner on July 8, 1962, at Elkhart, Kan. They shared 59 years of happy adventures.



He attended the local one room school, graduated from Cunningham High School, Pratt Junior College, Southwestern College at Winfield, Kan., and earned his Master's Degree as an Audio-Visual Specialist at the University of Connecticut. He was awarded a summer National Foundation grant to Temple University in Philadelphia, Penn. after only a few years of teaching.

He taught Junior High School science in Hoisington, Kan., for 17 years before he became the High School Librarian for 10 years. Meanwhile, he continued his life-long farming interests in Kingman and Reno counties.

He was an active 59 year member of First United Methodist Church of Hoisington, Kan., where he and his wife sponsored the church youth group for several years at two different times. He served as Finance Chairman, Chairman of the Board, Chairman of Nominations as well as various other assignments. He was a regular attendee of Penalosa United Methodist Church during the farming season.

Survivors include, his wife Patricia Moore of the home; and one son, Brett Moore of rural Kingman, Kan. He was preceded in death by infant twins, Phillip J. and Peggy K. Moore; his parents; a brother, Otis Junior Moore; and a sister, Marcelene Moore. He had a step mother, Mildred Moore a few years after his mother's death who is also deceased.

Graveside service was held September 23, 2021, at Sego Cemetery, rural Reno county, with Ron Bailey presiding.

Memorials have been designated to GPS Kids Club, Kans for Kids, First United Methodist Church in Hoisington, or Penalosa United Methodist Church, in care of Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home, PO Box 146, Hoisington, KS 67544.

Ed Craig

R.E. "Ed" Craig, 95, died Sept. 26, 2021 in Wichita.

He was born Aug. 22, 1926, on a farm outside Earlton, Kansas the son of Herschel and Mary Taylor Craig. Ed spent his childhood growing up in Independence and Sublette, Kansas.

He lived through the Dust Bowl growing up in Sublette and traveled the Midwest in Swing/dance bands in the 1940's. Teaching band for nearly 40

years, Ed was inducted into the Kansas Music Educators Hall of Fame in 1993. Well respected by his students and peers across Kansas, he led many great concert and marching bands with superior ratings through the years. During his 30 years as director of the instrumental music program at Kingman, his band program grew from 40 to 275 musicians. The Kingman band was invited to perform for many special clinics and workshops throughout Kansas and the Midwest. Craig served as state chairman for the ASBDA, state president for Phi Beta Mu, state president for the KBA, and board member for KMEA. He received the KAA-Phi Beta Mu Outstanding Bank Director Award, the Kingman Jaycee Award as the Outstanding Young Teacher, the Mac Award, and honorary membership in Kappa Kappa Psi. He also had a successful second career as a Financial Planner for Waddell and Reed.

On Sept. 26, 1947, he married Glenna Killion in Neodesha, Kansas; she survives. Other survivors include sons Kit and Tiger (Marilyn) Craig; daughter Candy (Jim) Ashcraft; grandchildren Diane and Kenton Ashcraft, Emma Craig, Miles, Jared and Natalie Craig; and great-grandchildren Ethan Pearson and Evan Ashcraft.

Funeral services will be 2:00 p.m., Friday, at the Kingman United Methodist Church. The family will receive friends from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., Thursday at the Livingston Funeral Home. Covid protocol and the use of masks is highly encouraged. Burial will be in the Walnut Hill Cemetery.

Memorials may be made with the Kingman Lions Club or the R.E. Craig Music Scholarship both in care of the Livingston Funeral Home.

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