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## Minutes from the September BOE Meeting

The West Kingman County Board of Education meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. Wednesday, September 11, 2024, by President Brent Miller.

President, Brent Miller; Vice-President, Bjorn Halderson; Members, Megan Green, Jason Osner, and Abby Bock; Superintendent, Dr. Kelly Arnberger; Principal, Cody Dunlap; and Guests, Roberta Kobbe, Nicole Kerschen, Lexi Murphy, Shawna Sterneker, Elizabeth Paris, Kevin Wegerer, Will Wegerer, Kristin Wegerer, Pam Liebl, and Diana Wegerer.

Motion made by Bjorn Halderson, seconded by Abby Bock, to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried 5-0.

President Brent Miller welcomed the guests then turned the meeting over to Cody Dunlap. Cody recognized guest Will Wegerer, highlighting his accom-

plishments in basketball and pole vault.

Motion made by Bjorn Halderson, seconded by Abby Bock, to approve the minutes of the August 12, 2024 regular meeting and Budget Hearing meeting. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion made by Jason Osner, seconded by Megan Green, to approve the payment of bills and the financial reports as presented. Motion carried 5-0.

Dr. Arnberger discussed with the board the after school program, Beyond the Bell, and updates on transportation.

Principal Dunlap Showed Aims Web and IXL sample data. He also visited about upcoming educational opportunities for students in both elementary and high school taking place outside of the classroom; Exploration Place, Wichita Thunder STEM Day, RealityU for JH/HS.

Member Bjorn Halderson reported that SCKSEC under budget review. Payroll services contracted out to ESSDACK. Board action was taken to increase administrative pay.

Motion made by Bjorn Halderson, seconded by Jason Osner, to go into executive session with the board and Administration at 7:38 p.m. to discuss personnel performance matters and return to the board room at 7:53 p.m. Motion carried 5-0.

President Miller declared the meeting in open session at 7:53 p.m.

Motion made by Bjorn Halderson, seconded by Abby Bock, to go into executive session with the board and Administration at 7:53 p.m. to discuss personnel performance matters and return to the board room at 8:00 p.m. Motion carried 5-0.

President Miller declared the meeting in open session at 8:00 p.m.

Motion made by Megan Green, seconded by Abby Bock, to go into executive session with the board and Administration at 8:00 p.m. to discuss personnel performance matters under the KOMA non-elected personnel exception and return to the board room at 8:10 p.m. Motion carried 5-0.

President Miller declared the meeting in open session at 8:10 p.m.

Superintendent Arnberger gave an update on the construction landscape and parking striping. He then discussed with the board the October board meeting to add a work session for strategic planning.

Dr. Arnberger presented an updated 24-25 calendar.

Motion made by Jason Osner, seconded by Megan Green, to approve the updated calendar as presented. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion made by Bjorn Halderson, seconded by Jason Osner, to adjourn the meeting at 8:26 p.m. Motion carried 5-0.



## Minutes from Kingman County Commission Meeting of October 7

Chairman Henning called the Board of County Commissioners meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. October 7, 2024, in the County Commissioners room at the Kingman County Courthouse. Present: Jerry Henning, Chairman; Jack Thimesch, Commissioner; Pat Elpers, Commissioner; Carol Noblit, County Clerk; Brandon Ritcha, County Counselor

Visitors: Bob Morris, Kingman Leader-Courier; Larry Landwehr; Julie Lyon; Dale Enyart; Brendan Giesick, AdamsBrown(conference call).

Online Visitors: Heather Kinsler; Caller 01; Caller 02; User 1; User 2; Guest; Susan Hubbell, Register of Deeds; Mary Schwartz, Health Nurse

Staff: Amanda Stucky, Planning/Zoning; Jamie Smith, County Treasurer; LaDawn Stegman, Financial Officer and Charles Arensdorf, Public Works Director.

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

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

Chairman Henning asked if there was any public comment.

Lany Landwehr discussed that Commissioner Thimesch attending the City Meetings is helping with commu-

nications between the County and City has been a good thing.

Amanda Stucky, Planning/Zoning was in with the following building pennits:

Garrett Beat for a new home in Section 8, Township 27, Range 10W.

Kent Anthony for a garage in Section 33, Township 30, Range 09W.

Greg & Tammy Beat for a new home in Section 5, Township 28, Range 10W.

Roger Powell for a roof over a patio in Section 11, Township 27, Range 05W.

Trent & Jami Viner for a shed in Section 14, Township 28, Range 05W.

Emery & Jennifer Westerman for a garage in Section 36, Township 30, Range 10W.

LaDawn Stegman, Financial Officer was in to discuss the September Financials with the County Commissioners.

Carol Noblit, County Clerk submitted the September 30, 2024, Commission meeting minutes for approval.

MOTION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to approve the September 30, 2024, Commission meeting minutes. Commissioner Elpers seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Jamie Smith, County Treasurer and LaDawn Stegman, Financial Officer were in to discuss the IT Vendors that were reviewed with departments.

Ms. Smith called Brendan Giesick with AdamsBrown to have him in on the discussion of going with a new IT company.

Ms. Smith let the Commissioners

know that it was agreed upon by a majority of the Department heads at our Friday meeting to go with Reach Solutions Inc. and the agreement is being presented to the Commissioners.

Commissioners discussed that the Cyber Security of everyone being under one IT company will be a good step in the right direction.

MOTION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to approve the Master Service Agreement between Kingman County and Reach Solutions Inc. Commissioner Elpers seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Chairman Henning presented a new hire form for the Sheriff's Office.

MOTION: Commissioner Elpers moved to approve a new hire for the Sheriff's Office. Commissioner Thimesch seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Charles Arensdorf, Public Works Director was in with his departments September financial report.

Mr. Arensdorf let the Commissioners know that Steve Bachenberg, County Consulting Engineer will be here on October 21<sup>st</sup> to review the 3-year CIP Program with them.

Mr. Arensdorf discussed that the Peters #25 & Belmont #23 guardrail projects will stnt around October 15<sup>th</sup>, 2024.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Commissioner Thimesch made a motion to go into executive session at 10:30a.m. with Charles Arensdorf, Public Works Director and Brandon Ritcha, County Counselor to discuss an individual

employee's performance pursuant to the exception under the Kansas Open Meetings Act, and they will return to open session in the Board Meeting room at 10:45 a.m. Commissioner Elpers seconded the motion. The motion was passed upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

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Commissioners returned to regular session at 10:50 a.m. with no decision made.

Commissioners discussed the holiday next week and decided to not meet next week due to the Columbus Day Holiday. Next meeting will be held October 21, 2024.

Commissioner Elpers discussed that he would like for Bob Morris to put more in the paper that the County does.

MOTION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to adjourn the regular board meeting at 11:13 a.m. Commissioner Elpers seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

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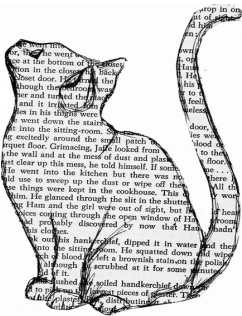


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## Meanderings

Wow! This paper about didn't get done. I was pretty panicked about 3:00 this afternoon when I didn't have a single page completed and many, many more items to fit in.

Some things just didn't make the cut this week and can make an appearance next week.

## Tallgrass and Tumbleweeds by Gaille Pike

Dear Readers,

Remember when I had duck in a bucket in my office that I was treating for bumblefoot? When we got that cleared up, Dr. Mendoza told me she may never walk again due to spinal injuries, the origin of which we might never know. She could not, or would not, stand up or walk or move

## A Column by Dorothy Rosby

### My Next Big Adventure

You might not believe this, but I'm quite an adventurer. I've walked along the Great Wall of China. Or at least I've walked into the Great Wall Chinese Restaurant—and more than once.

Once rappelled about a hundred feet—maybe it was closer to 15. And I've swum with dolphins. Actually, they weren't dolphins. They were cows, and they weren't swimming. They were drinking out of the lake I

Others just aren't going to get coverage in this little paper.

Less than 2 weeks until Election Day. I'll be glad when all the solicitations via email stop. Sheesh! What a mess!

Now on to my other bit:

This meandersings is a build up to another column. My one column is now going to be two (or three) columns.

Do you remember The Summer of the Disappearing Cats. Was that 2012? 2013? Somewhere in that time.

For all who are not familiar with that summer, cats disappeared

from our community. They literally vanished. I lost four. Some people lost many more. The first time I was aware of the problems was when told Nora wasn't on the porch for breakfast. Now, Nora was a feral cat. VERY feral. She was wild, and she liked it that way. But I had managed to trap her and have her spayed because she was turning out 2 litters of kittens every year and dumping them on me. The morning she disappeared, I looked for her, called for her, searched for days. She was just gone.

A couple of days later, funny man Tim Conway disappeared.

I mentioned the disappearances to someone else in town and they said they had cats disappear as well.

Then other people began telling of their missing cats. There was NEVER any sign that some wild beast had grabbed them. When cats are in altercations they shed. They shed a great deal of fur. "Fur flies" isn't just a saying.

Never could anyone find any evidence of an altercation between cats and another beast. They were just gone.

By the end of the summer, the count was over 60 cats gone. And those were the pets and the

strays people were caring for. That didn't include the ferals who were just living on the fringes.

I called Fish and Game. They couldn't help except to assure me it most likely wasn't the foxes that were in town. Which I didn't believe it was. I'd seen them on the porch eating the cat food there for Nick and Nora and those two old cats would just sit and watch them eat.

I also called the Director of the Humane Society in Topeka. They came down and investigated. They checked out abandoned farms and shelterbelts in the area, thinking maybe a

dog-fighting ring was in operation. They never found any evidence of that or the missing cats.

And just as suddenly as it started, it stopped, but by then few cats were left in this community.

I lost Nora (Charles) and Tim Conway and Harvey Korman and Teddy (Roosevelt). They were all outside cats and wouldn't come inside for anything at any time. Just gone.

More next week.

Always reading, and currently reading, "Your Royal Hostage" by Antonia Fraser, Roberta

her wings OR fend for herself among the other 20 ducks and chickens free-ranging about the place. But I was assured she was not in pain, or nor was she exhibiting distress around humans. So I had to acquiesce to the fact that I have a special needs duck who requires around the clock care. That might sound a bit dismal but here is the good part—Lolly's getting better.

Lolly (yes, I named my lame duck) is a Pekin duck, also known as a Long Island duck, with

pure white downy feathers, a bright orange bill and paddles, and piercing black dots for eyes. And I am happy to report she is doing quite well. Not only is she healthy, against all conventional veterinary wisdom, she is showing progress daily. And every once in a while she gets feisty and flaps her wings, stretches her legs and tries to stand up, sometimes even taking a few steps. I truly believe she is on the mend. And the only time she spends in her bucket is at night (when all her

sibling ducks are also snug in bed in the coop.) The rest of the day she is truly a duck about town.

Lolly's day begins with breakfast (peas and duck feed) and then she has physical therapy (duck laps round my office with my assistance) followed by aqua therapy (warm water soak where she works her paddles on her own.) And after I "drain the duck", Lolly lunches on more peas in the living room while watching Gunsmoke and The Andy Griffith Show, quietly quacking in ap-

proval every now and then. She naps a lot, but so do the ambulatory outdoor free ranging other Pekin and Rouen ducks. Lolly protests, as any self-respecting duck should, when I move her from one spot to the next, unless I place her head in the crook of my neck. If I do that she's happy as well, a duck on water.

The big event in our day is taking the Lolly Trolley, a small garden wagon filled with fresh straw, out into the yard where she gets to swim in a large baby pool and

soak in the sun. And finally, just after dusk—and after I've drained the duck once more—Lolly's gently placed in her cozy bucket filled with fresh pine shavings, where she falls asleep with her constant companion, a Kansas City Chiefs Teddy Bear.

If you think I'm nuts, you're not the first. But there's worse things I could be than a crazy duck lady.

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

was swimming in. Same difference.

These adventures are all suggestions you'll find if you do an internet search for bucket list ideas—except for swimming with cows. Nobody mentions that. Ever since the term bucket list was coined by the screenwriter of the 2007 film The Bucket List, everyone has a list of things they want to do before they "kick the bucket." I'm proud to say I've accomplished many of the suggested goals you find online—more or less.

For example, one frequent bucket list item is running a marathon. I did that. Kind of. I was in track all four years of high school and I'm sure I ran a mile at least 26

times. Or do you think they mean all at once?

Another common bucket list item is attending a Super Bowl. That would be a waste of time for me because I don't even like football. But I did attend game five of the 1987 World Series which I think should count for something. Baseball is more my style with its long periods of monotony interrupted by occasional bursts of hysteria—much like life.

A lot of people want to test drive their dream car. I don't have a dream car, but I often dream in a car. My husband drives; I sleep. If it's got bun warmers and comfortable seats, it's a dream car to me.

Learning a second language is also on many internet bucket lists. I'm proud to say I had one semester of French at Augustana College. And I still remember how to say a few common greetings and one swear word.

Of course, there are a lot of suggested bucket list goals I haven't achieved yet. I've never been on an African safari or seen the Great Pyramid of Giza. I've never gone bungee jumping or skinny dipping. And if I had skinny dipped, I wouldn't tell you anyway.

This is all a long way to explain why I've been so interested in all those rich guys and their space missions you hear about lately. I was looking for another adventure to add

to my bucket list. And thanks to their efforts, space travel is now available to all of us who couldn't pass the astronaut training program.

I'm sure vacationing in space will now join visiting Stonehenge, climbing Mt. Kilimanjaro and trying out for the NBA as common bucket list items. I know it's on my list. I'm not a bit afraid of going to space like some people are. I've never been afraid of flying. I fear losing my luggage more than crashing because it happens more often.

Also, I've ridden in a hot air balloon—another common bucket list item by the way. And it was almost like traveling in space except

we used propane instead of rocket fuel. Also, we didn't leave the earth's atmosphere, travel faster than the speed of sound, experience weightlessness or wear cool space suits. Other than that, I think it was pretty much the same.

Anyway, I have the courage that comes with knowing it will never happen, not unless I come into a whole lot of money. If you want to travel in space, it's going to cost you anywhere from \$125,000 to a couple of million. Unless you're a gazillionaire, you'd have nothing left for all your other bucket list goals, except maybe skinny dipping and swimming with cows.



## My Breast Cancer Experience: Part 33

By Beth Blasi 2024

Here we are on the downhill side of 2024 and I'm squeezing this in at the tail end of Breast Cancer Awareness month during October. In recog-

nition of that, of course many of our lovely doctor appointments continue. Between the two of us, it seems we are constantly on the road – appointments, lab tests, CT scans, picking up prescriptions, etc. However, I guess we should just be thankful we are still able to get up and go!

Speaking of going, we have had a few adventures this summer. We started with a trip to Cancun, Mexico for our niece's wedding. Lots of pool time and many beverages and food. It was a little warm and windy

so we didn't get much sandy beach time. Never fear, we did get a little sun-burn, of course! The wedding was beautiful – just a light rain shower during the reception but we were lucky and were able to get most of our food eaten before it got watered-down.

Alaska was our bucket-list trip. Our daughters and their families were all able to go so we were able to make family memories. We spent lots of time on trains but saw all kinds of scenery including Mount Denali and the tidal mud flats. We were on a float trip on a grey-colored river that allowed us to be close to a few small ice-bergs in a lake. The grey-coloring was strange but did you know the grey color is due to the silt from the melting glaciers? We saw a large glacier calving. Did you know there is a rumble of thunder from the glacier a little bit before the ice drops? We were bundled up in our coats when we were close to the glacier on the

water of the bay but the Harbor seals were having a great time lounging on the floating ice once it dropped off the glacier. We were in awe as we watched a group of hump-back whales while they were feeding. Our timing with the weather was great with calm seas and fair skies.

Our road-trip adventure took us north to Michigan this year. We spent a day on Mackinac Island, saw a lumberjack show (did you know there are professional lumberjacks and it is even a collegiate sport?). We ventured to the Soo Locks and had lunch in Canada. We even took in a couple national parks.

The City of Zenda (with the aid of a grant) has replaced the cracked-up, weedy tennis court with a new one! New net, new lights, new lines, new basketball and nets. It's finally cooling off so we're getting pickleball started again. We were playing weekly until Covid hit, and then my cancer hit, and then

my hubby's cancer hit, and then it was sooo hot and windy, and the court was bad – you get the picture (excuses, excuses). Anyway, we're finally getting some evening pickleball games going – at least if our out-of-shape bodies hang in there and we don't die laughing at whiffing the ball.

My latest follow-up oncologist appointment shows that all is going well. I had a Dexa (bone) scan earlier this year. I'm holding steady in that Osteopenia stage and not yet slipping to Osteoporosis. Apparently, the estrogen-blocker Arimidex that I'm taking can cause some issues with the bones but so far, so good (hurray!). I'm in year 3 of the 5 years to take the Arimidex but there is a chance I may do 7 years. Geez – that almost sounds like a prison sentence, doesn't it? As long as that pill keeps that cancer in prison, I'm okay with that.

It's been 3 years since

the end of my chemotherapy. I have been fortunate that the hair on my head returned (maybe a little thinner) and most of my strength has returned. Don't ask me to do squats – hah! (of course, I couldn't really do those before chemotherapy). I still think some things don't taste quite the same – but, of course, that hasn't curbed my snacking! Many days I really feel like I need a nap in the afternoon – but that could just be my age. For the most part, I'm doing well and still forever thankful to those that have been involved in all the research to treat these awful cancers.

The rest of the year is a busy time. Halloween, presidential election (remember to go vote), Thanksgiving, Advent, Christmas, new grandchild, and then the New Year! Have great holidays!

AND - GET THOSE MAMMOGRAMS!!!

Until next time!

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Community Bulletin Board

Thursday, October 24

Nat' FFA Convention  
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HS Scholars Bowl  
at Fairfield  
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JH VB League  
Tournament at HOME

Friday, October 25

National FFA  
Convention

Saturday, October 26

HS Cross Country  
Regional Meet  
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HS VB Sub-State  
Tournament  
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National FFA  
Convention

Monday, October 28

Parent/Teacher  
Conferences  
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City Council Meeting

Tuesday, October 29

Career Expo  
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Parent/Teacher  
Conferences  
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K - 2 visit to  
pumpkin patch

Wednesday,  
October 30

Career Expo  
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Parent/Teacher  
Conferences

Thursday, October 31

KAY Halloween Party  
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2:00  
Spook Parade  
Downtown

Friday, November 1

NO SCHOOL  
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HS VB State  
Tournament

Monday, November 4

Scholars Bowl  
at HOME

Tuesday, November 5

Parents meeting for  
Winter Sports

Saturday, November 6

KAY Regional Meeting  
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6:00  
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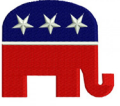
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Actors Gearing  
Up for Library  
Fundraiser

Wow, Cunningham!  
This little town has really shown up in the month of October to support worthy causes. The Cunningham Public Library aims to keep up the momentum with its fall fundraiser on Sun., Nov. 3rd, at the Community Center. There will be a delicious meal served, prepared by Wayne and Rogene Jarmer. Serving begins at 11:30 and continues until 1:00. Following the meal, there will be a production of “It’s a Wonderful Life: A Live Radio Play.” Adapted by Joe Landry and produced by special arrangement with Playscripts, Inc. (www.playscripts.com), the play follows the beloved movie fairly closely as local actors play multiple roles to bring the story to life. This shortened version is appropriate for all ages and should last



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L-R Cody Dunlap, Mary Stackhouse, Amanda Prim, Nicole Kerschen, Eric Kerschen, and Bob Stackhouse are diligently studying their lines and practicing for “It’s a Wonderful Life: A Live Radio Play.” Also making an appearance, but not pictured are: Dave and Kerri Steffen, John Huffman, and Cindy Panek on piano.  
What a bunch of characters! Can you guess which Bedford Falls resident each is portraying?

City Council  
Will Meet  
Monday Evening

Monday, October 28, 2024  
CITY COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA  
Meeting will be held at City Hall, 119 N. Main St.

- 1) 6:30 p.m. – Call to Order
- 2) Approval of Agenda
- 3) Approval of Minutes of September 30, 2024 meeting
- 4) Public comments, concerns, & communications
- 5) Fire Department – Chief’s Report
- 6) Sculpture Location – Leslie Schrag
- 7) Review Contract for Sale of Lot
- 8) John Reimer – Viking Industrial Painting
- 9) Consideration of Leak Forgiveness
- 10) Reports
  - Property Officer
  - Planning
- & Zoning – permit applications
  - Maintenance
  - Swimming Pool
  - Clerk
- 11) Financial Report & Payment of Bills
- 12) Adjourn

Minutes from  
Kingman  
County  
Commission  
Meeting of  
October 15

MINUTES OF THE KINGMAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS SPECIAL MEETING  
ON October 15, 2024  
Chairman Henning called the Board of County Commissioners meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. October 15, 2024, in the County Commissioners room at the Kingman County Courthouse. Present: Jeny Henning, Chairman; Jack Thimesch, Commissioner; Pat Elpers, Commissioner; Carol Noblit, County Clerk; Brandon Ritcha, County Counselor  
Visitors: Bob Morris, Kingman Leader-Courier; Lany Landwehr; Dale Enyart; Patricia DeDamos; Danny McDorman; Gayle Dye; Carol Voran.  
Online Visitors: Heather Kinsler; Caller 01; Susan Hubbell, Register of Deeds;  
Staff: Amanda Stucky, Planning/Zoning; Jamie Smith, County Treasurer; LaDawn Stegman, Financial, Officer and Charles Arensdorf, Public Works Director.  
Chairman Henning asked if there were any additions to the agenda. MOTION: Commissioner Elpers moved to ap-

prove the agenda. Commissioner Thimesch seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.  
Chairman Henning asked if there was any public comment. No public comment made.  
Amanda Stucky, Field Appraiser was in with an extension request for Darran Headley’s NRP. MOTION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to approve the extension of Darran Headley NRP project. Commissioner Elpers seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.  
Ms. Stucky asked for some clarification on a request she received on zoning regulations.  
Mr. Ritcha let Ms. Stucky know that he would review the regulations and get with her on what he finds.  
Ms. Stucky let the Commissioners know that she has not heard anything more from the Company wanting to do a solar farm.  
Jamie Smith, County Treasurer was in with an update on the IT change procedure.  
Ms. Smith provided a prepared quote from Integris IT for \$1,750.00 to off board. MOTION: Commissioner Elpers moved to approve the off-boarding quote from Integris IT in the amount of \$1,750.00. Commissioner Thimesch

seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.  
Chairman Henning allowed public comment to re-open.  
Carol Voran was in to give public comment on the letter to the editor she had put in the Kingman Leader-Courier. Ms. Voran discussed that there is always two sides to a subject. Ms. Voran said that the letter that was put in the paper was to have people think. Ms. Voran thanked the Commissioners for allowing her to speak.  
Chairman Henning discussed that if everyone would work together for a common goal things would be better.  
Commissioner Thimesch discussed the letter to the editor and how the words came across to him and several others.  
Ms. Voran let Ms. Hartley know that she is doing a great job.  
Ms. DeDamos wanted to know who was taking away Ms. Voran’s freedom of speech because she had her letter to the editor printed and she has been able to put it on social media.  
Mr. McDorman thanked all three of the Commissioners because he has talked with each one of them and they are always willing to listen.  
Commissioner Thimesch wants to move forward

con't on page 10

We  
ALWAYS need  
photos for the paper!!





### To Begin New Sermon Series

With our sermon series on “Who Cares?” now complete, I have been reflecting on my next preaching focus as Thanksgiving and Advent near. I am excited to share with our community that for the next two Sundays, I will tackle two pressing questions:

1) Given the declining trend of churches in the in the Global North, will the church survive or become extinct? We look at the “fields” in the words of Jesus and the harvest being ready and plenty as recorded in Matthew 9:35-38 and Luke 10:1-2. Are we praying enough? How actively and contextually are we involved in harvesting?

2) If the church has a future, what shape will it take? Ephesians 3:1-13, looking at the revelation of God. What could possibly be the hidden dimensions of the church that we need to pay attention to in our community? Are we learning, unlearning and relearning?

Paul’s description of the church as a “mystery” in Ephesians 5:32. What does that call for? Is it flexibility, adaptabil-




ity, creativity or what? Join us for the next two Sundays as we explore the church’s prospects, seeking thoughtful discussion rather than definitive answers.

We will explore the rich teachings of Scripture, recognizing the mystery of the church is revealed through Christ. There is an Egyptian proverb about a cat having nine lives which illustrates resilience. A cat has nine lives, but what about the church?

-Mathew Musyoki  
*(picture by Marc Funk)*

Free Bread & Baked Goods at the Cunningham Methodist Church  
2 to 5 p.m.  
on Tuesdays



### Letters TO THE Editor

A Letter to the Editor

The year was 1945, World War 2 had just ended; your fathers and mine had just fought a war against tyrannical rulers of socialist and imperialist governments.

Here we are today on the brink of a very important election. Oh how our world has changed in just three generations!

If our fathers and grandfathers were to come back for a glimpse of the state of our country, I know that mine would be appalled beyond measure. Illegal immigration and the crimes that come with it—murder, rape, and human trafficking are at an all time high. Runaway inflation has affected us all, especially our young people who

are just starting out as adults with the aspiration of owning their own homes. Cross dressers, (aka drag queens) sexually grooming our preschoolers and students in public libraries and schools is another source of disgrace along with child sexual mutilation and chemical castration, sometimes against the parent’s will. Biological men and boys competing against and injuring our daughters and granddaughters in competitive sports is appalling as well. Abortion, verbally touted as “women’s health care,” is another instance of deception and degradation. These issues are relevant as well as so many others—too numerous to name.

But, rather than focusing solely on the negative aspects of our

society, this letter is meant to motivate and encourage you to exercise your right, duty, and PRIVILEGE to vote on November 5th or before! It is estimated that 40 million self-proclaimed Christians don’t vote, that is unconscionable!

We live in a country with the most brilliant foundation of government-the Constitution! Godly men risked their very lives to pen and sign that magnificent document that guarantees our rights to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness!

The brilliant Winston Churchill once said, “Democracy is the worst form of Government except for all those other forms that have been tried from time to time.” As is common knowledge, socialism and communism has al-

ways failed and freedom is never free. May we all honor those who have gone before us, who literally put their lives on the line for us and continue to fight for our FREEDOM!!!

Only by God’s grace and hand of Divine Providence from the era of the Pilgrims to today’s Patriots will our Constitutional Republic not only survive but thrive.

“If My people who are called by My name will humble themselves, and pray and seek My face, and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin and heal their land.”

2 Chronicles 7: 14-16

Blessings,  
Karen Eck

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

FIGHT!  
FIGHT! FOR OUR FREEDOMS!  
FIGHT!  
VOTE TO PUT GOD AND AMERICA FIRST!  
VOTE RED!  
PAID FOR BY LOCAL CONSERVATIVES



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 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.


The 4C Day Care Center sends a special thank you to NextEra Energy for their recent generous donation.

The youngsters gathered on the bench outside the facility for a photo op. The adults in the photo are (left to right) Sammy Robinson (caregiver), Kathy Albers (board member), Debi Dunlap (board member), Mathew Musyoki (pastor for UMC) Jack Hold and Landon Rucker, NextEra representatives, Heather McCurry (director) and Karen Mertens (caregiver)



### Too Soon for Sunday School

During a Sunday school lesson, a child learned how God created human beings. The child became especially focused when the teacher explained how Eve was created from Adam’s ribs. Later in the week, the boy’s mother saw him lying on the floor and asked him what was wrong. His reply was priceless: “Mom, I have a pain in my side—I think I’m getting a wife.”



### Catholic Churches


**Sacred Heart, Cunningham**  
Saturday 4:00 p.m..

**St. Leo**  
Sudnay 8:30 a.m.

Father Daryl Befort    316-706-1627    620-246-5370

**St. John, Zenda**  
Sundays 10:00 a.m.

**St. Peter Willowdale**  
Saturday 5:30 p.m.




### Lutheran Churches

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

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

Pastor vacancy until further notice.



### 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 Methodist Church

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



YEARS AGO IN

The Cunningham Clipper

W. A. Bradley / William Bradley

1929

Oct. 18, 1929 - Cunningham and Abbeyville battled to a scoreless tie in a football game played at Abbeyville last Friday afternoon

1934

Oct. 19, 1934 - “The Crimson Nemesis,” a three-act mystery play, was presented by the Dramatic Club to a capacity crowd in the High School Auditorium last Friday evening.

Members of the cast included Mike Schnittker, Mrs. Harve Manahan, Delores Doty, Dr. D. E. Thompson, and Roman Young. Intermission music was furnished by J. E. Schmitt, violinist; Virginia Elson, celloist; Henry Hart, pianist; and Carlos Cannon, soloist.

Do you want to buy a 1929 Ford Coupe for \$85.00 or a 1927 Oakland Landau for \$45.00? See the Dafforn Motor Company in Cunningham.

Mr. and Mrs. Boyd Bedwell left this week for Hutchinson, where they will make their new home. Glenn Patton will take over management of the Skelly Service Station.

1939

Oct. 20, 1939 - Gas was turned on into the new pipeline today, connecting the Skelly Oil Company’s Gasoline Plant with Hutchinson.

The Lakin No. 1 test is flowing at the rate of ninety million cubic feet of gas daily - the largest gasser to date in this immediate area.

1949

Oct. 21, 1949 - Mr. and Mrs. Eula Witt announce the birth of a daughter, Carolyn Ann, Thursday, October 13.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Ratcliff announce the birth of a daughter, Tuesday, October 18.

1954

Oct. 21, 1954 - About eighty-five Community Men’s Club members and their wives enjoyed a dinner-meeting in the Lodge Hall, Tuesday evening. The Junior Class served a delicious meat loaf dinner preceding the program. Featured speaker of the evening was Bruce Behmeyer of Wichita, Market Editor of the Wichita Eagle and Radio Station KFH, who gave a highly entertaining talk. Claude Jurney of Kingman, Kingman County’s Civil Defense Director, spoke briefly on Civil Defense.

The high school baseball team ended the current season with an undefeated record this week, climaxed with their sixth and seventh victories over Langdon and Nashville respectively. The team defeated Langdon b a 17-5 score with Billy Schnittker the batting star with a double and two singles. Nashville went dow by a 15-2 score with Walter Becker and Fred Adelhardt getting two hits apiece.

The Freshman Class is having a “Clean-Up Day” in Cunningham, Saturday, October 30. They will do both inside and outside work, such as wash cars, haul trash, wash windows, clean up yards, and any other odd jobs. Reasonable rates will prevail for their fine services.

Off the Record  
The hardest thing about roller skating is the floor, when you come right down to it.

It certainly pays to advertise. There are 26 higher mountains in Colorado than Pike’s Peak.  
  
Psychologists say that no person should keep too much to himself. The Bureau of Internal Revenue is of the same opinion.

1959

Oct. 22, 1959 - Appointment of John Kaster of Cunningham, as a crew leader for the 1959 Census of Agriculture was announced today by Acting Field Director Percy Millard of the Census Bureau’s regional office in Kansas City.  
  
Vern Hendrixson announced this week that he has purchased the building and ground-site of his present service station from the Mobil Oil Company. He plans to erect a new station on the present site.

Lions Club Secretary Jack Meyers reports club membership of 23. President Verne Stanley named a committee to plan and organize the club’s annual “Pancake Day” to be held on Cunningham’s Santa Claus Day.

The Cunningham Daubers Club were guests of Mrs. Pearl DeVaney of Nashville, last Friday. They visited Medicine Lodge and the red hills in the morning, and in the afternoon were guests of Mrs. Myrta Giggy of Attica where they visited the art exhibit of the Attica Art Guild.

1964

. Oct. 22, 1964 - Bucklin blasted Cunningham by an 84-13 score in a non-league football game played at Bucklin last Friday night.

The Red Aces went over, under, around, and through the Wildcats, racking up 12 touchdowns, two safeties, and eight points-after-touchdown. Cunningham scored twice in the third quarter, the first touchdown coming on a 33-yard pass play from Dennis Raney to Elmer Adelhardt, and the second touchdown came on Raney’s six-yard pass to Duane Schnittker. Danny Meyers scored the point-after-touchdown.

Mrs. Anna Steffen and Mrs. Mabel Luce left Monday morning from Dodge City for Los Angeles, Calif., from where they flew Wednesday to Hawaii for an eight-day stay in the islands.

30th Anniversary Sale - Saturday, October 24th - 20 Percent Off on All Tires, Batteries, and Accessories - Free Coffee and Cookies - Patton’s Service Station Adv.

Loren Cooley - Democrat - Representative 72nd District - Qualified - Native - Farmer  
Pd. Pol. Adv.

Sales every Wednesday at Turon Sales Company, Turon, Kans. Livestock starting promptly at 1:30 P.M. A good market for all classes of livestock. Adv.

1969

Oct. 23, 1969 - Mr. and Mrs. Seth Whitmore were honored on their 40th wedding anniversary last Thursday evening. Members of their family were hosts at a dinner party at the Horn and Buckle Restaurant in Hutchinson.  
  
The Cunningham Wildcats scored in the last 30 seconds of play to grab a 34-28 victory from the Hardtner Tornadoes in a Golden Plains League football game played at Hardtner last Friday night. Marvin Oller connected with Dean Simon on a pass play covering 11 yards for the winning touchdown.

The Nashville-Zenda Thunderbirds won their fourth straight game in easy fashion last Friday night, squashing hapless Partridge, 86-0. The T-Birds scored three times in the first two minutes of play.

YEARS AGO IN

The Cunningham Clipper

Publisher: Charles G. Barnes

Editor: Rex Zimmerman

Reporter: Marie Ann Mantooth

1974

October 24 1974 – Curt Shelman, Cunningham’s one and only cross country runner, has been doing a very fine job this season. Curt finished fourth at St. Joh, seventh at Kingman, first at Pratt, twelfth at Hays, and third at Buhler. Curt has been running against some very good competition, and most 2, 3, and 4-A schools. This week Curt is preparing for the Regional Cross Country meet at Hays. His fastest time to date over the cross country course was 10:23 at Buhler – a very good time for the two mile course.

Friday, October the 18<sup>th</sup>, Cunningham High School had their Football Homecoming game against Nashville-Zenda. King John Steffen crowned Queen Judy Neises during halftime, and the attendants were Gary Vierthaler, Marilyn Albers, Allen Kerschen and Patti Holcomb. The cars donated by Randy Fischer, Kent Scripsick, and Ted Holcomb were driven by Corky Kincheloe, Mark Schnittker, and Mike Reif. Kristy Rohr carried the flowers while Eddie Albers was the crown bearer. StudentCouncil, sponsored by Mrs. Fund, were in

charge of all the Homecoming arrangements. A beautiful float for the Royalty was decorated in colors of orange, green, yellow, and white with the theme of “You and Me Against the World.”  
After the Wildcats victory over N-Z of 60 to 14, refreshments were served and entertainment was provided.  
  
Mr. and Mrs. Joe Raney, Terry, Tracy, and Troy of Emporia spent Saturday night and Sunday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Raney. Lee Washburn was also a Sunday dinner guest at the Ralph Raney home.

Donna Schaller fractured her arm recently when a rag she has wrapped around her wrist caught in the machine she was operation at the Don Dye Co. in Kingma. Miss Schaller will be unable to return to work for several weeks.  
  
Services for Kate (Mrs. Ben J.) Spexarth, 79, Colwich were held at 10:30 a.m. Friday in Sacred Heart Church, Colwich. Mrs. Spexarth, the mother of Rev. James Spexarth, the pastor at the St. Leo Catholic Church, passed away Tuesday, October 15.

Mr. and Mrs. Duane Hensiek (Vivian Wegerer) of Bartlesville, Oklahoma, are the proud parents of a boy born October 20 at 3:30 p.m. He weighed seven pounds, ten ounces, and will be named Troy Duane. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Matt Wegerer of Cunningham and Mrs. Goldie Hensiek of Nashville. Great grandparents ar Martin Scripsick of Sharon and Mrs. Louise Laverentz of Nashville.

YEARS AGO IN

The Cunningham Clipper

Publisher: Charles G. Barnes

Editor: Scott Newton

Reporter: Florine Kampling

1979

October 25, 1979 – I would like to take this opportunity to say thanks everyone for all the cards, flowers and prayers I received during my stay at the hospital. It’s really nice to know you have so many friends who care. Bonita Thornhill.

On Friday, October 19, Cunningham High School celebrated the 1979-80 Fall Festival. The event began the Monday before with Spirit Week. Everyone wore different, crazy clothes to promote the special spirit. Friday afternoon there was a pep assembly and Friday night the Wildcats played Haviland here at home. During half-time a King and Queen were chosen to reign over the festivities, they were Randy Hageman and Nancy Kerschen. The attendants were Nancy Albers escorted by Rob Fischer, and Brenda Vierthaler escorted by Troy Rohr. The flower girls was Renee Wegerer and the crown bearer was John Witt.

Melodie Graves of Great Bend, Ks., was one of approximately twenty girls selected by organizations for Homecoming Queen candidates. She was nominated by SNEA (Student National Education Association). Melodie, a Cunningham graduate, is a senior at Southwestern College in Winfield majoring in Elementary Education.

St. Peters Catholic Church in Willowdale was the setting for the marriage of Rose Ann Lubbers and George Hageman on September 22. Officiating at the 1:30 p.m. double-ring ceremony was Msgr. Arthur Holtz.

1984

October 25, 1984 – Mr. and Mrs. Steve Albers announce the birth of a baby girl October 18 at Kingman Community Hospital. She weighed 8 lbs 1 oz and has been named Kathryn Marie. A brother and sisters who welcome her home are Nick, Cheryl and Angie. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. John Albers, Cunningham, and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Vierthaler, Isabel. Great-grandmothers are Rose Vierthaler, Kingman and Margaret Simon, St. Leo.

On Tuesday, October 30, Mike Beat, alumnus of CHS and student at Manhattan Kansas State University, will present a program of slides and tell of his experiences when the attended college recently in Caracas, Venezuela. Anyone in the community who is interested is invited to attend. This will be a 1:00 assembly in the CHS auditorium.  
  
Rose Stillwell has spun the Wheel of Fortune after he name had been drawn and won \$10 in groceries at the Cunningham Grocery, Martha Hellar and Evelyn Simon had not been in to have their cards punched so they did not qualify.



Cozy's Pizza

115 N. Main  
Cunningham,  
KS 67035  
620-298-7000

Mon., Tues., & Thurs. - 11:00 to 8:00

Friday and Saturday - 11:00 to 9:00

Closed Wednesday and Sunday

- WANTED -

Old Photos for *Our Community Album*

Call (620) 298-2659 or email [couriernews@yahoo.com](mailto:couriernews@yahoo.com) or send to 320 North Stadium Street, Cunningham, KS 67035

Museum Hours

Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays

9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

or contact

Angie Mertens at 620-532-4354 or Alan Albers at 620-298-2725 or Mike McGovney at 620-770-9503

(Volunteers Needed at the museum)



USD 332 Staff Spotlight:  
Tera Fox, Jane Neufeld, Shannon Mattal:  
Food Service

STAFF SPOTLIGHT

Tera Fox

WHAT DO YOU ENJOY ABOUT USD 332?

"I enjoy the small community!"

ABOUT ME

experience: 9 years, all in  
Cunningham

family: Children - Alex and  
Allison

pets: Roxie, Mia, Nibbles,  
Lucy Snowball

hobbies: Watch TV



FAVORITES

food: Pizza

place: Home

book: N/A

subject: Lunch



submitted by Cody Dunlap

STAFF SPOTLIGHT

Shannon Mattal

WHAT DO YOU ENJOY ABOUT USD 332?

"I enjoy being around my co-workers and the kids!"

ABOUT ME

experience: 2 years, all in  
Cunningham

family: Mike, Annatheia, Scarlet,  
Grandchild Baby Scarlet

pets: 5 ducks

hobbies: Concerts



FAVORITES

food: Steak

place: Home

book: N/A

subject: Lunch



STAFF SPOTLIGHT

Jane Neufeld

WHAT DO YOU ENJOY ABOUT USD 332?

"I enjoy seeing people and kids everyday, especially my grandkids!"

ABOUT ME

experience: 5 years, all in  
Cunningham

family: Ken, Keith, Brent, and 4  
grandchildren

pets: Grand dog - Charlie

hobbies: Reading, Crafting,  
Sewing, Traveling



FAVORITES

food: Cheesecake

place: Table Rock Lake,  
Shell Knob, MO

book: Anything

subject: Working w/  
Tera/Shannon



Jr. High Wildcat Finishes  
Season Undefeated, 6-0.

The Cunningham Jr. High Wildcats traveled out of league for their final game of the 2024 season as they visited the Ell-Saline Cardinals in Brookville and came away with a 48-0 win. For the second straight week, the Wildcats took just eight seconds to get on the score board as Liam McGuire would take the opening kickoff 50 yards for the game's first score, PAT failed, Cunningham 6 Ell-Saline 0. One the Cardinals first possession they would drive inside the Cunningham 10-yard line with the help of a couple of penalties by the Wildcats, but the Wildcat defense would hold them out of the end-zone to get possession back. CJH would take the ball out to their own 38-yard line when John Paul Kerschen would get around the right side and would outrun the defenders for a 52-yard touchdown run. Landon Green would run in the PAT and Cunningham led 14-0 at the end of the first quarter. In the second quarter McGuire would score three touchdowns on three straight possessions on runs of 18 yards, 25 yards and 60 yards. One of the possession was set up by a John Paul Kerschen interception. Kerschen would also add one PAT and the Wildcats would lead the Cardinals 34-0 at the half. After the Wildcats forced a punt on the first possession of the third quarter, Landon Green would score the first

of his two touchdowns on a 35 yard run. Green would also add the PAT to stretch the lead to 42-0. On the next possession for the Cardinals they would once again drive deep into Wildcat territory before Green would jump in front of an Ell-Saline pass and intercept it, then returned it 70 yards for his second touchdown. The third quarter touchdown gave the Wildcats a 48-0 lead and ended the game due to the 45-point rule. The win improved the Jr. High Wildcats to 6-0 as they finished off the season perfect. Members of the 2024 undefeated team included 8<sup>th</sup> graders: Caden Johnson, John Paul Kerschen, Liam McGuire, Wesly Preisser, Kane Reid, Colton Rohlman, Carson Strohl and Mathew Taylor, 7<sup>th</sup> graders: Bryer Barber, Landon Green, Landen Hageman, Brody Halderson, Ethan Kostner, Connor McCurry, Casyn Miller, Cooper Neufeld, Jace Oldham, and Grady Smyth, the managers were Bowen Bock and Jax Thimesch, and the coaches were Bart Ricke and Colin Little. The boys and coaches would like to thank all those who traveled to Ell-Saline and also thank the parents and fans for their support for the entire season.

2024 Season Results  
Cunningham 40 Stafford/Fairfield 14  
Cunningham 20 Attica/Argonia 12  
Cunningham 58 Pretty Prairie 16  
Cunningham 44 Minneola 18  
Cunningham 48 Skyline 0  
Cunningham 48 Ell-Saline 0  
-Coach Bart Ricke-

Cross Country Team Runs in Dual League Meet

The CHS and CJHS cross country team ran in a dual league meet. The Wheat State League joined Heart of the Plains League. Below are the results:

Ty Schultz earned 6th in league, 8th in the dual leagues with a personal best of 7:22.

Gage Dunn was 9th in league, 20th in the combined league with a time of 10:24.

Ada Adams was 5th in league, 11th in both leagues with a new personal best of 24:50.

Will Halderson placed 14th in league, 26th in the dual leagues with 20:20, a new personal best time.

Sean Kostner was 22nd in league, 46th in the combined league race with a new personal best of 23:01.

Blake Swope, reinjured himself during the run, but did finish the race as 26th in league, 52nd in the combined leagues with time of 25:17.

Coach Ricke said she was "extremely proud of the team and their accomplishments this year" and would like to say to those who supported the team, "Thank you to all of our parents, grandparents, and others who have supported the team this year. We appreciate you!"



Ada Adams



Sean Kostner,  
Blake Swope, &  
Will Halderson



Ty Schultz &  
Gage Dunn

photos by Coach Ricke

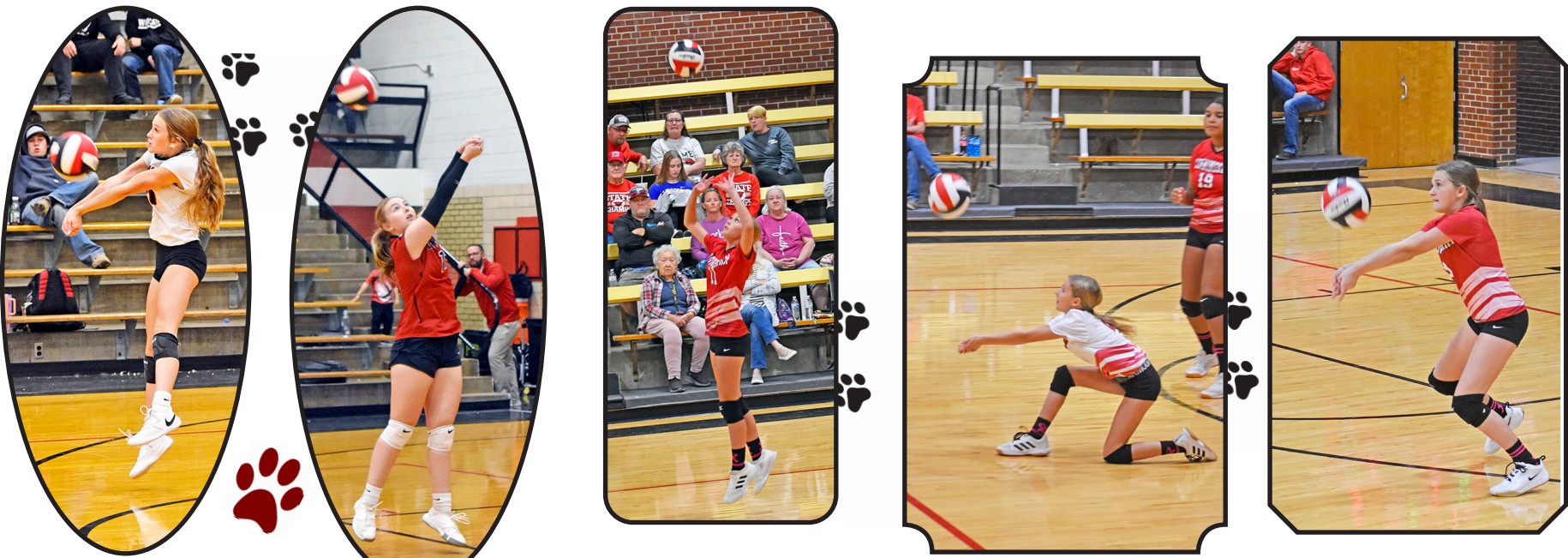


Cunningham Junior High and High School Fall Concert



Molly Morgan photos

CHS Lady Wildcats This Week



Molly Morgan photos

Morgan  
Oldham (HS)

Ava Bock (HS)

Katie Ogg (JH)

Lux Thimesch  
(JH)

Vaughn  
Preisser (JH)

Minutes from  
Pratt County  
Commission

The Pratt County commissioners met in regular session Monday, October 14, 2024, at 2:00 p.m. in the commissioner room, 1st floor of the courthouse. The following members were present: Thomas W. Jones III, Rick Shriver, Dwight Adams, Tyson Eisenhauer, county counselor, Lori Voss, county clerk and Mark Graber, IT director.

Heather Morgan, economic development, re-

ported PADC met last week. She stated they discussed presentation Kansas that supports entrepreneurs.

Update on the RFP project concerning the housing survey. The city of Sawyer gas issue form was submitted last Friday. She will continue to contact legislatures ensuring gas continues to flow to the city of Sawyer. It is very urgent. There are more meetings planned. Commissioner Adams asked if there was plans for an assisted living facility coming to Pratt. She stated yes, there was a company interested

and had been inquiring about available land to purchase.

Commissioner Adams made a motion to approve the minutes from September 30, 2024, and October 7, 2024. Commissioner Jones seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Sherry Wenrich, Register of Deeds presented a six month raise slip for Tishawna Dudrey in the amount of .50. Commissioner Jones made a motion to approve the six months raise for Tishawna Dudrey in the amount of .50. Commissioner Adams

seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Jones made a motion to approve hiring Jadyn Belt for part-time detention officer at \$15.00 for the sheriff's department. Commissioner Adams seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Clerk Voss presented checks for RSVP for signatures. Clerk Voss presented an invoice from Verizon for cell phone numbers for dispatch. She will email the invoice to Regina Goff at the city of Pratt.

Commissioner Jones made a motion to recess

into executive session at 2:13 p.m. for ten minutes to discuss an attorney/client matter. Commissioner Adams seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Jones made a motion to return from executive session at 2:23 p.m. with no action taken. Commissioner Adams seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Jones made a motion to recess into executive session at 2:25 p.m. for ten minutes to discuss a non-elected personnel issue. Commissioner Adams seconded the motion. Motion carried

3-0. Commissioner Jones made a motion to return from executive session at 2:32 p.m. with no action taken. Commissioner Adams seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Jones made a motion to approve payment vouchers for October 14, 2024. Commissioner Adams seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Jones made a motion to adjourn at 2:42 p.m. Commissioner Adams seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.



Kingman County Sheriff's Report

|                              |                                     |
|------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| <b>Sunday, October 13</b>    |                                     |
| Traffic Stops                | 5                                   |
| Damage to Property           | 3800 Blk SE 110 St, Rago            |
| Disabled Vehicle             | 2000 Blk E Hwy 54, Kingman          |
| Disabled Vehicle             | NE 20 St & NE 40 Ave, Kingman       |
| <b>Monday, October 14</b>    |                                     |
| Traffic Stops                | 4                                   |
| Traffic Complaint            | W Hwy 42 & SW 130 Ave, Spivey       |
| Follow Up                    | 120 N Spruce St, Kingman            |
| Transport Prisoner to Doctor | 750 W D Ave, Kingman                |
| Injury Accident              | NE 50 St & N Hwy 14, Pretty Prairie |
| Miscellaneous                | 120 N Spruce St, Kingman            |
| <b>Tuesday, October 15</b>   |                                     |
| Traffic Stop                 | 1                                   |
| Traffic Complaint            | SE 10 St & SE 100 Ave, Murdock      |
| Transport Prisoner           | 120 N Spruce St, Kingman            |
| <b>Wednesday, October 16</b> |                                     |
| Civil Paper Service          | 1                                   |
| Non-Injury Accident          | SE 100 St & SE 150 Ave, Norwich     |
| Unlock Vehicle               | SE 100 Sr & S Hwy 14, Rago          |
| Court                        | 130 N Spruce St, Kingman            |
| Disabled Vehicle             | 15000 Blk W 54 Hwy, Cunningham      |
| Traffic Complaint            | 17000 Blk W 54 Hwy, Cunningham      |
| Miscellaneous                | SE 70 St & SE 70 Ave, Murdock       |
| Transport Prisoner           | 18000 Blk W Hwy 42, Isabel          |
| Medical                      | 120 N Spruce St, Kingman            |
| <b>Thursday, October 17</b>  |                                     |
| Transport Prisoner           | 120 N Spruce St, Kingman            |
| Animal Complaint             | SE 100 St & SE 50 Ave, Kingman      |



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|-----------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Disturbance                 | 300 Blk W C Ave, Kingman            |
| Follow Up                   | 120 N Spruce St, Kingman            |
| Animal Complaint            | SE 110 St & SE 50 Ave, Kingman      |
| Transport Prisoner          | 120 N Spruce St, Kingman            |
| Check Welfare               | 1100 Blk NE 20 St, Kingman          |
| 911 Accidental Dial         | 4300 Blk NE 130 Ave, Cheney         |
| <b>Friday, October 18</b>   |                                     |
| Civil Paper Service         | 1                                   |
| Non-Injury Accident         | 3100 Blk SE 140 Ave, Cheney         |
| Court                       | 130 N Spruce St, Kingman            |
| Transport                   | 120 N Spruce St, Kingman            |
| Non-Injury Accident         | 2000 Blk E Hwy 54, Kingman          |
| Disabled Vehicle            | W Hwy 54 & NW 20 Ave, Kingman       |
| Miscellaneous               | 120 N Spruce St, Kingman            |
| 911 Accidental Dial         | 200 Blk N Douglas St, Cunningham    |
| Traffic Complaint           | NE 50 St & NE 140 Ave, Cheney       |
| Medical                     | 120 N Spruce St, Kingman            |
| <b>Saturday, October 19</b> |                                     |
| Civil Paper Service         | 2                                   |
| Non-Injury Accident         | E Hwy 2 & SE 140 Ave, Norwich       |
| Animal Complaint            | SE 50 Ave & SE 100 St, Kingman      |
| Traffic Complaint           | 5300 Blk SE 100 St, Kingman         |
| Parking Complaint           | 17000 Blk W Hwy 54, Cunningham      |
| Warrant / Arrest            | 8700 Blk E Burns Ave, Norwich       |
| Disturbance                 | 400 Blk S Main St, Norwich          |
| Civil Matter                | 120 N Spruce St, Kingman            |
| Traffic Complaint           | SE Murdock Ave & SE 3rd St, Murdock |
| Non-Injury Accident         | 400 Blk E Leiter Ave, Cunningham    |
| Suspicious Activity         | 200 Blk E 1st St, Cunningham        |
| Miscellaneous               | 800 Blk S Main St, Kingman          |



**Your Vote Counts**

Glenn Brunkow, Pottawatomie County farmer and rancher

In about two weeks or so it will be Election Day. I don't know about the rest of you, but I cannot wait for it to be over. I will not say another word about the campaigns because my mother told me, "If you can't say anything nice, don't say anything at all."

However, I do want to emphasize how important it is to get out and exercise your right

to vote no matter what. Despite what you may have heard, we still live in the freest nation on Earth with the greatest opportunities in the world. That is all dependent on all of us doing our part and getting out to cast our vote.

The price that has been paid to give you the privilege of voting came at a great cost, and it is our duty to honor those who sacrificed for that right. I know it is easy to be discouraged about the current state of things, but that is no reason not to vote.

And if you are discouraged, that's all the more reason to get involved, especially at the local level. I would encourage all of you to check out

Engaged Kansas at [www.engagedkansas.org](http://www.engagedkansas.org) and learn more about how to be a force for positive change in your community. I truly believe it will take all of us being involved at the local level to make a difference. But enough of my soapbox.

I also want to remind you that early voting is an option. I admit I resisted voting before Election Day for a long time. There is something about voting on that day. I have softened that view and I even voted early in the last primary. It does take some of the uncertainty out of having just one day to vote. It takes things like bad weather or unplanned calamities out of the equation. That is the long way of

me saying vote early take the doubt out of it. Whether it comes early or on Election Day, your vote is counted the same.

The bottom line is it is important for each one of us who can vote to exercise the right. I know, some of us don't have much to vote on either. In many cases in Kansas the primary decided the race, but it is still important to cast your vote. There are also many of us who still have contested races, in your case, it is even more important to cast that ballot. I would bet there will be many races decided by a handful of votes.

We all have a million things to do, and it is easy to talk ourselves into thinking our vote does not matter or it won't

make a difference. I am here to tell you it does make a difference and your vote does matter. Whether it is this week, next week or Nov. 5, take the time and go cast your vote. I promise I will, and I will proudly wear the sticker to prove it.

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- ACROSS
1. Eight performers

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9. 100-meter race

13. \*Fauna, Merryweather and \_\_\_\_, fairy godmothers

14. Adam's body part in Bible

15. Stone fruit

16. Type of bulrush, pl.

17. \*\*\*Dawn of a new \_\_\_\_"

18. Pertaining to ear

19. \*\*\*\_\_ list"

21. \*\*\*Your wish is my \_\_\_\_"

23. Actor Danson

24. Pottery oven

25. \*Migos: "Look at My \_\_\_\_"

28. Cold cuts counter

30. Inner skin layer, pl.

35. Riyadh native

37. One thousandth of a liter, pl.

39. \*\*\*Till \_\_\_\_ do us part"

40. Inconclusive

41. Where there's trouble?

43. On a cruise, e.g.

44. Man-made stone pile

46. Purse for a formal affair

47. Animal house

48. When a 3rd party holds assets

50. Prefers

52. Desk well content

53. Withdraw gradually

55. Black and white sea bird

57. \*\*\*\_\_\_\_ up the wrong tree"

61. \*\*\*A date which will live in \_\_\_\_"

64. Certain monochromatic cookie, pl.

65. Weary traveler's destination
67. Robin Hood's companion Tuck

69. September stone

70. Tolstoy of "War and Peace" fame

71. Salon file

72. Hurly burly

73. Immeasurable period

74. Raja's wife
- DOWN
1. Oftentimes, poetic abbreviation

2. \*\*\*Welcome to the \_\_\_\_"

3. Cough syrup balsam

4. Not slouching

5. Assigned a chore

6. Worry

7. \*\*\*I'm walkin' on \_\_\_\_"

8. Old-time calculators

9. Ringo Starr's instrument

10. Ambience

11. Bridge, e.g.

12. Kept together

15. \*F. Scott Fitzgerald's "The Beautiful and the \_\_\_\_"

20. Possible allergic reaction

22. \*\*\*What's \_\_\_\_ is new again"

24. One thousand tons

25. \*\*\*\_\_\_\_ like no one is watching"

26. La Scala solos

27. Fundamental

29. \*\_\_\_\_ is like a box of chocolates"

31. Madrid's Club de Fútbol

32. Kenyan warrior

33. Dined at home

34. \*\*\*Jump the \_\_\_\_, "what Fonzie did

36. 100 cents in Ethiopia

38. \*\*\*No \_\_\_\_ for you!"

42. Previously an Oiler
45. In no manner, archaic

49. Skin cyst

51. Bear pain

54. Quick and light on one's feet

56. Deserved consequence

57. \*\*\*You're gonna need a bigger \_\_\_\_"

58. Jason's vessel

59. Use a book

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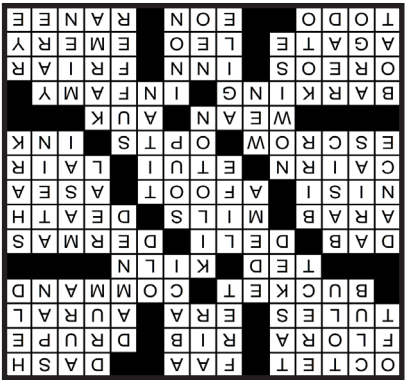
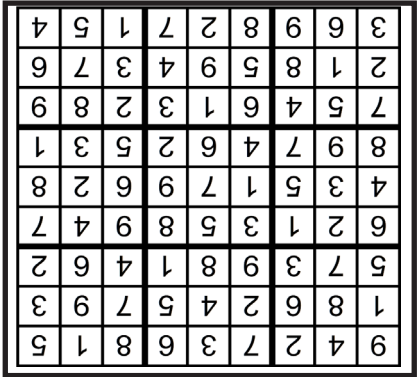
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63. Ready and eager

66. New, prefix

68. \*J.D. Salinger's "Catcher in the \_\_\_\_"





Fall Festival 2024



A Note of Thanks

Thank you, Cunningham, for such a wonderful Fall Festival and Historical Society fundraiser.

The festival decorations, booths, and store fronts were all festive and crated an environment of fun and fantasy.

Event organizers and contributors, you all did a great job. I hope this is the first of many to come. The Museum looked incredible. Thank you to everyone who worked on this event.

Donna Glenn, Former Curator

A Note of Thanks

THANK YOU!!

To the people of Cunningham and surrounding communities. The first, hopefully, Cunningham Fall Festival, was a huge success because of all of you. The weather was great, and YOU the People showed up in so many ways. Yes, we were able to make a huge amount of money for the Cunningham Historical Society Museum, but MORE importantly we were able to have an amazing community/family friendly event.

We do not know final totals yet for the donations as we have a few still coming in. Once we have the final tally, we will let you know. Again, we cannot thank you ALL for your support. We are blessed to live in an amazing community that can have fun together, celebrate together, and share a great day together.

A few notes on the winners of the various events. Pumpkin painting and carving ages 0-5 winner was Landreigh Newell, ages 6-16 was Bently Oak, and 17 and older, Bay Newell. Business decorating contest, Ninnescah Valley Bank. Quilt Raffle, Brian Stackhouse. Car and Tractor show 1st place, Kasey Pickett three-way tie for 2nd place, Dakota Mertens, Jeff Swindler & Kelly Huff. The Great Pumpkin winners, Connie Panek & Christian Gonzalez and The Guess the Weight winner, Weston Rogers. Corn Hole Tournament, Youth division winners Andrew Schultz & Landon Green, Adult division Richard & Cody Dunlap. The Biggest Winner of the Day, THE COMMUNITY OF CUNNINGHAM.

Thank you again to everyone for your support and a special thank you to all of those who helped to organize this event and volunteer to help the day of the event.

Thank You from The Cunningham Historical Society Board of Directors



A Note of Thanks

Thank you to ALL those involved in planning the Fall Festival. It was a terrific success and people appreciated it.

-Glenda Thornhill-





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Cosmos is a handsome tabby who is about 5 months old, has been at the shelter since July 25, and weighs around 7 pounds. Mostly likely he’s going to be a big boy who can protect his human companions from whatever they need protecting from.

His adoption fee is \$85.00.

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Junior is a Doberman Pinscher mix, as is his brother, Hayes, who was featured in last week’s paper. The two are a bonded pair. Junior is about 3 years old and weighs about 50 pounds, a bit less than his brother. He is an active dog who loves to romp and play. He is very friendly with other dogs, but may not be so with cats.

He is crate trained, mostly house trained, but will also work for snacks. He has been at the shelter since September 14. His adoption fee is \$180.00.

Minutes from Kingman County Commission

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CommissionerThimesch thanked Ms. Voran for coming in and talking with the Commissioners.

Larry Landwehr wanted to thank the Commissioners for the work they have done to keep our county taxes down.

Chairman Henning appreciates all the County Employees and

the Commissioners will stand behind them.

Chairman Henning also wanted to thank the Council on Aging and County Extension Office for what they do.

Amber Hattley, County Appraiser would like for you to please come talk to her if you need an explanation on your taxes.

Dale Enyart let the Commissioners know that his intent of his information he put out was just to let people know that he appreciated what the Commissioners have done.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Commissioner Elpers moved to go into executive session for attorney-client privilege with Brandon Ritcha, County Counselor and Carol Noblit, County Clerk at 9:45 a.m. to discuss pending administrative proceedings pursuant to the exception under the Kansas Open Meetings act for discussion of matters which would be deemed privileged under the attorney-client relationship, and they will return to open session in the board meeting room at 1 0:00 a.m. Commissioner

Elpers seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners. Commissioners returned to regular session at 10:00 a.m. with no decision made.

MOTION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to adjourn the regular board meeting at 10:00 a.m. Commissioner Elpers seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

What’s Old?

I read about a survey that was taken recently. People were asked “when are you old?” The respondents who were in their 50’s said you were old at 80 years of age. The 60-year-olds said you were old at 84. The 70-year-olds said you were old at 88. So, the older we get, the older the old threshold gets. I’m good with that.

I personally think of myself as being a young man, even when others may not see me as that. At 48 years of age, I had heart bypass and colon resection surgeries in the same month. So, I had several opportunities to never be old and I am grateful for modern medicine. But at 74 years and 6 months I have outlived my dad, granddad, great-granddad and great-great granddad. As a mature

man I think more and more about meeting my ancestors in the afterlife. When meeting in the great after I look forward to interesting discussions about their life and mine.

Hy Albers came from Hanover Germany in 1840 seeking freedom and better opportunities for his family. Great-grandpa Joseph and Grandpa Ben came to Kansas in the late 1800’s. All my history is about family appreciating the joy of freedom and great opportunity. They say freedom isn’t free. They all made great sacrifices for our freedom.

Great Uncle Frank Albers served in WWI. It was written in my great grandma’s obituary that she literally worried herself to death about her son Frank. When Frank was returning from the war the train delivering him to Nashville actually was carrying her coffin to Nashville also.


Reading Grandma Maggie Rickey Albers’ diary, she was greatly worried about her two sons in WWII. She wrote of walking to the mailbox every day and hoping for a letter from dad or uncle Louie. She didn’t even know what continent they were stationed in till after the war ended. Grandma also suffered great angst about my second cousin Gene Rickey. Gene had been raised by Grandpa Ben and Grandma Maggie as their own son after the death of his mother. Gene had volunteered for the Korean War. He was killed in the war when he stepped on a landmine.

After reading about Grandma and Great Grandma’s suffering it opened my eyes to

the pain that families at home dealt with when family had been put in harm’s way to defend our Freedom. So, meeting my ancestor in the afterlife I’m looking forward to a great reunion.

I’m guessing that the residents of Heaven will know some of what has been happening since their death and what I had done to protect the freedom that they sacrificed for. If I had to tell them that I had made a mistake and voted for a man who said he would be our dictator when he was elected and after we voted for him one more time we wouldn’t need to vote again because he would have it taken care of after that. Old men may be the only ones who think these thoughts but maybe we all should.

-Alan Albers



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for Issuance of Letters of  
Administration was filed in this

Court by Katherine A. Ridge.

You are required to file your  
written defenses thereto on  
or before November 5, 2024,  
at 10:00 o'clock a.m. in the  
District Court, Kingman County,  
Kansas, at which time and place  
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The time for creditors to exhibit  
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Katherine A. Ridge,  
Petitioner

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Melvin Burrous

Melvin Douglas Burrous, 78, passed away October 11, 2024 at his residence in Pratt, KS. He was born December 17, 1945 in Corning, NY to Ronald W. and Frieda (Rinehart) Burrous. Melvin married LeAnn (Bailey) Burrous on February 2, 2002. She survives.

Melvin was a craftsman, carpenter, and contractor that operated his own HVAC business.

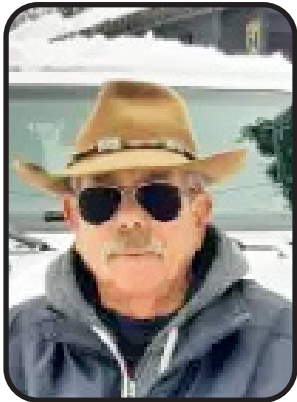
In addition to his wife, LeAnn (Bailey) Burrous of Pratt, KS, he is survived by one son Michael Douglas Burrous of Warroad, MN; one sister, Velvet Dawn LeBlount of Ft. Mohave, AZ; his father-in-law, Gordon Bailey of Pratt, KS.

Melvin is preceded in death by his parents and his mother-in-law, Rowena Bailey.

Cremation has taken place.

Memorials may be made to Friendship Meals of Pratt, KS in care of Larrison Mortuary, 300 Country Club Rd., Pratt, KS 67124.

Online condolences may be made at [www.larrisonmortuary.com](http://www.larrisonmortuary.com).



Donald Ploger

Pratt - Donald K. Ploger, 95, passed away at Grand Plains Skilled Nursing in Pratt on Friday, October 18, 2024. He was born on November 24, 1928 in Kinsley to August and Elizabeth (Fromme) Ploger. Donald married Mary (Jordan) Ploger on January 27, 1950 in Abilene. She preceded him in death. He later married his friend and travel companion Elizabeth Linville at Garden City in 1995. She preceded him in death.


Donald graduated from Kinsley High School in 1946. He then graduated from Kansas State University with a Bachelors of Science in Agriculture. He was Vice President of the Garden National Bank of Garden City, where he served as director of the agriculture and farm loan division. He also was a farmer and stockman. He was a member of United Methodist Church of Garden City, the Methodist Men's Group, Kiwanis and the Masonic Lodge. He was a founding member of the Senior Center in Garden City. He enjoyed farming, cattle work, supporting K-State Athletics and volunteering for various organizations, but most importantly, he loved spending time with his family.

He is survived by his son, Mark D. Ploger of Pratt; daughters, Donita (Mike) Miller of Topeka and Terri Ploger-McCool of Topeka; grandchildren, Dustin Miller, Megan Miller, Blake (Nicole) Ploger, Kelvin McCool and Jordan McCool; and great-grandchildren, Jaxon Ploger, Kaden Miller, Jemma Ploger and Silas Miller-Thissen.

Donald is preceded in death by his parents; wife, Mary J. Ploger; daughter-in law, Earlene Ploger; brothers, Alvin Ploger and Arnold Ploger; sisters, Margaret Ploger, Freida Butterfield, Bernice Lear-Kimbrough and Elizabeth Ploger; and grandchild, Molly Ploger.

Visitation will be Thursday, October 24, 2024 from 9:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m. with family receiving friends from 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m., at Larrison Mortuary, 300 Country Club Road, Pratt. Funeral service will be held at 11:00 a.m., Friday, October 25, 2024 at Larrison Mortuary, Pratt with Pastor Dave Schmidt presiding. Graveside service will follow at 2:00 p.m. at Salem Methodist Cemetery, Kinsley, Kansas.

Memorials may be made to Mary J. Ploger Memorial Endowed Scholarship /Garden City Community College Endowment Association in care of Larrison Mortuary. Online condolences may be made at [www.larrisonmortuary.com](http://www.larrisonmortuary.com).



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Larry Flickner

Larry, Flickner, 87, died Oct. 18, 2024 at his home in Kingman.


A longtime resident of the Kingman community, he was employed by Phillips 66, Collingwood Grain and the feed store.

Larry was a member of the First Mennonite Church, Pretty Prairie.

On April 30, 1960, he married Judy Morris. Other survivors include daughters Penny Thompson and husband Dale, Jennifer White and husband Quenton and Joey Flickner and wife Janice; 14 grandchildren; 30 great-grandchildren; and 2 great-great-grandchildren. He was preceded indeath by his parents; his seven brothers and sisters; a granddaughter Kayla; and great-grandson MJ.

Funeral services will be 10:30 a.m., Saturday, Oct. 26, 2024 at the First Mennonite Church of Pretty Prairie. The family will receive friends from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., Friday, Oct. 25, 2024 at the Livingston Funeral Home. Burial will be in the First Mennonite Church Cemetery, Pretty Prairie.

Memorials may be made with Traditions Hospice of Reno County or the First Mennonite Church Youth Group both in care of Livingston Funeral Home, 1830 N. Main, Kingman, KS 67068.



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Karen Tripp

Karen Marie Tripp, 79, passed away Thursday, October 17, 2024 at Grand Plains Skilled Nursing. She was born on December 24, 1944 in Garden City to Harry Lester and Vada Marie (Watson) Appl.

Karen worked for Kan Sun Feeders for many years until she had an injury and became disabled. She enjoyed going antiquing, playing Bingo and Cards, merchandising personnel for Anthony and The Animals, gardening, rodeoing and going horseback riding daily until her injury.

She is survived by her daughters, Nacoma Tripp of Wichita and NaKol Orlor of Pratt; grandchildren, Sha'Rai Miller of Wichita, LaKota Tripp of Wichita, Chyenne Tripp-Orler of Scottsbluff, Nebraska, MaKala (James) Fitzsimmons of Cunningham and Payje (Rustin) Dymond of Burrton; great-grandchildren, Kaden Miller, Skyler, Addisyn, and Felicity Nunn, Justin Walker, Mia, Taygin Moore, Amber Jean and Amy Jo Fitzsimmons and Bryer Dymond.

Karen is preceded in death by her parents; infant son, Pacer Lance Tripp; brother, Larry Appl; son in-law, Michael Orlor; and great-grandchild, Brylen Dymond.

Cremation has taken place. A Graveside Memorial Service will be held at 10:00 a.m., Monday, November 4, 2024 at Neeland Cemetery, St. John.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Pratt County 4-H Foundation or Byers Fire Department in care of Larrison Mortuary, 300 Country Club Road, Pratt.

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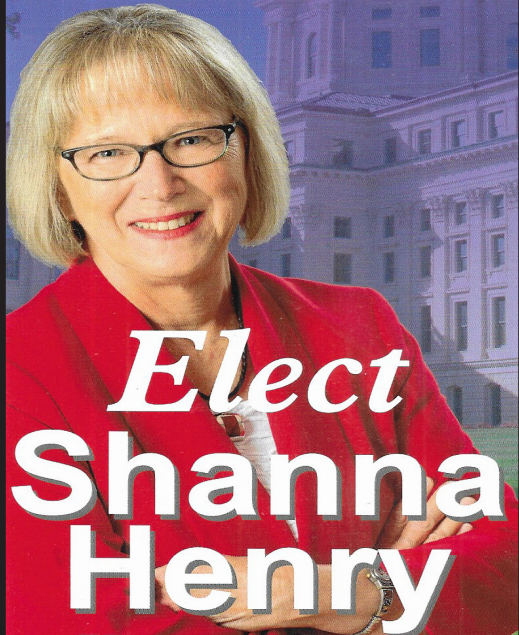
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