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Will Wegerer Places Third at State Track Meet



Will Wegerer, third from the right, placed 3rd in the pole vault event at the State Track Meet at Wichita State University. His vaulting height was 13 feet.

Coming Soon to
Cunningham Swimming
Pool!

H₂O X 4 All!!! Water Exercise for All is coming to the pool!! Thanks to the South Central Community Foundation, the pool has purchased new water workout equipment! BEGINNING JUNE 5th, ages 6-17 will workout on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 12:15 to 1:00! Ages 18 & up will workout on Mondays and Wednesdays at 12:15 to 1:00! As always we have adult swim on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 7:00 p.m. Daily admission is \$2. SEASON PASSES AND PUNCH CARDS ARE ACCEPTED FOR THESE CLASSES! The City of Cunningham wants to thank the South Central Community Foundation for the grant dollars to purchase the equipment for this program! We would also like to thank Donna Means for leading the adult class!

Pool Hours:
Tuesday – Sunday 1:00-7:00
Monday 1:00-5:00 & 6:00-9:00
Daily passes \$2 (if you swim 1-5 you don't have to pay again!)
Monday is family night! 6:00-9:00 admission is \$1!
Season tickets:
Single \$50
Family \$100



application video tutorial, myth-buster blog or contact your local USDA Service Center.

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USDA Extends
Application Deadline for
Revenue Loss Programs
to July 14

Nine Partner Organizations to
Provide Assistance with ERP
Phase Two Applications

WASHINGTON, May 26, 2023 — The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) is extending the deadline for the Emergency Relief Program (ERP) Phase Two and Pandemic Assistance Revenue Program (PARP) to July 14, 2023, to give producers more time to apply for assistance. The original deadline was June 2.

Additionally, USDA's Farm Service Agency (FSA) is partnering with nine organizations to provide educational and technical assistance to agricultural producers and provide assistance in completing an ERP Phase Two application. The extended deadline will give producers more time to work with these partner organizations and apply for assistance.

"Farm Service Agency recognizes that there is a learning curve for producers applying for our new revenue-based programs and we want to make sure producers have the time they need to apply for assistance," said FSA Administrator Zach Ducheneaux. "Partnering with these organizations through cooperative agreements provides additional educational and technical assistance to producers who may need help with the Emergency Relief Program Phase Two application process. The deadline extension gives producers more time to locate and work with these organizations to complete their program application."

Cooperative Agreements for ERP Phase Two Application Assistance

Through cooperative agreements with FSA, the following organizations are providing free assistance to producers across the United States and territories.

- Alabama State Association of Cooperatives
- Farmers Legal Action Group, INC.
- Flower Hill Institute
- Intertribal Agriculture Council, Inc.
- North South Institute
- Renewing the Countryside II
- Rural Advancement Foundation International - USA
- Rural Coalition
- Texas Small Farmers and Ranchers CBO

Depending on a producer's location, these nine partners can provide assistance either by phone or through online meeting software like Zoom or Microsoft Teams.

There is never a charge for technical assistance provided by FSA employees or cooperative agreement recipients. These organizations will assist producers with completing the application and any follow-up future insurance coverage requirements. Producers who receive ERP payments are statutorily required to purchase crop insurance or Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP) coverage for the next two available crop years. These organizations will not collect producer records, complete or sign the application form, or act on the producer's behalf in any way throughout this process.

Find more information on FSA cooperative agreements and contact information for the nine organizations please visit fsa.usda.gov/programs-and-services/cooperative-agreements/index.

PARP Application Assistance

USDA will host a webinar that focus on completing the PARP application form on June 8, 2023 from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. eastern with members of the National Farm Income Tax Extension Committee. Register here.

Eligibility

To be eligible for ERP Phase Two, producers must have suffered a decrease in allowable gross revenue in 2020 or 2021 due to necessary expenses related to losses of eligible crops from a qualifying natural disaster event. Assistance will be primarily to producers of crops that were not covered by Federal Crop Insurance or NAP, since crops covered by Federal Crop Insurance and NAP were included in the assistance under ERP Phase One.

To be eligible for PARP, an agricultural producer must have been in the business of farming during at least part of the 2020 calendar year and had a 15% or greater decrease in allowable gross revenue for the 2020 calendar year, as compared to a baseline year.

FSA offers an online ERP tool and PARP tool that can help producers determine what is considered allowable gross revenue for each respective program.

Producers should contact their local FSA office to make an appointment to apply for ERP Phase Two and PARP assistance. Producers should also keep in mind that July 15 is a major deadline to complete acreage reports for most crops. FSA encourages producers to complete the ERP Phase Two application, PARP application and acreage reporting during the same office visit.

More Information

For more information, view the ERP Phase Two Fact Sheet, PARP Fact Sheet, the ERP Phase Two-PARP Comparison Fact Sheet, ERP Phase Two application video tutorial, PARP



JUNE IS NATIONAL MEN'S HEALTH MONTH

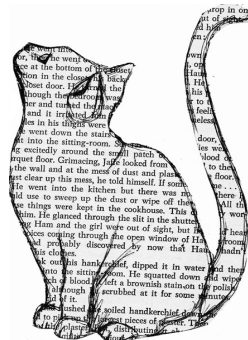
The purpose of Men's Health Month is to create awareness among men and boys about preventable health issues and to encourage frequent check-ups for early disease diagnosis and treatment.

If you haven't had your yearly check-up yet, now is the perfect time!

KHC Family Clinic
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Cunningham Clinic
620-298-2397



Meanderings

I made it! FIVE years of newspapering! That is 260 newspaper editions I’ve put out.... And I am still enjoying it. Tremendously. Thank you all for supporting the paper. Even if you don’t buy a subscription, but are reading the paper at one of the hospitals, or libraries, or care homes,

or on-line, or there at Uncle Lloyd’s house. Every reader is a supporter. Those readers in 55 Kansas cities and 23 states who get a physical mailed to them... Thank YOU. Thank you all so much for continuing to believe in our community and its newspaper.

Another newspaper milestone – It has been four years since I started the on-line version of the paper. We have many folks (almost 200 a week) who look at our paper on the world wide web. In addition to numerous U.S. cities and states, people in 24 countries have viewed our paper on-line one or more times. That is quite

a global reach for our community. Loud shout out “Thank you” to the advertisers. Your business means a great deal. If you know anyone who needs additional advertising, please tell them about our newspaper. I’d say “little newspaper”, but it isn’t so little any more. **

I am, and never have I professed, to being a journalist. I am a retired teacher and librarian. I am not good at interviewing people or taking notes or even ‘sniffing’ out a story. BUT I do kick myself when I forget important stuff....like encouraging my readers to get out and register for

a city council or school board seat. I really meant to have something in the paper last week about this, but I neglected to follow through on my thought processes. It is not the only mistake I will have made... and there are plenty more where that mistake came from, trust me. Thank goodness we do have Carol Noblit, an extraordinary county clerk, who DID remember to post a public notice in the paper for three weeks, reminding us that elected positions are up for grabs. . **

The special school board meeting agenda for Wednesday evening

lists as an item “accept resignation”. Many of you have heard that our school superintendent is leaving to take the assistant superintendent’s position in Valley Center. While we all wish Robert Reed well, I am sure many of us would have thought he’d stay to see the end of the new buildings. Or at least the beginning of them. I am not sure what the school board is going to do, as it is rather late in the school year hiring game to be looking for a new superintendent. I do wish them lots of luck and much guidance in their job search. I also hope they keep

the public apprised of what is going on there in the ‘big house’ of USD 332. Taxpayers and those concerned for the education of our future leaders and our community do want and should be kept updated on the goings on in this ‘transfer of power.’ I didn’t leave much room for a column this week... a bit of an approved vacation for the five-year/four-year mark.

Always reading, and currently reading, "American Dirt" by Jeanine Cummins, Roberta

Again, thank you all for your support!

Tallgrass and Tumbleweeds
by Gaille Pike

Dear Readers, Kansas ranks fifth in the nation for total estimated road miles. I’ve only covered a fraction our roadways because I repeatedly take the same routes. For example, I often visit my family by driving nearly straight West. These 252 miles have become so familiar the drive goes like clockwork. Including one pit-stop. In either direction,

this trip is reliably no more than five hours. So when I left Lane County early one morning I had no reason to think that my return to the Flint Hills would take longer than that. The road work in Ness County did not slow me down. My wheels rolled under clear skies for 192 miles of my trek with no warning lights whatsoever on my dashboard. Nor was there any hint of trouble brewing as I pulled back onto K-56 after a pitstop near Marion, excited to be only one hour from home. My “next stop” was

five seconds and barely 50 feet later. I take car maintenance seriously but I’ve never had any interest in understanding how cars work. It did not seem to me that I had “car trouble.” It seemed that my car had, for no reason, just plain died. And I recommend that if you own a Hyundai or Kia, call the closest dealership and ask if your make and model are at risk for unexpected engine failure. The good news was that no one was hurt. And that I still had cell phone service where my car expired. Another two miles down the road and

I would have been in a dead zone of epic proportion and unable to reach AAA or the WHOLE FLEET it took to rescue this old damsel in distress including the two nice deputies Marion 911 sent to push that heavy sedan fully onto the highway’s shoulder. Kudos to the teams at AAA, Flint Hills Towing, and Blackcreek Diesel & Automotive for getting me and the Sonata safely to Emporia, and to the guy waiting for me at home who not only field-calls for me but also kept me laughing. My highest praise, though, goes out to my tow truck

driver, Donovan. He was courteous, thoughtful and professional at all times, including the moment when a semi ahead of us took out electrical wires and a transformer right as we reached Emporia. I would be remiss not to also thank my hard-working neighbor, Avery, who interrupted his one day off with his girlfriend to cart me and all my belongings from Emporia to the farm. Both Avery and Donovan are members of that younger generation I hear so many complaints about, yet they went out of their way to

help me while the hundred plus drivers who did not stop to inquire whether I needed assistance, DID NOT EVEN SLOW DOWN, were not. I saw their faces. And I find that interesting. I don’t care what age we are, we can do better. Otherwise, Kansans will find ourselves ranking dead last, even if we can boast we have nearly 287,000 miles of roads. *Until then—keep your eyes on the stars and your back to the wind.*

A Column
by
Dorothy Rosby

Racking, Wracking and Cyberslacking

I was racking my brain, trying to come up with a clever phrase to open this post. As you can, see, I didn’t. But that’s because I got off track when I started to wonder if, instead of “racking” my brain, I might actually be “wracking” my brain. Either way, it was painful. There was a day I would have consulted my trusty dictionary to answer such a question. But dictionaries are for people who don’t need reading glasses—or need them and can find them. The rest of us can now go to the internet and consult a search engine. The print is larger and, for me, it’s faster than finding my glasses. After a quick search, I learned that I was most likely racking (stretching out, as with an ancient torture device) rather than wracking (ruining

or destroying) my brain, which is lucky because I still need it. I’ve been able to find answers to some of my most pressing questions on the internet, and some of them may even be right. For example, I found the cost of all the gifts listed in the “The Twelve Days of Christmas,” though not why anyone would want ten lords a-leaping. And I learned what’s “corned” about “corned beef.” In case you’re wondering, the meat is cured by covering it with large kernels of salt that are called “corns of salt.” And “corned beef” does sound better than “kernalled beef.” I was curious about what the majority of consumers call that bubbly beverage that comes in aluminum cans. And no, I don’t mean beer—or champagne. As far as I know, champagne doesn’t come in aluminum cans, but you could Google it to be sure. I typed in the phrase “soda or pop” and voila! Someone has thoughtfully created a map labeling each state: “pop,” “soda,” or “other,” which seems like a funny

name for a beverage. Awhile back I was tempted to use a cliché I’d heard about lemmings following each other off a cliff to their deaths. But I know nothing about lemmings and was therefore not sure if they actually do follow each other off cliffs. Maybe I’d misunderstood; maybe it was not “lemmings,” but “lemons” that follow each other to their deaths. I turned to Bing the All Knowing and learned that the Norwegian lemming population level regularly rises to unsustainable levels, which causes it to crash. This abrupt drop has given rise to the myth of lemming mass suicide. I found no such information about lemons. It’s probably clear by now that I don’t heed that old advice given to writers: “Write what you know.” If I would have, I’d have run out of material a long time ago. Why should writers stick to what we know when we’ve got Google, Webopedia, Bing, Baidu, Ask, Dogpile, Duck Duck Go, Yippy Search and more? (I personally don’t use all of those. In fact, I’d never heard of some of them until I did a quick internet search for internet search engines.) Back in the old days, if I wanted to know Barbie’s full name (Barbara Millicent Roberts) or the birthstone for August (peridot), I had to check an encyclopedia—or just make it up. Now I go to Google the Omnipotent where, for all I know, someone else made it up. There’s another danger of wandering around on the Web. For me, searching for information on the internet is like following a butterfly. I land

here, see something else that catches my fancy, follow that, land there and so on and so forth until the afternoon is gone and I can’t remember why I started searching. I once wrote an essay about the foods served at Super Bowl parties. That’s always been more important to me than the game, no matter who’s playing. But when I searched for “Super Bowl food,” I discovered there were more than three million results. Do you know how long it takes to read three million results? Neither do I. But I almost missed the Super Bowl party trying to find out. And a few months back, I went to the Web wondering if I could freeze butter. I’d picked some up at the grocery store, brought it home and discovered I already had a pound in my refrigerator. Fortunately you can freeze butter and, as it turns out, raw egg whites and tomato sauce. But don’t freeze cooked egg whites, cheese or macaroni, at least not if you want to eat them someday. I know that because I followed a link and then another one and another one. Meanwhile my extra butter was melting on my kitchen counter. I recently went online to find out how many tiles there are in a Scrabble game. In case you were wondering, there are ninety-eight letter tiles and two blank ones. We have a scrabble game, but I haven’t seen it in years, so I decided it would be faster to search online than it would be to locate my own game. And it was faster, even when you take into account that I got sidetracked following a link to a story on seventeen ways to cheat

at Scrabble. Researching trivia has replaced walking back and forth to the refrigerator as my favorite way to avoid doing actual work at my computer. As I write, questions pop into my head and most of them have nothing to do with what I’m working on. For example, how many licks does it take to get to the center of a Tootsie Pop? Knowing that it’s approximately 252 is useful when Tootsie Pops play a role in what I’m writing, but up until this moment they never have. Worse, I’ve wasted time researching when I could have been working or even licking an actual Tootsie Pop myself. If you’re thinking it couldn’t have taken that long, you’ve apparently never blown an afternoon following one link and another and another until you’ve completely forgotten what your original question was. Let me demonstrate. Let’s say I want to make a better meatloaf. Before I type the word “meatloaf” into the search bar, I have to get past my newsfeed. I seldom do. There’s a story about what I should never do to an avocado (bake it), why they have shoulder buttons on women’s coats (to hold your purse in place), and how to pronounce Princess Eugenie’s name. I’ve never given this a thought, but now that you mention it...I click on the link and see a photo of Princess Eugenie wearing what looks like a satellite dish on her head. I love hats; I’m less fond of satellite dishes. Suddenly, I’m overcome with curiosity. Why do royals wear such goofy hats? I type the question

into the search bar and an explanation appears, but I don’t read it because my attention is caught by a sidebar: “The best haircuts for older women.” Now there’s news I can use. I start scrolling. I’m at thirty-two—the haircut, not the age—when my attention is snagged by another sidebar, “Why you shouldn’t add milk to scrambled eggs.” I don’t, but I can’t help wondering why I shouldn’t. It’s a free country after all. I click on the link and up pops a story and photo of scrambled eggs. Dang, I’m hungry. What should I make for dinner? I have just whiled away an hour, and I still don’t know how to pronounce Eugenie, why she wears those bizarre hats, what my next haircut should be or how to make a better meatloaf. So if you want to know how, I’d suggest you don’t look it up. There’s a silver lining though. When children of long ago had questions, their mothers often sent them to the encyclopedia. “Look it up,” they said, and obedient children did as they were told. More clever children realized their mothers didn’t know the answer but were too embarrassed to admit it, so they gave up and ran off to play. And foolish children asked older siblings who purposely misled them. That explains why, to this day, many adults think camels store water in their humps and chocolate milk comes from brown cows. Things have changed. Today’s children look up information without being told to. And why not? Asking Siri or searching the internet is so easy even an adult can do it. And we do—all day long.

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Community Bulletin Board

Saturday, June 3 Dr. Gene Zaid at Community Center 10:00 a.m.	Monday, June 12 9:30 a.m. CPL Scavenger Hunt at Vernon Filley Art Museum *** 7:00 p.m. BOE meeting
Monday June 5 2:00 p.m. Car Making at CPL	
Wednesday, June 7 2:00 p.m. "Drive In" Movie at CPL	Wednesday, June 14 10:30 a.m. Nature Show with Pam Martin at CPL



Summer Reading Program

Week #1 – Monday, June 5th, 2:00 – 4:00 p.m. – “Get your motor runnin’”
Make a cardboard car for our drive-in movie! (Drive-in movie at the library- scheduled for Wednesday, June 7th at 1:00 p.m.)
 We'll have cardboard boxes, but please feel free to bring any clean/dry box that is perfect for you! We'll provide materials to turn that box into your favorite make and model! This program is well-suited for kids all ages. Pre-K kids may want to work with an older friend or adult. Children may take their car to their home garage to add more details. (If so, just remember to bring it back for the Wednesday, June 7th drive-in movie!) Children may also choose to leave their cars here until movie day.

Wednesday, June 7th, 1:00 p.m. – Indoor “Drive-In Movie”
 Join us for an indoor “Drive-in” movie beginning at 1:00 p.m., complete with concessions. Children can sit in their cardboard cars, or

bring your favorite blanket and pillow to snuggle up on. More details coming soon! Parents should plan for an hour to an hour and a half.

Monday, June 12th, 9:30 a.m., It's Field Trip Day! Scavenger Hunt at [Vernon Filley Art Museum](#) followed by a tour at [Pratt Public Library](#)
 It's a field trip to Pratt day! We've arranged for a tour and scavenger hunt at Vernon Filley Art Museum, followed by a tour of Pratt Public Library where Children's Librarian, Ms. Abigail will read us a story and tell us about their library's summer reading program. The museum and library are in the same block, so when we're done at the museum (allowing about a half hour), we'll walk next door to Pratt Public Library. The museum will provide prizes and a free family pass for a return visit to the museum. Parents: please drop off your child(ren) at the Vernon Filley Art Museum, 121 South Jackson St, in Pratt by 9:30 a.m. You may stay for the presentation, or meet your child(ren) at Pratt Public Library at 10:30 a.m. If your child

needs a ride, please call the library well in advance, so that we may help arrange transportation – 620-298-3163. Children all ages are welcome!

Tuesday, June 13th, 9:30 a.m. Story Time with Ms. Lee Ann – children 3-5 years old
 Ms. Lee Ann is coming back for another Story Time. Please join us for songs, finger plays, stories and more!

Wednesday, June 14th, 10:30 a.m. Pam Martin, Kansas Wetlands Education Center
 Join Pam Martin, Kansas Wetlands Education Center, for her All Together Now Summer Reading Presentation at CPL, **Nature: It's all about relationships.** Pollinators and plants, toads and tarantulas, woodpeckers and trees, all benefit each other. Nature is filled with animals, plants, and fungi working together and we'll explore those relationships with some fun activities and living examples.

Thursday, June 15th – K-State STEM 10:00 a.m. ages 6+ Youth STEM Programming by K-State Research and Extension – Hands on STEM activities!
Friday, June 16th – Bob Ross Painting Class with Derese McAbee (for adults) – 3:00 to 6:00 p.m.
 This program is for adults. We need a minimum of 3 and a maximum of 10 participants.

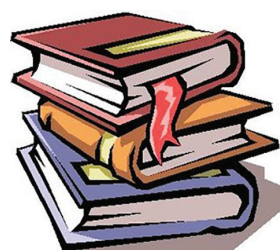
Participants must register at the library in advance. Cost of the class is \$45.00 and a roll of paper towels. (The library is helping sponsor the class.) The cost covers all art supplies including a 12 x 16 canvas. Derese is a Certified Ross instructor. This is what people have seen Bob Ross do on *The Joy of Painting* and is done with oil paints. The three-hour class will begin at 6:00.

Week #2 – Tuesday, June 20th, 9:30 a.m., Story Time in Sculptures!
 Vernon Filley Art Museum will bring a collection of bronze animal sculptures to the library for Story Time in Sculptures program. Children of all ages welcome.

Thursday, June 22 – K-State STEM 10:00 a.m. ages 6+ Youth STEM Programming by K-State Research and Extension – Hands on STEM activities!

Thursday, June 29 – K-State STEM 10:00 a.m. ages 6+ Youth STEM Programming by K-State Research and Extension – Hands on STEM activities!

Week #3 – To be Announced



The Community Calendar is sponsored by



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To reserve the Cunningham Community Center, contact Tayler Strickland, (620) 770-9516 or 620-298-2511

B-29 Museum

is open on Sundays from 2:00 to 4:00 pm
 Pratt Army Airfield – 82 Curran Road
 Visit them on Facebook at [www.prairie-bombers.org](#) for more information. If you would like to visit the museum at another time call 672-8321, 672-2444 or 620-797-2919 to schedule an appointment!

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



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



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

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 (620) 532-3883

 221 N. Main in Cheney
[cheneyksfiorist.com](#)
 (316) 542-0054
 Sheila Jayne, Owner/Operator

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 Friday and Saturday - 11:00 to 9:00
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 237 N. Main in Kingman
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 Showtimes:
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The Cunningham Clipper

W. A. Bradley / William Bradley

A bit of something different for our archived news page this week. Alan Albers showed this information to me several months ago, and I have retyped all the bits for the newspaper. It only goes to show that some people live right and luck finds its way to them time after time.

Cunningham Farm Couple to See Elizabeth Crowned

Cunningham, KAN, May 20, (AP) You can't blame Mr. and Mrs. E.E. Witt, tenant farmers of near Cunningham, if they're somewhat excited these days.

They're going to London for the coronation of Queen Elizabeth II and will spend several days in France -- a trip that will give them their first airplane ride -- all because Mrs. Witt picked the winning number in a radio show contest.

The idea was to guess the number of prizes given home contestants by the network program, CBS Grand Slam, in the last six years.

Mrs. Witt and another contestant, Mrs. Albert O. Westover of San Diego, Calif., hit it right on the nose, 15,108. Both won the trips for themselves and their husbands and will have reserved seats at the coronation procession.

The 40-year-old Mrs. Witt, who has never been east of the Mississippi, chuckled and gave this reply when asked how she and her husband, 44, would make the trip:

"I'm sorry to say we're flying. Neither my husband nor myself has been up in a plane, so you know how we feel. But I know we'll have lots of fun."

Mr. and Mrs. Witt will board a plane at Wichita the morning of May 28. After a brief stay in Kansas City, they will fly to Chicago, where they will be joined by the Westovers. From Chicago they will be flown to New York and will leave there May 30 on the flight to France.

The couple will be gone two weeks. Their two children, Bobby, 5, and Carolyn, 3, will be taken care of by relatives.

Card of Thanks

Our hearty thanks to all who have made anticipating this trip so pleasurable! For the cards, letters, telephone calls, personal calls, gifts, offers of luggage, cameras, child care, etc., you have our grateful appreciation.

In exchange for the gift of film from the Community Men's Club and others, we hope to have pictures to show to the entire community.

Our prayer is that we may, on this trip, be a credit to the Cunningham community and the good old U.S. A. Elsie and Eula Witt

Mr. and Mrs. Eula Witt Left Thursday Morning to Attend Coronation of Queen Elizabeth

Mrs. Witt was National Winner on "Grand Slam" Radio Program Early in February

Mr. and Mrs. Eula Witt left Thursday morning on their long anticipated trip to England to attend the coronation ceremonies of Queen Elizabeth, which was awarded them through Mrs. Witt having been a national winner on the "Grand Slam" radio program early in February.

They left Wichita by airplane Thursday morning at nine-thirty o'clock, arriving in Chicago, Ill., at two o'clock in the afternoon, and were due to arrive in New York City last night (Thursday) at nine o'clock. There they were met by representatives of the "Grand Slam" program, who had arranged for their stay in the city prior to their departure overseas.

Mrs. Witt will be heard on the "Grand Slam" radio program at ten-thirty o'clock this morning (Friday) over Radio Station KFH in Wichita, and they will be shown the sights of New York city throughout their days' stay there.

They will leave New York City on Saturday, arriving in London sometime Sunday, from where they will be driven to Brighton, England, where they will headquarter until after the coronation ceremonies on Tuesday.

Following the coronation, Mr. and Mrs. Witt will fly to Paris, France, where they will spend until Saturday sightseeing, and from where they will leave for their return to the United States.

Their address while they are in England and France will be the Adelphi Hotel in Brighton, England, and the Hotel Scribe in Paris 9, France.

The best wishes of their many friends and relatives here go with Mr. and Mrs. Witt on this most event-

ful trip, and the community will await their return to Cunningham with anticipation of the first-hand information and pictures of the coronation ceremonies, which will be of interest to everyone.

Elsewhere in this newspaper will be found a note of thanks for the Witt family for all the nice things that have been done by neighbors and friends, as they prepared for the trip.

Mrs. Witt Wins More Prizes on Radio Program Enroute to London

Mr. and Mrs. Eula Witt, who left last Thursday morning to attend the coronation ceremonies of Queen Elizabeth II in London England, arrived safely in that city on Saturday, according to a telephone call back to her sister, Mrs. Elizabeth Southern, in Larned, that evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Witt left Wichita Thursday morning by airplane for New York city, arriving there that evening, where they were given a welcome by the sponsors of their week's trip, Continental Baking Company, and representatives of the radio program, "Grand Slam," on which Mrs. Witt won the trip as a national prize. They appeared on the "Grand Slam" radio program on Friday morning, and Mrs. Witt was introduced to a nation-wide audience and to the studio audience, but spoke only briefly.

They were shown the sights of New York City throughout the remainder of the day and on Saturday morning, until time to leave by airplane for London.

The Clipper received a special press communication from the Columbia Broadcasting System Wednesday evening, concerning Mrs. Witt. It reads:

"Mrs. Eula Witt, young farm wife from Cunningham, Kans., winner of CBS Radio's "Grand Slam" radio contest trip to attend the coronation ceremonies of Queen Elizabeth in London, England, turned up as a double winner, in a way that will make Memorial Day of 1953 always memorable to her. In New York City for the first time, she bypassed sight-seeing with her husband to visit another of her favorite radio programs, CBS Radios' "Give and Take," where her number was drawn as a stunt -quiz contestant. She won a portable sewing machine, a twenty-volume set of the Book of Knowledge, and a dozen sheets and pillowcases. The excited lady barely had time to claim her many prizes before dashing to the airport to board the airplane for London. Her prizes are enroute to the Witt home near Cunningham."

Mr. Witt, by the way, was supposed to be atop the Empire State Building, while Mrs. Witt was pursuing her favorite pastime, winning radio prizes.

June 25, 1953 Mrs. Eula Witt Describes Coronation of Queen Elizabeth in England

The following article was written by Mrs. Eula Witt of Cunningham, describing the trip made by her and Mr. Witt to Europe and the coronation of Queen Elizabeth II, June 2. Mrs. Witt begins her story at the Adelphi Hotel in London the morning of June 2:

I groped for the telephone beside the bed without opening my eyes. It was the clerk. "It's 3 o'clock, Madam," sounded repulsively cheerful. Forty-five minutes later we were enjoying sandwiches, rolls and orange juice. Coffee was served, too, but no one seemed to want any. It was greenish and no amount of hot milk made it drinkable.

By hurrying there was time for a brief look at the sea and the big ship which had been waiting in the Channel ten days for the official coronation celebration in the city of Brighton. The booming of her guns was to be a signal for the street dancing and fireworks to begin. Cabs came or the VIP party at four and took us to the non-stop train to London.

Five o'clock in the morning found us in the Victoria station ready for the two-mile walk to the stand reserved for us. No cabs or busses were allowed in the main part of the city along the coronation route. Each woman was carrying a hat box with a clean blouse, fresh hose and high-heeled shoes for the events. The men were loaded with camera and equipment and everyone carried a raincoat and umbrella.

Our walk took us through Hyde Park, back of the Buckingham palace, past thousands of English families who had been camping on the sidewalks since Sunday evening, and finally to our places at 413 Piccadilly, the home where Queen Elizabeth lived as a child. Here we were served a second breakfast. There was a bar where every kind of liquid could be purchased, except water and milk. The stand next to us was reserved for movie stars, who were photographed as much as the coronation parade.

By 10 o'clock the streets had been cleared of all traffic and lined up on each side were soldiers not more than a foot apart. We were there to stay for the day. No one was allowed in or out except in an emergency. We saw two cases requiring stretchers. Both were women who had fainted from standing so long.

A mid-morning lunch was served at 10:30 and lunch at one o'clock. Time passed quickly. It rained one minute and stopped the next. The atmosphere was one of friendly, excited waiting. There were toilet fa-

cilities on each floor, a television set for our use and good homey conversation on all sides. We could see various units of the procession assembling. Music came from every direction and a loud speaker kept the crowd informed about the doing of the royal family.

At last the ceremony began in Westminster Abbey. Eula preferred the wide-open spaces of the reviewing stand but I crowded into the breathless television room and watched the ceremony, then went back to the stand. By this time it was really raining and many of us were cold. I wore a wool suit, a wool jacket, a coat, a raincoat and overshoes. It was a glamorous-looking group that finally assembled.

The seats directly behind us were occupied by a northern English family of four. Their tickets they told us, had cost them \$200 each and did not entitle them to food or entrance into the television room. As far as I know, they never left their places more than a few minutes from seven that morning until it was over. They were pleasant company and explained many things to us. They had brought blankets galore, so were quite comfortable.

The coronation procession began and its tempo was quickened because of the rain. The parade, which had been scheduled to take over an hour to pass each stand, took less than that. There was a lot of talk that Lloyd's of London had been asked to insure against bad weather, but had refused. (Smart people, those Lloyds.)

Representative groups from each brand of the military service from many countries were first in the procession, among which the kilts-clad Scottish group was the most colorful. Then came the Palace Guards, hundreds of them in their red coats and black bearskin hats. Dignitaries from almost every country in the world were next, mostly in closed coaches, and when the Queen of Tonga appeared in an open coach, the crowd roared its approval.

Large bands and other musical organizations were scattered throughout the procession. Toward the last the waiting people seemed to get restless. Instead of watching the parade in front of them, they were all craning their necks and asking each other, "Can you see HER yet?" Then SHE came close behind Winston Churchill's coach her golden fairy-tale chariot sparkling in the rain. The brief glimpse I got of her, before retreating behind France Dafforn's movie camera, showed her to be more charmingly beautiful than ever her pictures led us to believe. I kept getting a little boy's arm in the viewfinder but hope between his ups and downs that there will be one glimpse of the Queen on the finished film.

It is over! That moment which had held the spotlight for many months had come briefly and gone quickly. The loud speaker kept shouting orders to remain in the stands until the soldiers lining the procession route had been dismissed. They had been practicing for months and they didn't intend to withdraw in any other manner.

The crowd, however, was tired of order and after the Queen had passed, did not melt away gracefully as noisy crowds are supposed to do, but had to be forcibly persuaded by policemen. We were hours working our way to Grosvenor House on Park Lane, not far from our parade stand.

A couple from Nova Scotia invited us to their rooms in the Grosvenor House to freshen up a little and to dispose of our wet clothing before going down to dinner. Nearly everyone was in very formal dress but since it was impossible for our group to wear anything except what we had worn to the processional parade (except for very minor repairs) special arrangement as been made for us in a room off the main dining room. Some of our group saw Gov. Earl Warren and family and Gen. and Mrs. George Marshall as they went through the lobby. We did not see them but we did see Humphrey Bogart and Lauren Bacall on the street.

Again we had to hurry to get to the Palladium for an evening performance at 8:45. It was wonderful. A glamorous, colorful stage show with many pretty girls in scanty costumes. Danny Thomas was also one of the attractions. Everyone in our group slept through the first half of the show, for we had had such a long day of unaccustomed activity. Still no cabs were allowed on the streets when we left, although it was nearly midnight. The tube as the closest and quickest way to Victoria Station. It was fun!

From Victoria Station we went by train to Brighton. Eight of us were crowded into an apartment meant for four. The porter brought sandwiches and orange juice. Strangely enough we did not discuss the coronation or (wonder of wonders) our children, though each could have left children behind. The men talked of their work -- one was a lawyer from Ohio, one a building contractor from California, the third man was a schoolteacher from Pennsylvania, the fourth, a farmer from Kansas.

Another meal was waiting for us at the hotel and at three o'clock, after a wonderful 24-hour day, we started to bed. The staircases were circular and from each landing we had a view of the reception desk in the lobby. As we were about to enter our room a gentleman leaned over the railing on the floor above and shouted, "Long live the Queen." Immediately answers began coming from every floor, the waiters and hall porters put on a little jig in the lobby and many doors were opened so the occupants could respond properly. No one of us will ever forget this day. "Long live the Queen!"

Next week: The Witts Return Home with MORE Prizes.

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Consider this...

by Mike Johnson

Fishing for Our Limits

If you watch a clear patch of ice long enough on Beck Lake, you'll catch a fleeting glimpse of trout swimming by. That explains why the anglers are out there during all seasons, in all types of weather.

The trout live contentedly in their watery domain oblivious to an entire universe outside their little world. Even when the surface of the lake is liquid, it traps fish just as effectively as if it was frozen. Fish biology and fish instinct make leaving that world certain death. Because the fish take the lake surface as the limit of their small universe, it remains so.

And so it is with most people.

Living in an ocean of air is really no different than living in an ocean of water.

The universe has many oceans of life. Worms live in an ocean of dirt. Bacteria live in an ocean of food. Spores

in an ocean of boiling lava, cells in an ocean of flesh, ideas in an ocean of thought.

To humans, these oceans of thought are far more restricting than any other ocean of life. In pure thought, there are no limits. If you want to travel to Mars, merely imagine Mars and you instantly arrive there in thought. Missing a friend who lives across the country? Merely remember that friend and they stand center stage in your mind right now. The fastest speed in the universe is the speed of thought -- and we possess thought.

Yet when it comes to thoughts about our own abilities, we suddenly become as limited as those trout in the frozen lake. Add the little pronoun "I" to a thought and shazam - limits galore.

"I could never do that..."

"There's so many others better than me..."

"I tried that once and it didn't work..."

What is it about these thoughts that make them so powerful?

Only our unspoken

assumption that they are right. Left unchallenged, they prevent us from expanding our universe by convincing us to never even try.

Where did these limiting thoughts come from anyway? What credentials do they carry to verify their authenticity? What proof do we ask of them before embracing their conclusions?

If a fish were to poke his head through the lake surface and tell us we'd never have the ability to breathe air, would we believe him?

Limiting thoughts are no more logical than talking fish. They know nothing of which they speak because they come from a world that has nothing to do with ours. Limiting thoughts come from the past - a world we no longer inhabit. Limiting thoughts come from memory and are merely a jumble of thoughtless comments from others, past mistakes, premature attempts and emotional scars. The "you" they try to tell us that we are, is no longer the "you" that we are today. Past you is never present you.

So limiting thoughts are nothing more than echoes throbbing from a place that knows nothing of the place we stand in now. Yet, like the surface of the lake, we let them establish the limits of our universe.

The magic of consciousness allows us to stand detached from ourselves and watch these limiting thoughts flow through our heads. This detachment is better known as awareness. Like any skill, it improves with use and practice.

Awareness allows us to watch the thoughts in our heads as if from the safety of a river bank. We can then grab the thoughts that are helpful to us and let the negative ones flow right on by. Awareness puts us back in control -- allowing us to make new choices which lead to expanding our universe of possibilities.

The trick of becoming aware is easy. Merely direct your attention to anything that is occurring this instant. Bring your full attention back to typing on the key-

board, holding that book, or petting that dog. This takes your mind off it's habitual thoughts of past memories and future worries. When YOU are here now, you wake yourself up enough to make

new choices. Awareness, something the fish don't have, reveals that the surface of our lake, is nothing more than an illusion we took as real.



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From Fashion to Flannel

By Francy Judge

Butterflies danced in my empty stomach as I stared into my closet. Getting dressed shouldn't be a stressful event, but where I went to college, every morning began the same way in that dorm cubicle. Staring at a sea of black clothes, tossing items on my lumpy bed, trying on, taking off, and panicking as the clock ticked. I wondered if all

fashion design students at the Fashion Institute of Technology followed my routine.

My roommate slipped on her sweats and t-shirt with a flannel shirt covered in paint and grabbed her art supplies. "Your first outfit was fine. You look great in anything you wear."

"Thanks." She didn't get it. Leslie was an illustration major. They didn't wear their art. Scratch that. Illustration kids wore their art sup-

plies on their clothes—covered in paint platters and ink stains. I needed to wear something original, something I made, and something flattering.

"Hey. I'm going to a Bible study at a church uptown tonight. Want to come?"

"Another time. I have too much homework. My term garment is due next week. I'll be sewing all night again."

"Okay. Another time. See ya later."

She shut the door,

and the room seemed to shrink. I wondered why she would ask me to go to church...and why she wanted to go. We were in college. Church was something I did when I had to. Holidays were about the only time I went. I would never think of going in the middle of the week, on my own, to a strange church in the city.

My core classes were like fashion shows. EVERY day. As each student entered the room, the class eyes scrutinized the next outfit chosen. The strangest outfits received the most "oohs" and "looking good" comments.

The next week, after pulling three all-nighters and having at least two meltdowns, I slumped in the chair and watched Leslie paint a still-life of a teacup. I didn't care she was wearing pajamas during the day; she was wearing peace, what I was missing from my dark wardrobe.

"Why are you so happy all the time? Is illustration less stressful?"

Leslie put her paint-

brush in the cup of water. "Maybe it is. I love painting, but my joy doesn't come from what I do—it comes from knowing God as my savior and friend."

We talked for an hour as she painted the final shadows. Then she handed me a cute little New Testament Bible. I read a chapter in bed before turning off the light.

The next day, I asked Leslie if she minded if I went to church with her to the evening service.

"I'd love you to come with me."

I stared into my closet again. "What do I wear to church? I don't have church-type clothes."

"Where we are going, it doesn't matter what you wear. God loves you in any clothes."

I wore the Peter Pan dress I made because it was my nicest outfit, and it was green, so I wouldn't look like I was headed to a funeral. "Is this okay?" I scrunched my nose, unsure, as I tried to read Leslie's

expression.

"Perfect. God will see your heart and soul."

At church, people smiled and greeted me with the same joy Leslie wore. No one seemed to care how I was dressed. It was the first time I heard the scripture verse: "And why do you worry about clothes? See how the lilies of the field grow..." My cheeks warmed as if the pastor were speaking directly to me. "God is with us wherever we go. We wear his love and offer this gift to others."

Back in our dorm, I hung my clothes up and asked Leslie if she had an extra t-shirt, I could wear the next day that wasn't black.

I graduated from Fashion Design, but the next year started fresh as an illustration major. I tossed on a painting smock every day to class, where I wore my new-found joy.

Based on a true story, part of my testimony. Scripture verse is from Matthew 6:28.



Catholic Churches

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St. Leo Sundays 8:30 a.m.	St. Peter Willowdale Saturdays 5:30 p.m.

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



Lutheran Churches

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Our worship service is found on the YouTube channel at:
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Pastor Dennis Fangmeyer
Cell: 620-886-0911



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Sunday 11:00 a.m.



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Cunningham
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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.
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Pastor Mathew Ndambuki Musyoki
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Descendents of Anton and Marie Panek Hold Reunion



The annual Panek Family Reunion was held on Sunday, May 28th, at St. Leo Hall. Approximately 55 descendants and family members of Anton and Marie Panek were in attendance. Following a noon potluck dinner, time was spent visiting and decorating graves. The party continued at LeRoy Panek’s home, which was the original home place. Pictured are 19 of the first cousins who were in attendance, with Leroy Panek.
-submitted by Cindy Panek

Minutes from the Pratt County Commission

The Pratt County Commissioners met in regular session Monday, May 22, 2023 at 2:00 p.m. in the commissioner room, 1st floor of the courthouse. The following members were present: Thomas W. Jones III was absent, Rick

Shriver acting chairman, Dwight Adams, Tyson Eisenhower, county counselor, Lori Voss, clerk, and Mark Graber, IT director.
Heather Morgan, economic development/ COVID consultant, stated the state of Kansas reported unemployment is 2.2% for Pratt County. Pratt County is in the top ten for the lowest rate. Panasonic is opening a plant in Johnson County

with four thousand jobs available. Panasonic is considering another facility in Kansas to produce batteries.
According to census estimate for the year, Pratt County went down 81 people. This is important because that determines what grants Pratt County will qualify for. She believes an agreement will be reached before the government shuts down. The state has been looking at ways to get by in the event there is a shut down.
Andrea Polf, Arrowhead West, presented their budget request for 2024, there is no increase from 2023 to 2024, they are requesting \$90,600. She gave an update on staff and programs.
Jon Roach, noxious weed director, presented a picture of the new sign at the noxious weed building. He stated they sold the 2000 Isuzu for \$12,500 on Purple Wave. He reported the spray truck was in the shop. He stated he would like to hire a full time person so they would go from two to three full time employees.
Commissioner Adams

made a motion to approve the minutes from May 15, 2023. Commissioner Shriver seconded the motion. Motion carried 2-0.
Sarah Blasi, Pratt Fair board member, entertainment committee, reported the Nebraska Bush Pullers have been scheduled for this year’s Pratt County Fair. She gave a short informational review on what the pullers are requesting for the track. They would like the county to provide a rubber tired packer. Doug freund, road supervisor is concerned that if a county employee is used, they would have to be reimbursed. He is also concerned on the sort of dirt they will be packing. If it is sandy it doesn’t work as well. Sarah stated the fair board will disc, pack and get it ready for the rubber tired packer. She stated the carnivals are really hard to schedule, some have retired or combined with others so the number to hire are limited. Doug asked if they still wanted the county to dig the demo derby pit. They are planning on having the demo derby pit and the truck/tractor pull track completed at the same time. Sarah will visit with

Rusty Owens about the needs for the derby pit.
Jack Galle, hospital board member, was present to discuss the use of the PRRC building by USD 382. Commissioner Shriver stated that USD 382 wanted to use the old PRRC building for their preschool. Jack stated he was aware as he was involved in that process. Tyson stated he had a draft lease from USD 382. He went over a few of the agreements in the lease. The lease has not been executed. Jack stated the hospital would be looking at a mental health facility in the future but has no problem with USD 382 leasing it short term. Jack would like to see a copy of the draft lease. Tyson stated he would clean it up then send it to Jack for review. The PRRC building has been stripped out of the hospital lease. Jack asked about the old EMS building. It was stated RSVP received the grant and will be using that building.
Pay slips were presented for Nicholas Moss and Latisha Williams, EMS in the amount of \$1.00 per hour. Commissioner Adams made a motion

to approve the raises of \$1.00 for Nicholas Moss and Latisha Williams, EMS. Commissioner Shriver seconded the motion. Motion carried 2-0.
Commissioner Adams made a motion to approve the hiring of Robert DeLeon, road deputy for the sheriff’s office at \$19.99 per hour. Commissioner Shriver seconded the motion. Motion carried 2-0.
Eric Killough, Pratt Public Library director, presented the budget for 2024. They are requesting the same amount as 2023 in the amount of \$140,000. He gave an update on activities at the library which are numerous and well attended.
Bill Hampton, fire/rescue, asked for an executive session. Commissioner Adams made a motion to recess into executive session at 3:13 pm for fifteen minutes to discuss an attorney/client matter. Commissioner Shriver seconded the motion. Motion carried 2-0. Commissioner Shriver made a motion to return from executive session at 3:24 p.m. with no action taken. Commissioner
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- ACROSS
1. Mother Earth, to Ancient Greeks

5. Barrel, unit

8. Foot the bill

11. Quiet time

12. Nemo’s forgetful friend

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15. One thing on a list

16. Ophthamologist’s check-up, e.g.

17. Range of hills in England, pl.

18. *Ticket booth (2 words)

20. “Odyssey,” e.g.

21. Biased perspective

22. Azog or Bolg in Tolkien’s Moria

23. *Siskel or Ebert

26. To the degree

30. Brick and mortar carrier

31. Governing authority

34. Key component of a loan

35. Highly skilled

37. E in CE or BCE

38. “_____ a high note”

39. End of the line

40. Like certain yellowish hair color

42. Compass bearing

43. Ambled

45. Warhol or Samberg, formally

47. Churchill’s sign

48. Anna Wintour’s magazine

50. “Heat of the Moment” band

52. *Like some seats

56. More slippery

57. Initial bet in poker

58. Popular dunking cookie

59. “Little _____ fact”

60. Simon and Gurfunkel, e.g.

61. *Sentimental movie, or
- _____jerker

62. Literary “even”

63. *Shooting location

64. ESPN award
- DOWN
1. Not intellectually deep

2. _____pilot

3. Holly family

4. *Kate Hudson’s “_____ Famous” (2000)

5. Put someone in a bind (2 words)

6. Modified leaf

7. Tick-born disease

8. Ralph Lauren’s inspiration

9. Puts two and two together

10. “Owner of a Lonely Heart” band

12. Vandalize

13. Pitchers

14. *Tub contents

19. Behave like a coquette

22. Comes before first Mississippi

23. Bracelet add-on

24. Barrel racing meet

25. Think tank output, pl.

26. *Widescreen cinematography abbreviation

27. Dimmer, e.g.

28. Do penance

29. Re-establish

32. Neuter

33. Investment option acronym

36. *Movie ad

38. Boredom

40. *Upcharge for an online ticket purchase, e.g.

41. Aerie baby

44. Pine

46. Indicate

48. *Movie theater, e.g.

49. Set of eight

50. Teenager’s breakout

51. Land of Israel

52. X-ray units

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Cunningham 4-H Holds Fundraiser



The Cunningham 4-Hers met on May 20th at the Kingman Fairgrounds for a fundraiser. The 4-Hers raked, swept, and cleaned stalls that were used for a local rodeo. After we cleaned out all the stalls, we hauled the shavings to a pit. After we finished, we had burritos and doughnuts

Kendall Rogers, Reporter

photo courtesy of Marci Adams.

KANSAS WHEAT

Wheat Tour 2023 - Day 1

Approximately 106 people from 22 U.S. states plus Mexico, Canada and Colombia, traveled in 27 cars on six routes between Manhattan and Colby, Kan., Tuesday, stopping at wheat fields every 15-20 miles along the routes, as part of the Wheat Quality Council's 65th Annual Hard Winter Wheat Evaluation Tour.

Many tour participants had never stepped foot in a wheat field before and had only seen these Kansas plains from the window seat of passing airplane. These are the millers, bakers, food processors and traders who buy the wheat that Kansas farmers grow. If these fields make it to harvest, the resulting crop will go into breads, but also a number of other food items and restaurants. This tour gives Kansas farmers the chance to interact with and influence their customers around the globe, on the tour, as well as at the #wheatour23 hashtag.

Tuesday's cars of wheat tour scouts made 318 stops at wheat fields across north central, central and northwest Kansas, and into southern counties in Nebraska. The calculated yield is based on what scouts saw at this point in time. A lot can happen between now and harvest. The calculated yield from all

cars was 29.8 bushels per acre, which was nearly 10 bushels lower than the yield of 39.5 bushels per acre from the same routes in 2022.

Every tour participant makes yield calculations at each stop based on three different area samplings per field. These individual estimates are averaged with the rest of their route mates, and eventually added to a formula that produces a final yield estimate for the areas along the routes. While yields tend to be the spotlight of the Wheat Quality Tour, the real benefit is the ability to network among the 'grain chain.'

More than half the participants had not been on the tour before. They were shown how to take yield measurements from tour alumni, using the formula provided by USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS). This formula is based on 2012-2022 Kansas wheat objective yield data. Farmers can calculate their own field estimates using the same formula with instructions at kswhet.com.

Antonio Busqueta Griera, from Bimbo Bakeries in Mexico, traveled to Kansas to attend this year's tour for the first time. His company bakes with Kansas wheat, but he had never been to a farm. He got the opportunity to learn more about farming by visiting with farmer Chris Tanner from Norton.

First time wheat tourist, James Lewis with

Bay State Milling had never been in a wheat field. Scott Alvarado from Miller Milling also experienced his first wheat field.

Statewide, based on May 1 conditions, Kansas' 2023 winter wheat crop is forecast at 191.4 million bushels, down 42.8 million bushels from last year's crop, according to NASS. Average yield is forecast at 29 bushels per acre, down 8 bushels from last year. Acreage to be harvested for grain is estimated at 6.60 million acres, off planted acres of 8.1 million acres. This would be 81% of the planted acres, below the 10-year average of 93% harvested.

For the week ending May 15, 2022, Kansas winter wheat condition rated 34% very poor, 34% poor, 22% fair, 9% good, and 1% excellent. Winter wheat jointed was 87%, behind 92% last year, and near 91% for the five-year average. Headed was 54%, near 56% last year, but ahead of 49% average.

Lon Frahm and family hosted the Tuesday evening group discussion and dinner at his sixth-generation farm, Frahm Farmland in Thomas County. He offered tour participants tours of his modern family farm operation.

Drought and variability were the main topics for the first day's wrap up of wheat tour. Stand establishment was spotty last fall, and the crop is thin and short. There were several abandoned

fields between Manhattan and Colby. Fields began to turn more brown as groups go farther west. Manhattan and Salina had a large fraction of freeze damaged fields on Tuesday's trip west.

Jeanne Falk-Jones, Kansas State University Multi-County Agronomy Specialist, reported there are variable strands in the area, with several not emerging until this spring. Some spots had emergency tillage over winter to prevent them from blowing. Variable conditions are due some to management, but mostly due to Mother Nature and drought conditions. Some no-till fields with thick residue wheat had some winterkill and winter injury. Wheat fields showed really dry conditions and really cold temperatures which had a detrimental effect. Participants did not report much disease and insects because of drought. There were a few spots with brown wheat mites but rain drowned them and suppressed populations. While there were some areas with decent wheat, the poorer wheat outnumbered the good. Ample producers may have called crop adjusters due to wheat being emerged throughout the spring that leads to very low yield potential.

Romulo Lollato, with Kansas State University Research and Extension gave a report on his findings from day one. Historically, the eastern part of the state is showing a very low yield based on the region's

potential.

Due to the combination of drought and cold temperatures over winter, the central portion of the state is in really tough shape.

"Personally, I haven't seen this many abandoned fields over the past eight years I've been on tour. As participants leave tomorrow to head south, it is actually going to be in tough shape," Lollato says.

Lollato said the condition is in a little better shape in the northwest from the recent showers.

There is a vast difference between in cropping systems in the central and western parts of the state, compared to after corn and soybeans and after fallow.

Growers across the state can make variety selections, crop rotations and fallow systems that can affect yield potential; however, the largest impact is mother nature and drought. Standard deviations can be used to make the yield model closer to estimates.

The crop that we will see tomorrow will be farther along, due to using the late system formula. Zeroed out fields will not be included in yield calculations. Those fields will be taken into account in abandonment.

The southern part of the route saw more freeze damage because the crop was farther along.

There were reports of extremely short wheat heading out at 8 to 10 inches. There will be extreme yield reductions and harvest will be diffi-

cult. The first indication of limited yield potential is lack of biomass. The question of the year will be how short can harvest be?

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

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

Royce Schaneman, executive director of the Nebraska Wheat Board, reported that the entire state of Nebraska received about 1" or more of rain last week. Statewide yield is estimated at 29.6 bushels per acre, down from an average of 48 bushels per acre. Planted acres are 1.1 million, and Schaneman said they expect 90% to be harvested.

Brad Erker, executive director of Colorado Wheat, wasn't able to attend, but submitted a written report. The May 1 NASS report estimated 49.5 million bushels and a 30 bushel yield. Erker's report estimates this to be slightly higher at 32 bushel yield and 54 million bushels, due to the rainfall the second week of May.

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

Wheat Tour 23 continues Wednesday with six routes between Colby and Wichita, Kansas.

K-State Garden Hour Eyes Webinars on Gardening During Drought

Popular program to share tips just in time for hotter months

By Pat Melgares, K-State Research and Extension news service

MANHATTAN, Kan. – The fact that a monthly online program for gardeners in Kansas has turned its attention to tips on gardening with less water is a stroke of luck – both good and bad.

The bad? Much of Kansas remains locked in a period of drought,

which severely hampers the state's agriculture industry and is equally vexing on home and commercial gardeners.

But K-State Research and Extension horticulture agent Matt McKernan says it was certainly a stroke of good luck that organizers of the K-State Garden Hour – held the first Wednesday of each month -- began planning for a series on gardening during drought nearly a year ago.

"Periods of drought are always a concern in Kansas," said McKernan, who works in K-State's Sedgwick County extension office. "Unfortunately this year, drought is an even greater concern for most of

Kansas due to limited rainfall and exceptional drought conditions."

Beginning May 3, the K-State Garden Hour will address topics related to water conservation in the landscape:

June 7 – Drought Tolerant Lawns of Kansas: Warm Season Turfgrasses.

July 5 – Solutions to Your Top Garden Insect and Disease Problems.

Each session begins at noon (Central time). There is no cost to view the webinar, but registration is required to receive a link to the program.

"Last summer many people received a taste of drought conditions during the summer months," McKernan said. "This

was vivid reminder of the kinds of drought conditions we can experience in Kansas. The heat and increased water bills were stark reminders that we all need to be thinking about being prepared for drought conditions."

McKernan helps to staff a gardening hotline hosted by the Sedgwick County extension office. He said callers have been asking many questions about the best choices for plants that will use less water and be more drought tolerant.

"The other side of this is many people are trying to figure out why plants in their landscape are showing unusual damage – browning, leaf scorch, partial branch dieback,

sporadic branch dieback, and in some cases entire plant death," he said. "This is especially the case on many evergreens and semi-evergreen plants... In most cases, the drought is a big factor in these injuries – either as the primary cause, or a primary compounding factor."

McKernan said homeowners can prepare plants – including lawns – now for drought and other weather extremes.

"Many people over-water their lawns and gardens when water is plentiful," he said. "This may cause the plants to green up and look good in the short term, but if the ground is constantly wet, the root growth will

be limited and shallow.

"On the other hand, if homeowners water infrequently, applying water slowly so that it wets the ground deeply, this will encourage deep, robust root growth. The period of short-term drought in-between watering will actually help plants better survive periods of long-term drought when weather conditions turn hotter and drier, and water resources become more scarce."

More information on gardening and home landscapes is available at local extension offices in Kansas.



Wheat Tour 2023 - Day 2

On Wednesday, approximately 106 people on the Wheat Quality Council's 2023 winter wheat tour made their way from Colby to Wichita, Kansas, stopping in wheat fields along six different routes.

Wednesday's wheat tour scouts made 276 stops at wheat fields across western, central and southern Kansas, and into northern counties in Oklahoma. The wheat in Southwest Kansas looks rough, with

intense drought conditions, poor stands and some freeze damage. During the tour, participants saw how far east these drought conditions reached. Short wheat plants even extended into central Kansas, like around Wichita. In central Kansas, many scouts reported seeing hail damaged wheat, and the first apparent signs of pest damage.

The calculated yield from all cars was 27.5 bushels per acre. This yield estimate is only for the fields that will make it to harvest, and does not account for the large amount of abandoned fields that were seen. Scouts were able to mainly use the late season formula provided by USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service, which includes counting wheat heads, number of spikelets and kernels per spikelet. The calculated yields were based on this formula, but many tour participants remarked that those yields seemed high. The wheat is so short that some of the heads will not be able to be picked up by the combines at harvest. The yield formula doesn't take abandonment, disease, pests or weed pressure into consideration. Scouts saw some instances of wheat streak mosaic virus, into areas farther east than expected or typical, but western Kansas didn't have many instances of WSMV because of the

drought.

Mike Shulte from Oklahoma Wheat Commission reported that the state's production estimate numbers, presented at the Oklahoma Grain Feed Association, were 49.9 million bushels, with about 2.2 million acres of wheat harvested out of 4.6 million acres planted. They had an estimated yield of 23 bushels per acre. Shulte reported the four largest wheat producing counties in Oklahoma are looking very rough, extremely dry. They did not receive enough moisture, and many farmers are cutting their wheat for hay.

Many of the day's drivers were able to introduce wheat tour participants to farmers around

western Kansas. Getting this chance for end users to talk with producers gives everyone across the industry a glimpse into each other's lives and how they contribute to the "grain chain."

For one participant, Mariam Dunlin with Ardent Mills, this was her first wheat tour.

"I have been so excited to be able to get out into the field, see the wheat growing, talk to farmers, learn more about the industry that I really only have a small materialist snapshot of what actually happens," Dunlin said. "The first day I was with a farmer that was one of people in my car, just learning about how much management for several years

goes into producing the wheat crop. You might be planting cover crop, beans, soybeans, corn, for three and four years, you might be leaving your field fallow to be able to for one year grow, hopefully grow a wheat crop that will pay off and be a high yield, high quality crop and just getting to know about that I think has been a massive eye opener."

Wheat Tour 23 continues Thursday with six routes between Wichita and Manhattan. Follow along with the tour at #wheatour23. A final production estimate will be announced Thursday afternoon.

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Kids: color stuff in!

Let's Go To Camp!

This summer, lots of us will be going to camp. In my area we have a great Parks and Rec department that offers a day camp for two weeks. I'm planning to go there to play sports and go hiking. Glade, my little brother, chose an overnight adventure camp and can't wait to try out ropes courses, kayaking and mini biking! Check out some camp choices near you. Don't forget that you can have fun camping right at home too. All it takes is a tent in the backyard or a sheet covering the couch and chair in a living room. Don't forget the flashlights, comics and maybe a brother, sister or a good friend to share the fun.

Read the clues to fill in the puzzle with some kinds of camps:

- card tricks; how to pull a rabbit out of a hat
- rocketry, robotics, computer programming
- juggle, clown and even walk on a wire
- skateboarding, rollerblading, BMX biking
- white water rafting, rock climbing, mountain biking
- care for livestock: chickens, pigs, cows; harvest crops
- play paintball, search for clues and use neat gadgets
- learn to play instruments or sing rock n' roll
- learn discipline and self defense moves
- safety first, then rip around the dirt track
- windsurfing, boating, waterskiing and wakeboarding
- one of many kinds of faith-based camp with stories, songs and prayers
- hip hop, jazz, tap, ballroom, ballet
- observe plant life, hike through the woods, learn about survival
- move and speak on stage performing plays or songs

science

magic

mini bike

extreme sports

I love campers... er, I mean camping. I might buzz by later for a little bite.

nature

adventure

rock star

secret agent

I hope those kids feed me!

theater

farm

watersports

martial arts

buzzzz

Forest packed all of these items for overnight camp. 1. Can you find and circle the words in bold print?

so ___ ks
shirts
soa ___
shorts
co ___ b
whistle
jeans
raincoat

under ___ lothes
sunscreen
writing pa ___ er
envelopes
toothbrush
tooth ___ aste
hiking shoes
small games

ja ___ ket
towels
pillows
sheets
camera
sweater
flashlight
sta ___ ps

32 Things to Bring to Camp!

2. When you are done circling the items in **bold** print, spell more camp items by filling in the blanks with letters from the word **CAMP**.

P W S F I H W N B O
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E Y S C S J G S E P N B C
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The People At Camp!

What is the most important thing about camping? The people – they make camp exciting! Who are they? **Match each person at camp to his or her description:**

- cook
- coach
- counselor
- swim instructor
- groundskeeper

- nurse
- bus driver
- campers
- director
- naturalist

- leads children in sport activities
- sets menus, prepares meals and snacks
- leads children in activities, answers questions
- in charge of keeping the camp beautiful
- teaches water safety, swimming skills

- helps when you're not feeling well
- join in the activities and fun
- head of camp, runs programs, greets campers
- teaches about the world around us
- in charge of getting us to camp

(Answers on page 10)

Kingman County Sheriff's Report

Sunday, May 21	
Traffic Stop	6
Civil Paper Service	1
Unsecured Building	4000 NE 20 St, Kingman
Check Welfare	1000 SE 30 Ave, Kingman
Agency Assist	W Hwy 54 & NW 190 Ave, Cunningham
Miscellaneous	1000 E Hwy 54, Kingman
911 Accidental Dial	SW 80 Ave & SW 110 Ave, Nashville
Monday, May 22	
Traffic Stop	6
Civil Paper Service	2
Driving Complaint	18000 W Hwy 54, Cunningham
Disabled Vehicle	2000 W Hwy 54, Kingman
Theft	SW 70 St & SW 140 Ave, Nashville
Driving Complaint	4000 W Hwy 54, Kingman
Animal Complaint	SW 70 St & SW 20 Ave, Spivey
Check Welfare	400 block E Leiter Ave, Cunningham
Disturbance	200 block S Elliott, Cunningham
Suspicious Vehicle	14000 SE 80 Ave, Rago
911 Accidental Dial	2000 E Hwy 54, Kingman
Tuesday, May 23	
Traffic Stop	12
Miscellaneous	120 N Spruce St, Kingman
Check Welfare	NW 120 Ave & W Hwy 54, Kingman
Disabled Vehicle	NW 70 St & W Hwy 54, Kingman
Warrant Service	120 N Spruce St, Kingman
Driving Complaint	18000 W Hwy 54, Cunningham
Warrant Service	120 N Spruce St, Kingman
Medical	120 N Spruce St, Kingman
Follow Up	400 block E Leiter Ave, Cunningham
Transport Prisoner	120 N Spruce St, Kingman
Suspicious Vehicle	200 block S Ohio St, Cunningham
911 Accidental Dial	13000 NE 10 St, Cheney
Wednesday, May 24	
Traffic Stop	7
Mental	200 Blk E B Ave, Kingman
Recovered Property	120 N Spruce, Kingman
Theft	15000 NE 50 St, Cheney
Warrant Service	120 N Spruce, Kingman
Driving Complaint	18000 W Hwy 54, Cunningham

Thursday, May 25	
Traffic Stop	10
Animal Complaint	SE 70 Ave & SE 10 St, Kingman
Animal Complaint	NE 20 St & NE 110 Ave, Murdock
Animal Complaint	W Hwy 42 & SW 50 Ave, Spivey
Theft	SE 110 St & S Hwy 14, Kingman
Theft	16000 NE 50 St, Cheney
Suspicious Person	100 block W A Ave, Kingman
Found Property	2000 NE Grove Ave, Murdock
Medical	200 block E A Ave, Kingman
Disabled Vehicle	N Berry Ave & NE 20 St, Kingman
Medical	15000 SW 100 Ave, Zenda
Animal Complaint	15000 SE 10 St, Cheney
Animal Complaint	750 W D Ave, Kingman
Arrest	200 block S Elliott, Cunningham
911 Accidental Dial	16000 NE 50 St, Cheney
Friday, May 26	
Traffic Stop	16
Traffic Complaint	SE 10 Ave & SE 50 St, Kingman
Transport Prisoner	120 N Spruce, Kingman
Debris in Roadway	10000 E Hwy 54, Murdock
Miscellaneous Complaint	100 block E Jewell St, Kingman
Disabled Vehicle	17000 E Hwy 54, Cheney
Warrant Service	600 block E B Ave, Kingman
Trespassing	100 block S Parkway St, Norwich
Suspicious Person	NE 50 St & NE 170 Ave, Cheney
911 Accidental Dial	300 block N Logan St, Cunningham
Saturday, May 27	
Traffic Stop	11
Civil Paper Service	1
Traffic Complaint	16000 E Hwy 54, Kingman
Traffic Complaint	NE 120 Ave & NE 20 St, Kingman
Debris in Roadway	4000 E Hwy 54, Kingman
Disturbance	200 block N Sunflower Dr, Kingman
Suspicious Vehicle	E Hwy 42 & SE 70 Ave, Rago
Disabled Vehicle	16000 E Hwy 54, Cheney
Mental	13000 SE 140 Ave, Norwich



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E. in charge of getting us to camp

Minutes from Pratt County Commission

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Adams seconded the motion. Motion carried 2-0.

Billy presented a pay slip for Justin Seaman for fire/rescue. Commissioner Adams made a motion to approve hiring Justin Seaman for fire/rescue at \$25.00 per call/meeting. Commissioner Shriver seconded the motion. Motion carried 2-0. He would like to purchase shelving for the storage room at the public safety building. Commissioner Shriver stated it is needed. Commissioner Adams questioned if he had it in

his budget.

Billy stated he does. He needs to change the numbers on his trucks to not duplicate with other agencies. It is recommended he put the Chevron on the back for safety reasons. The commissioners stated to go ahead and get it done.

Commissioner Shriver made a motion to approve the payment vouchers for May 22, 2023. Commissioner Adams seconded the motion. Motion carried 2-0.

Commissioner Shriver thanked EMS and law enforcement for their dedication and hard work.

Commissioner Adams made a motion to adjourn at 3:44 pm. Commissioner Shriver seconded the motion. Motion carried 2-0.

Kingman County Commission did not meet this week due to the Memorial Day holiday.

We will have May 22nd meeting minutes in next week's paper.

Public Notice

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IN THE THIRTIETH JUDICIAL DISTRICT

DISTRICT COURT OF KINGMAN COUNTY, KANSAS

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF:)

DELMAR D. VORAN, Deceased.

CASE NO. 2023 PR 25

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

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:

You are hereby notified that on May 22, 2023, a petition was filed in this Court by Steven W. Voran, Sharon A. Bergkamp and Adrian L. Voran, heirs, devisees and legatees and Co-Executor's named in the "Last Will and Testament of Delmar D. Voran," deceased, dated October 17, 2013, praying the will filed with the petition be admitted to probate and record; Co-Petitioner's be appointed as Co-Executor's, without bond; and Co-Petitioner's be granted Letters Testamentary.

You are required to file your written defenses thereto on or before June 13, 2023, at 11:00 a.m. in the District Court, Kingman, Kingman County, Kansas, at which time and place the cause will be heard. Should you fail therein, judgment and decree will be entered in due course upon the petition.

All creditors of the decedent are notified to exhibit their demands against the Estate within the latter of four months from the date of first publication of notice under K.S.A. 59-2236 and amendments thereto, or if the identity of the creditor is known or reasonably ascertainable, 30 days after actual notice was given as provided by law, and if their demands are not thus exhibited, they shall be forever barred.]

Steven W. Voran, Sharon A. Bergkamp and Adrian L. Voran, Co-Petitioners

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IN THE THIRTIETH JUDICIAL DISTRICT

DISTRICT COURT OF KINGMAN COUNTY, KANSAS

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF:

CHARLES DUANE PRIDEAUX, a/k/a CHARLES

Case No. KM-2023-PR-000023

PRIDEAUX, a/k/a DUANE PRIDEAUX, Deceased.

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

NOTICE OF HEARING

THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:

You are hereby notified that a Petition has been filed in this Court by Hazel D. Prideaux, an heir of Charles Duane Prideaux, a/k/a Charles Prideaux, a/k/a Duane Prideaux, deceased, praying:

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

Commencing 1420' East of center of main line of A.T. & S.F. Railroad and South line of Main Street, Pretty Prairie, Kansas, for place of beginning; thence East 110'; thence South 86'; thence West 110'; thence North 86' to place of beginning, being a tract in the Southeast Quarter (SE/4) of Section Eighteen (18), Township Twenty-six (26) South,

Range Six (6) West of the 6th P.M., Reno County, Kansas. Commonly known as 501 E. Main, Pretty Prairie, Kansas.

And the following described real estate situated in Kingman County, Kansas:

The West Half of the Southeast Quarter (W/2 SE/4) of Section Three (3), Township Twenty-seven (27) South, Range Six (6) West of the 6th P.M., Kingman County, Kansas, less a tract conveyed out of the Southeast corner of the West Half of the Southeast Quarter (W/2 SW/4)

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

You are required to file your written defenses thereto on or before June 13, 2023 at 11:00 o'clock a.m. in the city of Kingman, in Kingman County, Kansas, at which time and place the cause will be heard. Should you fail therein, judgment and decree will be entered in due course upon the Petition.

Hazel D. Prideaux

Petitioner

BY: Matthew W. Ricke

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Attorney for Petitioner

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OFFICIAL NOTICE OF ZONING HEARING

City of Cunningham, Kansas

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN AND TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED:

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on Thursday, June 22, 2023, the Cunningham City Planning Commission will consider the following zoning application at 6:00 p.m. at City Hall, 119 N. Main Street, in Cunningham, Kansas:

Case No. SU -23-003. Special use requested to establish a restaurant serving alcohol (drinking establishment as provided for by Article 4, Section 105 – Central Business District, Subsection B) in the area described below, in the B-1 Central Business District. If recommended for approval, additional requirements may be considered to make such a use compatible to the neighborhood.

Legal description: Lots 15 – 18 of Block 6 in the Original Town of Cunningham, Kingman County, Kansas, as shown by the recorded plat thereof.

The general location of the property being 120 West First Street in Cunningham, Kansas.

You may appear at this time either in person or by agent or attorney, if you so desire, and be heard on the matter. After hearing the views and wishes of all persons interested in the cases, the Planning Commission may close the hearings and consider recommendations to the Governing Body which, if approved under the City Zoning Regulations, would be effectuated by ordinance. The public hearing may be recessed and continued from time to time without further notice.

Dated this 26th day of May, 2023

/s/ Molly Morgan

Zoning Administrator

Cunningham City Planning Commission

Public Notice

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OFFICIAL NOTICE OF ZONING HEARING

City of Cunningham, Kansas

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN AND TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED:

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on June 22, 2023 the Cunningham City Planning Commission will consider the following zoning change at 6:00 p.m. at City Hall, 119 N. Main, in Cunningham, Kansas :

Case No. Z-23-004. Proposed change of zoning district classification from the R-1, Single-Family Residential District, to B-1, Central Business District.

Legal description: Lots 5, 6, and 7 of Block 1, Section 32, Township 27, Range 10W of the Original Town of Cunningham, Kansas

The general location of the property being 106 N Main Street, Cunningham, Kansas.

You may appear at this time either in person or by agent or attorney, if you so desire, and be heard on the matter. After hearing the views and wishes of all persons interested in the cases, the Planning Commission may close the hearings and consider recommendations to the Governing Body which, if approved under the City Zoning Regulations, would be effectuated by ordinance. The public hearing may be recessed and continued from time to time without further notice.

Dated May 26, 2023

/s/ Nick Rogers, Chairperson

Cunningham City Planning Commission

Attest:

/s/ Molly Morgan, Zoning Administrator

Cunningham City Planning Commission

Public Notice

First published in The Cunningham Courier, Thursday, May 25, 2023.

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF:

JOHN D. MCKENNA, Deceased.

CaseNo.KM2023PR27

(PetitionPursuanttoK.S.A.Chapter59)

NOTICE OF HEARING

THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:

You are hereby notified that a Petition has been filed in this Court byRobert J. McKenna and Phillip L. McKenna, heirs of John D. McKenna, deceased, praying:

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

You are required to file your written defenses thereto on or before June 13, 2023 at 10:00o'clock a.m. in the city of Kingman, in Kingman County, Kansas, at which time and place the cause will be heard. Should you fail therein, judgment and decree will be entered in due course upon the Petition.

Robert J. McKenna and Phillip L. McKenna

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

To whom it may concern:

Notice is hereby given that on Monday, June 26, 2023 the Governing Body of the City of Cunningham, Kansas, will consider the following application at 6:00 p.m. in the Council room at City Hall, 119 N. Main, Cunningham, Kansas:

A letter of application has been filed with the City of Cunningham by Leah Lawrence, dba South Fork Bar & Grill, 120 W. First St., Cunningham, KS, requesting a waiver of the distance limitation as required by 3-206 of the Code of the City of Cunningham, Kansas, which states:

3-206(b) "It shall be unlawful to sell or dispense at retail any cereal malt beverage at any place within the city limits that is within a 200-foot radius of any church, school or library."

306(d) "The distance limitation of subsection (b) above shall not apply to any establishment holding a cereal malt beverage license issued by the city when the licensee has petitioned for and received a waiver of the distance limitation. The governing body shall grant such a waiver only following public notice and hearing."

You may appear at this time either in person or by agent or attorney, if you so desire, and be heard on this matter. After hearing the views and wishes of all persons interested, the governing body may close the hearing and consider the request. The public hearing may be recessed and continued from time to time without further notice.

Dated this 26th day of May 2023.

/s/ Molly Morgan

Cunningham City Clerk

Public Notice

(Published in The Cunningham Courier on June 1, 2023.)

OFFICIAL ZONING NOTICE

City of Cunningham, Kansas

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN AND TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED:

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on June 22, 2023, the Cunningham City Planning Commission, in the (City Council's Chamber) at the City (Hall) at 119 N. Main St. in Cunningham, Kansas, will at 6:00 p.m. consider the following amendments to the Zoning Regulations for the City of Cunningham, Kansas, as originally adopted by Ordinance No. 771 on May 20, 2009:

Section 2-102 for Definition:

FENCE: A freestanding structure of customary materials such as metal, masonry, glass, plastic or wood or any combination thereof, resting on or partially buried in the ground and rising above ground level, and used for confinement, screening or partition purposes, but which does not pose a threat to public safety or health and is designed and constructed in such a manner as to produce an aesthetically pleasing appearance. The minimum standard for metal fencing is chain link fencing. Fences constructed of metal roofing materials, forklift pallets, portions of vehicles or appliances, welded wire, garden fencing, chicken wire, hog panels, mesh fencing, T-posts and the like are not permitted. Except in the front yard(s), each full side of a constructed fence must consist of only one approved fencing material and should not alternate between fencing materials (such as having chain link and a solid privacy fence along the same side). All fences and fencing materials must be approved prior to construction. [See Section 3103F 25 for fences as Permitted Obstructions, and note at Section 6-100B for required Zoning Permit(s)]

Section 3103F

F. Permitted Obstructions in Required Yards. The following shall not be considered to be obstructions when located in a required yard: (See Section 9101A3 for principal or accessory buildings or structures or uses locating on or projecting over

public easements; Section 2-102 for definition of FENCE and note at Section 6-100B for required Zoning Permit(s):

Section 3-103F3

3. Fences in a front yard: On lots with single or two-family dwellings and all types of manufactured and mobile homes, fences not exceeding four feet in height are permitted which are constructed with at least 75% open space. (See Section 2-102 for definition of VISION TRIANGLE for 33-inch height.) In other circumstances, decorative walls as perimeter boundaries and entryways to subdivisions as open and closed fences are permitted which do not exceed six feet in height.

Section 6-100B

*Zoning permits are required only for accessory structures which exceed 100 square feet of ground area unless a permanent foundation is required by any applicable building code. Permits, however, are required for all fences and for satellite dish antennas which exceed one meter (39.37 inches) in diameter. (For other accessory zoning permits, see Section 6-101 for temporary uses; Section 6-102 for home occupations; Section 5-100 for parking spaces and loading areas; and Article 7 for signs.)

Copies of a proposed Ordinance amending the Zoning Regulations as described above are available from the City Clerk's office in the City (Hall) during regular business hours.

After hearing the views and wishes of the citizens, the Planning Commission may close the public legislative hearing, revise the proposed Ordinance if deemed desirable, and consider the adoption of the amendments to the Zoning Regulations, and if adopted, may be referred to the Governing Body for consideration of approval. Said public hearing may be recessed and continued from time to time without further notice.

DATED May 26, 2023

/s/ Nick Rogers

Chairperson

Cunningham City Planning Commission

ATTEST:

/s/ Molly Morgan

Zoning Administrator

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Norman Fischer

Norman W. Fischer, 82, of Sharon, KS, died Saturday, May 27, 2023 at Attica Long Term Care, Attica, KS.

He was born on October 21, 1940 in Sharon, KS, the son of Conrad Fischer and Hilda (Seiwert) Fischer. On Nov. 18, 1961, he married Bonnie Kay (Wenzel) Fischer in Sharon, KS. She survives.

Norman was the lead mechanic at National Gypsum at the time of his retirement. He was a member of the St. Boniface Catholic Church, Sharon, KS and the Knights of Columbus.

Surviving in addition to his wife, Bonnie Fischer of Sharon, KS are eight children, Doreen (Ricky) Carroll of Kings Mountain, NC, Jimmey (Becky) Fischer of Sharon, KS, Todd (Lisa) Fischer of Sharon, KS, Jeffrey Fischer of Kingman, KS, Tina (Jerry) Haworth of Haviland, KS, Jamie (Jack) Deviney of Attica, KS, Rodney (Billie Jo) Fischer of Sharon, KS, and Stacey (Craig Winters) Fischer of Attica, KS; 26 grandchildren and 42 great-grandchildren; two brothers, Eugene Fischer of Hazelton, KS and Donald Fischer of Kingman, KS; numerous nieces, nephews, and cousins.

Norman was preceded in death by his parents, one daughter, Pamela Kay Fischer and by seven siblings: Vincent Fischer, Elmer Fischer, Herman Fischer, Elvira “Sis” Rinke, Burnetta McCreath, Rosalma C. Wiley, and Mary Catherine Fischer.

Mass of Christian Burial was Wednesday, May 31, with Father Emmanuel Kosikumah presiding. Burial followed at St. Boniface Cemetery, Sharon, KS.

Memorials may be made to Country Care Hospice or Attica Long Term Care, in care of Larrison Funeral Home, 120 E. Lincoln, Medicine Lodge, KS 67104.

Condolences may be left at www.larrisonmortuary.com.



Mary Olson

It’s with great sadness that the family of Mary Louise (Giefer) Olson announces her

Passing due to heart failure on Thursday, May 25, 2023 at the age of 76.

She was born February 19, 1947, at Kingman Memorial Hospital, Kingman, Kansas, the beloved wife of Lt. Col. (ret) Richard F. Olson of Springdale, Arkansas.

Mary will be lovingly remembered by her son Richard M. Olson, his wife Jana, and her grandchildren Tyler and Kendal. Mary will also be fondly remember by brothers Jerry Klein and Mattie Giefer; , sisters Rosie Georges, Margie Scheer; and many nieces, nephews, and wonderful friends.

Mary is preceded in death by her beloved daughter Susan Frances Olson; parents Matt and Genevieve (Hampel) Giefer and Bertha Klein Giefer; her mother; father and mother-in-law Wallace and Frances Olson; brother Larry Klein and his daughter Dana Klein; and sister-in-law Pam Giefer.

Mary grew up on a farm in Kingman, Kansas. She graduated from Kingman High School and was employed by Cessna Aircraft Company. After a short time, Mary met Air Force 2 LT Dick Olson at McConnell AFB in Wichita. Marriage ensued in October 1970 at St. Patrick Catholic Church in Kingman. Soon following were the births of Richard and Susan, both born in Wichita.

Mary became a true Air Force family member by her unflinching commitment to military life with many unforeseen circumstances and relocations. She liked to work and graciously volunteer, while still being a precious wife and an exemplary mother to Richard and Susan. Mary made many sincere friends everywhere. After twenty-one years of military lifestyle, the family retired from the Air Force life at Little Rock AFB, Jacksonville, Arkansas and eventually moved to Springdale, Arkansas to be closer to her grandchildren Tyler and Kendal.

Visitation with the family will be from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., Friday, June 2, 2023 at the Livingston Funeral Home, 1830 N. Main, Kingman, Kansas. Parish rosary will be 9:30 a.m., Saturday, June 3, 2023 at the St. Patrick Catholic Church followed by the Mass of Christian Burial at 10:00 a.m. Burial will be in the Walnut Hill Cemetery.

Memorials may be made with the St. Jude Research Hospital or the St. Patrick Grade School, both in care of Livingston Funeral Home.



Mary Youngers

Mary “Cookie” Youngers, of Kingman died May 25, 2023 at the age of 81.

She was born Nov. 20, 1941 in Colwich, Kansas the daughter of Bill and Alvine Linnebur. Mary attended school in Colwich and graduated from Sacred Heart Academy, Wichita in 1959. In 1976 she graduated from the Chicago School of Decorating and was an entrepreneur of a business in Kingman called Interiors By Mary. After thirty years, she retired in 2006.

She was a member of the St. Patrick Catholic Church, the Daughters of Isabella and the Altar Society, all of Kingman.

She married Norman Youngers in 1960 at Colwich; he survives. Other survivors include six children Kevin (Dawna) Youngers, Tina (Scott) Ludwig, Sheila Hooker, Lesa (Rob) Roser, Gary (Gina) Youngers and Mona (Shane) Dreiling; 13 grandchildren, 10 great-grandchildren, plus one on the way in September.

She was preceded in death by her parents, brothers Don (Berdella), Wayne (Luella), Father Leroy Linnebur; and sisters Juanita (Mike) Mohr, Sister Mary Ruth and Helen (John) Youngers; nephew Fr. David Linnebur.

Mass of Christian Burial was May 31, 2023 also at St. Patrick Catholic Church. Burial followed in the Walnut Hill Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers memorial may be made with Birthline in Wichita or St. Patrick Grade School both in care of Livingston Funeral Home.



Reginald Cathers

Reginald E. “Reg” Cathers, 81, went to be with the Lord on May 9, 2023 at the Robert J. Dole VA Hospital in Wichita, Kansas. He was born on September 30, 1941 in Springfield, Tennessee to Andrew and Daisy (Gower) Cathers.

He was a veteran of the United States Army and Navy. In 1996 he assisted in the opening of the Lerado Country Church and was the song leader. He also took part in the monthly church services at Wheatlands Healthcare Center.

He is preceded in death by his parents, his siblings, and his wife, Chi Hwan Cathers. They had no children.

Memorial services will be held at a later date. In lieu of flowers, memorials can be made to the Lerado Country Church, care of Vicky Moots, 5644 N Hwy 11, Kingman, KS 67068.

Arrangements are by Affordable Cremations Plus, Wichita, Ks.



Marilyn Wilt

Marilyn Ann Wilt, 90, passed away Monday, May 29, 2023 at Pratt Regional Medical Center. She was born on July 17, 1932 in Pratt to Clifford and Opal (Watson) Guthridge. Marilyn married Clifford Wilt on July 7, 1956 in Pratt. He preceded her in death on October 2, 2009.

Marilyn graduated from Pratt High School and attended Pratt Junior College. She worked as an office assistant and secretary for Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks until she retired after 30 years in 1998. She was a member of First Baptist Church in Pratt and Stroud, Oklahoma, Beta Sigma Phi and Pratt Elks Lodge #1451. Marilyn was an avid KU basketball fan and volunteered at the South Wind Home Thrift Shop. She enjoyed riding motorcycles, boating and attending antique tractor pulls with her husband.

She is survived by numerous nieces, nephews and cousins.

Marilyn is preceded in death by her parents; husband, Clifford Wilt; and sister, LouJean (Dale) Rosenbaum.

Visitation will be Thursday, June 1, 2023 from 9:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m., at Larrison Mortuary, 300 Country Club Road, Pratt.

Per Marilyn’s request a graveside service will be held at 10:00 a.m., Friday, June 2, 2023 at Greenlawn Cemetery, Pratt with John Hamm presiding.

Memorials may be made to South Wind Home or Donor Choice in care of Larrison Mortuary.



Dorothy Wimmer

Dorothy Grace Wimmer, 98, of Pratt, KS, died Saturday, May 27, 2023 at Pratt Health & Rehab, Pratt, KS.

She was born on October 17, 1924 in Hallam, NE, the daughter of Alvin A. Pfeiffer and Theresia Sophia (Oltman) Pfeiffer. On June 13, 1941, she married Lawrence “Max” Wimmer. He preceded her in death on September 27, 2010.

Dorothy was a housewife and a CNA at Pratt Regional Medical Center, where she retired from on August 19, 1983. Dorothy and her husband, Max, started the T&W Meat Company. She was a member of the First Southern Baptist Church in Pratt.

Surviving are one son, Raymond Wimmer of Cunningham, KS; two daughters, Bonnie (Robert) Wilhite of Scandinavia, WI and Juanita (David) Ward of Cunningham, KS; 8 grandchildren, 17 great-grandchildren, and 11 great-great-grandchildren; two brothers, Al Pfeiffer, Jr. of Yorba Linda, CA and Donald Pfeiffer of Alva, OK; two sisters, Alice Deck of Medicine Lodge, KS and Ruth Bratcher of Protection, KS; many nieces and nephews;

Dorothy was preceded in death by her parents, her husband and three brothers, Kenneth, Glenn, and infant Dwight Pfeiffer.

Visitation will be from 9:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., Thursday, June 1, 2023, with family present from 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m., at Larrison Mortuary, 300 Country Club Road, Pratt, KS 67124.

Graveside services will be held on Friday, June 2, 2023 at 2:00 p.m. at Greenlawn Cemetery, Pratt, KS with Pastor Mike McGovney officiating.

Memorials may be the Cunningham Christian Church in care of the mortuary. Condolences may be left at www.larrisonmortuary.com.



Pat Robertson

Pratt - Patricia "Pat" L. Robertson, 81, passed away Monday, May 29, 2023 at her home. She was born on November 13, 1941 in Lyons to Walter and Roberta (Link) Spangler. Pat married Harry Robertson on October 14, 1961 in Chase, Kansas. He preceded her in death on February 12, 1995.

Pat graduated from Chase High School in 1959. She worked as the Skyline Elementary School secretary for 29 years. She was a member of Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Pratt. She enjoyed reading, quilting and sewing.

She is survived by her children, Troy Robertson of Colwich, Tracy Robertson of Pratt and Amy Robertson of Pratt; sister, Sue (Frank) York of Ashland; brother, Mark (Judy) Spangler of Hoisington; and many nieces, nephews, great nieces and great nephews.

Pat is preceded in death by parents and husband.

Cremation has taken place. A private family graveside service will be held at Greenlawn Cemetery, Pratt.

Memorials may be made to Skyline School Foundation or Lemon Park Lights in care of Larrison Mortuary, 300 Country Club Road, Pratt.



Reminder:

Dr. Gene Zaid of Hyatt Life Sciences will be presenting his health information and products at the Community Center at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, June 3. Everyone is welcome.

Health Clinics

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- Friendship meals free blood pressure checks at the senior center- Wednesday, June 14th from 11:00am-12:00pm.