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Minutes from the Two School Board Meetings in October

The West Kingman County Board of Education meeting was called to order at

7:04 p.m. on Wednesday, October 13, 2021, by President Scott DeWeese.

President, Scott DeWeese; Vice-President, Brent Hansen; Members, Joyce Gridley, and Travis Thimesch; Superintendent, Robert Reed; Principal, Cody Dunlap; Clerk, Stacy Webster and guests Erik Paris, Isaiah Reed, Brandon Brumaldt, Sarah Sipe, Roberta Kobbe, and Shawna Sterneker.

Motion made by Brent Hansen, seconded by Joyce Gridley, to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried 4-0.

President DeWeese welcomed the guests to the meeting.

Motion made by Travis Thimesch, seconded by Brent Hansen, to approve the minutes of the September 15, 2021 regular meeting. Motion carried 4-0.

Motion made by Joyce Gridley, seconded by Travis Thimesch, to approve the minutes of the September 15, 2021 special Revenue Neutral Rate and Budget Hearing meetings. Motion carried 4-0.

Motion made by Brent Hansen, seconded by Joyce Gridley, to approve the payment of bills in the amount of $279,369.15 and the financial reports as presented. Motion carried 4-0.

Superintendent Reed discussed facility issues, Grant updates, and 6-man football status with KSHSSA

Principal Dunlap shared with upcoming Calendar items for sports, academics and extracurricular activities. He asked the board their opinion on a Softball/Baseball coop. Board consensus was it would interfere with track.

Member Joyce Gridley reported that staffing remains short. She also shared that a student has passed away. Superintendent Reed reported that some schools are looking at how other districts reduce their assessment costs.

Superintendent Reed reported that he has had 6 responses to the steering committee. Sarah Sipe reported receiving Qualifications from 5 companies; Hutton construction, Law company, Dondlinger Construction, McCown Gordon and Wiens & Co. The board discussed and elected to interview 3 of the companies. Sarah put the names in a bowl to draw for interview order. They were selected as follows: McCown Gordon, Hutton Construction, Wiens & Co. Sarah reviewed with the board the request for proposal letter that will go to the selected firms.

Guests Sarah Sipe, Erik Paris, and Isaiah Reed Left the meeting at 8:13 pm.

Motion made by Joyce Gridley, seconded by Brent Hansen, to go into executive session with Administration for 5 minutes at 8:15 p.m. to discuss personnel performance under the KOMA exception for non-elected personnel Motion carried 4-0.

President DeWeese declared the meeting in open session at 8:20 p.m.

Motion made by Joyce Gridley, seconded by Travis Thimesch, to go into executive session with Administration for 5 minutes at 8:20 p.m. to discuss personnel performance under the KOMA exception for non-elected personnel Motion carried 4-0.

President DeWeese declared the meeting in open session at 8:25 p.m.

Motion made by Travis Thimesch, seconded by Brent Hansen, to approve Lauren Schwartz as custodian. Motion carried 4-0.

Motion made by Travis Thimesch, seconded by Brent Hansen, to schedule a special meeting for CMAR interviews on October 25, 2021 at 6pm in the High School music room. Motion carried 4-0.

Motion made by Travis Thimesch, seconded by Joyce Gridley, to adjourn the meeting at 8:28 p.m. Motion carried 4-0

The West Kingman County Board of Education special meeting was called to order at

6:00 p.m. on Monday, October 25, 2021, by President Scott DeWeese.

President, Scott DeWeese; Vice-President, Brent Hansen; Members, Brent Miller, Travis Thimesch, Vicki Oldham; Superintendent, Robert Reed; Principal, Cody Dunlap, Clerk, Stacy Webster; and guests Sarah Sipe, Todd Knight, Brando Brinker, Darin Headrick, Alan Youngers and Mike McBee. Via zoom, Joyce Gridley.

Motion made by Travis Thimesch, seconded by Brent Miller, to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried 6-0.

President DeWeese welcomed the guests from McCown Gordon Construction.

Motion made by Vicki Oldham, seconded by Travis Thimesch, to go into executive session with Administration and Sarah Sipe at 6:00 p.m. until 6:50 p.m. to Interview McCown Gordon according to CMAR statute, K.S.A. 72-1155 at subsection (d)(4)Y. Motion carried 6-0.

Guests Andy Buessing, Jennifer Szambecki, Kyle Hawthorn and Joerg Nahrendorf arrived to the meeting at 6:40 p.m.

President DeWeese declared the meeting in open session at 6:50 p.m.

Guests Todd Knight, Brando Brinker, Darin Headrick, Alan Youngers and Mike McBee left the meeting at 6:53 p.m.

Motion made by Brent Hansen, seconded by Brent Miller, to go into executive session with Administration and Sarah Sipe at 7:00 p.m. until 7:50 p.m. to Interview Hutton Construction according to CMAR statute, K.S.A. 72-1155 at subsection (d)(4)Motion carried 6-0.

Guests Sid Wiens, Doug Anderson, Bryant Wiens, and Nate Corpening arrived to the meeting at 7:34 p.m.

Guests Andy Buessing, Jennifer Szambecki, Kyle Hawthorn and Joerg Nahrendorf left the meeting at 7:49 p.m.

President DeWeese declared the meeting in open session at 7:50 p.m.

Motion made by Brent Miller, seconded by Vicki Oldham, to go into executive session with Administration and Sarah Sipe at 8:00 p.m. until 8:50 p.m. to Interview Wiens & Co. according to CMAR statute, K.S.A. 72-1155 at subsection (d)(4). Motion carried 6-0.

Guests Sid Wiens, Doug Anderson, Bryant Wiens, and Nate Corpening left the meeting at 8:45 p.m.

President DeWeese declared the meeting in open session at 8:50 p.m.

The board discussed their view points for each firm. Sarah Sipe read the CMAR cost evaluations sheet Mr. Reed received from the Kansas Secretary of Administration office. Further discussion was had. Each board member ranked the firms 1, 2, 3 and shared their thoughts why they ranked them this way.

Member Joyce Gridley left the meeting at 9:08 stating she would support any decision made by the rest of the board.

Motion made by Travis Thimesch, seconded by Vicki Oldham, to approve McCown Gordon as Construction Manager at Risk. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion made by Brent Miller, seconded by Brent Hansen, to adjourn the meeting at 9:53 p.m. Motion carried 5-0.

Takeaways from November School Board Meeting

Last Wednesday's school board was not lengthy and there were few things to glean in the hour it lasted.

The school calendar for 2022 – 2023 is being put together.

The school continues to have issues with buses. The grant offered through the federal program will announce recipients in February.

COVID grant money is being used to test students before school. Thus far, no positive cases have been found. Students are quarantining at home if they come into contact with someone who has COVID.

The National Honor Society's blood drive had 17 donations. They are planning on another drive in the spring.

The high school Scholar's Bowl will be starting this month.

Work release/college education programs are being planned for the spring semester.

Cunningham school received recognition from the Kansas State Department of Education (see article on page 10).

The schools STILL need classroom paras.

Mr. Reed is still working on the members list for the bond project Steering Committee.

Board accepted the resignation of Lori Godines, custodian; and hired Jenny Wright for office secretary.

- the editor

Minutes from Kingman County Commission November 8, 2021

The Board of County Canvassers met in the Commission Room of the County Courthouse, Kingman, Kansas on November 8th, 2021. Those present: Jerry Henning, Canvasser; Jack Thimesch, Canvasser

Fred Foley, Canvasser; Carol Noblit, County Election Officer presented the City/School General Election results to the Canvassers.

Ms. Noblit presented 18 provisional ballots to the Board of Canvassers for their decision.

There were 7 provisional ballots not counted, 7 fully counted and 4 partially counted.

The chairman of the Canvassers recessed the canvass at 8:38 a.m. to have the counting board count the provisionals.

The chairman reconvened the Board of Canvassers at 9:22 a.m.

The following votes were added due to provisionals being counted:

USD 331 Position #5
K. Tab Turner 1 vote

USD 331 Position #6
Jeff Samuelson 1 vote

USD 332 At Large
Megan Green 1 vote
Bjorn Halderson 1 vote
Vicki Oldham 1 vote

Kingman City Commissioner:
Mark Arensdorf 2 votes
Stan Hacker 1 vote
Adrian Harrel 6 votes
Eric Robinson 2 votes
Sean Wallace 3 votes

Cunningham City Mayor
Aaron Murphy 1 vote

Cunningham City Council'
Bart Ricke 1 vote
Craig Woodard 1 vote
Tyler Thimesch 1 vote

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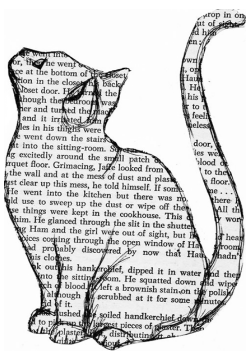

Meanderings

Best sit back a spell, I'm going to meander all over my mind today; until I get to Belle Starr, then I have stories.

FYI: I have been without internet service since about noon. This does not bode well for me getting the paper finished in a timely manner this evening. I can't open email. I can look up quotes. I can't find clip art; I can't find information about anything. I can't send email. I can't check Facebook for interesting stories or photos. I can't check the school district calendar to update our community calendar events. I can't even send the paper to the printer. I can't play Candy Crush or Solitaire. Oh, wait. Never mind that last sentence-- just a typo.

I did call Centurylink, and I actually spoke to a young lady named Ivy. She told me the engineers were aware of the issue and they hope to have service back up by 7:30 this evening. (GROAN).

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'Back in the good ol' days' everything in town was news. EVERYTHING. Someone stopped at the Clipper office and renewed their subscription, Alice and Fanny Jewel spent the day practicing their poker skills. John Brown fell off his stubborn ol' mule and broke his leg. Now… news bits get swept aside. No one is reported renewing their subscription to the paper, ladies playing poker is not big deal, and falling and injuring oneself is … well, coffee shop talk, no more.

SO… when I received an email from Jason Osner last week, I didn't read the message carefully. There was a bit in there about his mom, Mary Lou, whom I have known decades longer than Jason. And he asked me to put a thank you note in the paper. I had no idea HE had an accident. I do really think I need to slip some recording devises under tables and counters in all the businesses where coffee drinkers gather to shoot the proverbial breeze. I, do believe, I could then fill the paper with bits of nonsense and news.

Jason, I apologize, I wish this could be the first and last mistake I ever make. The corrected note is on the back page. However, had I known via secreted recording devises about your accident, I'd have gotten this right the first time.

Mary Lou, old friend, I apologize to you as well, because folks have, no doubt, been asking about your accident. Your other son called me and asked me about the note, and after 55 years of friendship (longer than I've known you), Bill knows I am a frequent mistake-maker. I got him straightened out, we had a nice visit. And all was good.

My mom also asked about your accident, Mary Lou. I shrugged and said I don't know. Maybe it was from earlier. Anyway, you are fine. Jason seems to be recovering from his accident and everyone will get this figured out, and no one will be surprised I made a mistake. (and owned it!)

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People, people, people. If you are a lover of pets, you best not read this bit.

I have, living in, my home a wily, conniving, sly, and devious canine. I have Belle Starr, outlaw extraordinaire.

This demon beast has me frustrated beyond measure.

She can't understand rules. Maybe she can but willfully chooses not to. I am trying to teach her to 'fear the nightstand' so my books and magazines and assorted other nightstand paraphernalia are safe.

The first invasion of the nightstand resulted in a magazine 'Poets & Writers' being ripped up and left on the deck outside. The front cover was torn off, and the bottom of corners of most of the pages were chewed. I was almost done reading it, and was going to email my friend, Francie Krusemark, to let her know how much I had enjoyed it. I still emailed her to let her know that I'm pretty sure, whereas I enjoyed it, Belle Starr was ecstatic over it. Until she was loudly scolded and spanked and crated. (I know, I shouldn't spank, but this was serious stuff).

The next item to be demolished was not from my nightstand. It was the comforter from the bed I made from an old coffee table. The cats and Quin like to sleep there. Quin and Belle made huge, huge mess in the back yard tearing that thing up. I did find all the pieces of fabric and batting and disposed of them-- jsut so the next day, they could pull an old sheet out of her crate/bed and play 'shred this baby' all over the yard.

The foray of mischief went back to my nightstand where she stole the book I was reading -- "Ghostlight" by Marilyn Zimmer Bradley. I found it on the deck. The back cover was torn off and the last two pages chewed. It was muddy and dirty. I probably still could have read it had she ripped off the FIRST TWO pages instead.

Loud scolding and spanking and crating. I was pretty sure she understood to stay away from the nightstand. An hour after I let her out…. I see ANOTHER book on the deck. "The Book of Lost Friends" by Lisa Wingate is our book club read for this week. The spine and the cover were well chewed, but the dust jacket had fallen off and was pretty much untouched. I scolded, spanked, crated AGAIN. I put the dust jacket back on so I could finish reading it. Makes me mad now I won't be able to rehome it. However, I decided when I wanted to mark a few passages I could simply dog-ear them; after all the book was ruined. (Don't tell Belle I said that).

It has a been a few days now since the last book trauma. I do keep "Ghostlight" on top of the pile of books so if she decides to grab one, it will be one she's already chewed up.

I saw something glistening in the morning sun there in the backyard. I thought at first it was one of the DOZENS of toys I have purchased for her and Quin. I turn to go back to what I was doing, and realized there was no toy that would glisten. I investigated. It was a little atomizer room freshener. The lid had been chewed so it wouldn't come off, there were holes punctured in the little can. I suppose that is why it was abandoned; she just didn't care for the taste of 'black cherry vanilla'.

This morning I caught her walking around the bedroom carrying a little roll-on Icy Hot bottle in her mouth. I took it away from her and we discussed the nightstand yet AGAIN.

And I've not even begun on the issues with the cat food and the cat boxes.

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I placed an article about aptitude testing on the next page. I thought it was interesting and insightful. I took an aptitude test in high school. The results indicated I should enter the field of ..... engineering! HAHAHA!

One of these days, maybe next week, I'll regale you of my experiences with my failed 'engineering' skills in dealing with Miss Belle Starr while trying to keep her away from the cat food bowl and the cats' litter boxes.

I will take a moment here to mention the holes being dug in my backyard. And a special note should be made of the one that is being dug under the back storage garage.

It's a puppy version of "Rita Hayworth and the Shawshank Redemption." It may take her years, but she will no doubt tunnel an escape route all the way under the garage and the driveway to the street.. and out of town... unless I can engineer a way to block up the hole.

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I'm still spending my time in Three Pines. I have a difficult time relaxing these days for worrying about THE OUTLAW. I was hoping to finish by the end of this week, but it will probably be next week.

Here is what Louise Penny said in her author's notes at the end of 'Glass Houses'.

"Some might argue that Three Pines itself isn't real; and they'd be right, but limited in their view. The village does not exist, physically. But I think of it as existing in ways that are far more important and powerful. Three Pines is a state of mind. When we choose tolerance over hate. Kindness over cruelty. Goodness over bullying. When we choose to be hopeful, not cynical. Then we live in Three Pines.

I don't always make those choices, but I do know where I want to be, and I know how to get there. And so do you -- otherwise you would not still be with me, reading this. "

I think I am already there.

Always reading,

and currently reading,

"The Book of Lost Friends"

by Louise Penny,

Roberta

(Internet update: 12:32 no internet. I am going to bed and will just have to finish the paper in the morning).

My Breast Cancer Experience Part 14

By Beth Blasi 2021

Chemotherapy Nitty Gritty – By the time you are reading this, I have completed my 6 treatments from July 19 thru Nov 1. I won't detail each and every session, as each 3-week segment pretty much follows the same sequence of events. The side effects just happen at different times. So, here we go….

The beginning-July 19, 2021. As mentioned before, the oncologist group is stingy in providing information until you get started. The day I started, they then provided the "fact sheets" on the drugs they were going to give me and then also provided a verbal list of over-the-counter items that might be helpful for some of the side effects I might experience as well as a prescription for nausea. Again, having that "list" earlier would have been helpful to get those items in advance since we live 25 miles from the nearest drug store.

Here's the list of supplies and drugs (OTC and one prescription) suggested for side effects plus some I have added on my own – most of which I have used at least once. If any of you know me, you know I made an Excel chart that listed all the drugs and potential side effects in 3-wk sections so I could track what I took and what side effects I experienced.

Original items:

- Ondansetron (Zofran) – prescription for nausea and vomiting
- Claritin (or generic equivalent) – allergy pill to help with bone pain from Fulphila (Neulasta) shot
- Imodium AD (or generic equivalent) – combat diarrhrea
- Tylenol
- Ibuprofen

My Additional items:

- Gas-X (or generic equivalent) – gas build-up
- Pepcid AC (or generic equivalent) – heart-burn, reflux, sour stomach
- Ice – not a drug, but suck on some ice during treatments to reduce mouth issues
- Moisturizer – not a drug but for dry face, especially when it gets flushed
- Toilet Paper – stock up – intestinal issues and unpredictable bowel movements!

Drugs Administered During Treatment

- Dexamethasone – this was actually prescribed earlier. This is a steroid pill taken for 3 days – day before treatment, day of, and day after. Helps prevent nausea.
- Aloxi, Dexamethasone, Emend – anti-nausea via IV
- Taxotere and Cytoxan – the cancer-killers via IV
- Heparin and Saline – flush the line and port via IV
- Fulphila (Neulasta) – shot given the next day to promote white blood cell growth

Treatment Day – My treatment days were Mondays. However, the Dexamethasone steroid was taken already on Sunday and would also be taken on Monday and Tuesday. I would arrive around 9 am, checked-in, went to the lab for bloodwork, then on to the oncology center to wait. The center in Kingman has 6 recliners for those getting treatments – so you pick a chair. My husband waited with me the first session until I was hooked up and then ran off to run errands (shopping for the convenience store). After that, he just kicked me out at the door so he could get a head start on shopping.

Once my lab results were available and they looked good, the hookups began. First, they put a numbing cream on my port-a-cath. After a few minutes, I took a deep breath, and the "needle" is pushed into the port and flushed with saline. Then the drugs start – 3 anti-nausea meds first – Aloxi, Dexamethasone, Emend. Then the real cancer poisons are administered – Taxotere and Cytoxan. This took several hours – usually done between 1 and 2 pm. I read, worked on the computer, watched my soap opera, and they even provided lunch! Once the drugs were finished, the port was flushed with Heparin – that causes a nasty taste in the mouth! Another deep breath and the needle was removed from the port and I was done! My hubby picked me up and we went home.

During the first session, the drugs were administered at a slower pace so they could watch for any reactions. The drugs were then administered a little faster at subsequent sessions. I mean, I didn't turn into the Hulk or get bulging eyes or anything! And you know, all the blood they draw still looks red!

However, almost immediately, can't remember exactly which drug was being administered, but the nose and lip area, roof of my mouth, and front of my tongue felt numb. Later on, my mouth kind of felt like it had been burned like when you eat/drink something that is too hot in temperature. Alas, my taste and how foods "feel" had now been altered. My brother had mentioned that my sister-in-law used ice chips during treatments to reduce mouth sores. Theory is that the cold reduces the blood flow thus reduces the medicine, so the effects are also reduced. I wish I had connected the dots sooner and used ice at the first session. I used ice after that, and I do think it helped to keep the numbness and taste altering from getting much worse.

Day after Treatment – My sister-in-law or hubby would drive me back to the oncology center on Tuesday for the Fuphila shot (it stung every time!) and it had to be between 11am and noon (I was uncomfortable driving during the week following treatment). This shot is to help restore white blood cells (the body makes these in the bone marrow). For the first shot, I had to wait around for about 20 minutes so they could monitor for any adverse reactions (kind of like the Covid shot). I usually took the allergy pill the night before to get a head start on heading off bone pain from this shot. Seemed strange to use an allergy pill – they couldn't really explain why it worked – but it does. One of the ladies getting a treatment just said "Take it". She didn't the first time and had so much pain in her sternum that she thought she was having a heart attack – "the allergy pill works!" I usually took it until Friday.

Next Week – More treatment info

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Friday, November 19th
HS lock-in begins at 9:30 p.m.

Saturday, November 20th
HS lock-in ends at 7:00 p.m.

Sunday, November 21st
6:00 p.m.
Sacred Heart Church Community Thanksgiving Service

Monday, November 22nd
4:00 p.m.
JH BB vs Chase at HOME

Tuesday , November 23rd
Missouri Welding Institute for students

Wednesday, November 24th - 26th
No School, Thanksgiving Break

Sunday, November 28th
6:00 p.m.
Dafforn Park Caroling at the Gazebo

Monday, November 29th
6:30 p.m.
City Council Meeting
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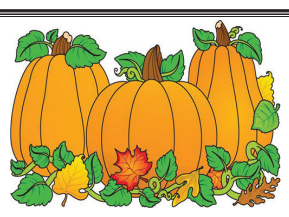
JH BB vs Norwich at HOME

Tuesday, November 30th
HS Scholar's Bowl at HOME

Ninnescah Valley Bank will be closed Thursday, November 25th, in observance of Thanksgiving.



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How to Host a Successful School Play (in 15 Simple Steps)

The play I am about critic was titled "How to Host a Murder Mystery Dinner Party (In 15 Simple Steps)". The play's creator is Brian N. Taylor. The teachers guiding the students through this event were Rebecca Huelskamp, Amanda Prim, and Emily Huelskamp. Kudos to you all for encouraging those students to be so professional and outstanding in the roles they played.

Step One: Attend a small school. One of the perks of growing up in a small academic environment, is that a young person can embrace a myriad of activities, becoming 'well-rounded' and diverse in many areas. Another perk of growing up and attending a small school is the rapport a young person develops with the teachers and adults in the school.

Step Two: Garner respect for teachers one has known almost an entire school career. Respect leads to reaching up and out to please the teachers, striving to be the best. We had many students performing their best in our high school play last Friday evening. If you weren't there, you missed an impressive and delightful evening's entertainment.

Step Three: Theme the play a´la dinner theater. Seat your audience/ guests at tables and have cast members serve food between acts.

Step Four: Round up a dynamic troupe of actors

Step Five: Put together a dedicated stage crew.

Step Six: Have fun names for the cast. Names such as Miss Penelope Chrysler-Michelin; Miss Gabby Reynolds; Charlotte Beauregard; Dr. Jack Nightingale; Jane Wilhelm, Esq., Venus Starship, Serena Hemingway, and Hugh Glover.

Step Seven: Add servants and maids and gardners.

Step Eight: Gather many interesting and essential props… like axes and scythes.

Step Nine: Practice. Practice. Practice.

Step Ten: Make copies of necessary documents for the audience to enjoy.

Step Eleven: Feed the audience: snack mix for an hor d'erouvers , popcorn for an entrée, and cookies for dessert.

Step Twelve: Engage the audience in a friendly way.

Step Thirteen: Share recipes for Shrimp Cocktail of Death, Cold-Blooded Caviar, Steak in the Heart, Chicken Parm, Upside Down Cake, and Strawberry Shortcake.

Step Fourteen: Everyone have a good time.

Step Fifteen: Enjoy the memories.

Thank you students and teachers for a truly unique and charming evening. I can't convey how much I enjoyed my time watching you perform.

Editor's note: I *want to extend many aplogies to cast and crew; students and teachers who worked hard on this event. My little article is lacking certain aspects because I seem to have left my program on the dinner table – but I did escape with some of the documents made available to your guests.*

Editor's note: I did not dress up for this event. I'd been cleaning all day, running after dogs, my hair was in a mess, my attire was unfashionable and untidy, but when 7:00 rolled around I thought I could just sneak in and sit in the back, put the telephoto lens on the camera, take photos, and quietly exit…. Like I always do…. and no one would be the wiser as to my questionable attire. Yes, well, there is Murphy's Law and all that.

Guests were greeted at the door and escorted to a table. I was seated at Ashlynn's table … right in the front…. Questionable attire, messy hair and all. But my dinner companions were a delight and never commented on my disheveled state, and I appreciate that.

Why Every Student Should Take An Aptitude Test

(NAPSI)—A question many teens are often asked is, "What do you want to be when you grow up?" While becoming a YouTube star or a rock star may be the "official" answer, most people end up pursuing careers they are familiar with through family, friends or day-to-day exposure—in many cases because they don't know what other options they have.

It's been proven that when students' educations align with their aptitudes, or abilities, graduation rates increase. When using their natural talents at work, people tend to be more successful and more satisfied in their careers. One of the best ways for individuals to determine their natural abilities and what they will excel in, is by taking an aptitude assessment

What Is an Aptitude Assessment?

Unlike a personality test that might tell a student that they are an extrovert and should be in sales, aptitude tests use a series of behavioral assessments designed to identify natural talents. In their simplest form, aptitude tests look at what you like and what you do well inherently, and use science to accurately hone in on true abilities. Things that are easy for some people can prove challenging to others. For example, some people are naturally excellent at handling numbers, others have impressive spatial awareness. Tests, such as YouScience Discovery, assess these areas and many more in a series of time-based exercises. In the case of YouScience Discovery, at the end of the aptitude assessment, each person is shown all of the potential career opportunities that are ideal for their specific talents, including careers potentially never previously considered.

Why Aptitude Tests Have a Lasting Effect

New Opportunities: When academic and career guidance decisions are based solely on students' reported interests, important pieces of the puzzle are missed. According to the research from The University of Missouri, interests are influenced by perceived "societal norms" that limit the scope of students' career exploration. Aptitude tests uncover what students do well naturally and how they solve problems. Performance measures of aptitudes go beyond what students see around them and help expand their vision of college and career opportunity and possibility.

Level Playing Field: Aptitude tests cut through social noise and biases. By empowering students with the knowledge of their unique capabilities, these exams help close the exposure gap and prepare students for career fields they may not have otherwise thought of or even known about. Each person has natural abilities; when these talents are identified, students often feel that they have more of a focus and a purpose.

Preventing Wasted College Credits: A college education is highly valuable, but too often students enter with one major and graduate with another. In fact, up to 80% of college students change their majors at least once before graduating. Not only can this cause a headache, it can be a costly mistake. Taking an aptitude test before attending college can help get students on a college or career track that lasts. Getting affirmation that an area of study makes sense for a successful career can prevent wasted credits and years studying the "wrong" material.

Backed by research, aptitude tests provide insights into the "science of each person," helping individuals uncover and discover new purpose and intent. "What do you want to be when you grow up?" can now be answered with a sense of confidence and, importantly, can provide students with the positive reinforcement needed to pursue careers in high-demand industries where they can succeed beyond their imagination.

"No one can become really educated without having pursued some study in which he took no interest- for it is a part of education to learn to interest ourselves in subjects for which we have no aptitude."
— T.S. Eliot

Pratt Community College Will Perform "A Christmas to Remember"

Mark your calendars for Pratt Community College's "A Christmas to Remember". The Performing Arts department will be perfomring December 3rd and 4th at 7:30 p.m. and December 5th at 2:30 p.m.

HAPPY THANKSGIVING!

Community Thanksgiving Service

Sunday, November 21s at 6:00 p.m. at

Sacred Heart Catholic Church

Cunningham, Kansas

Music and Thanksgiving message provided by our local pastors

Coffee, Tea, Snacks and Sweets will be served at Sacred Heart Parish Hall

Contributed food items will go to the Hands of Hope Food Bank to benefit our community and monetary contributions will build our community benevolent fund.

All are welcome!

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Catholic Churches

Sacred Heart, Cunningham
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St. John, Zenda
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St. Leo
Sunday 8:30 a.m.

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

Father Roger Lumbre
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620-246-5370

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Lutheran Churches

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

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

Our worship service is found on the YouTube channel at:
https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCCreaCH12I9mpcnjCPyYLA

Pastor Dennis Fangmeyer
Cell: 620-886-0911

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Church of Christ

Pennlaxa
Sunday 11:00 a.m.

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First Christian Church

Cunningham
Facebook:
https://www.facebook.com/CunninghamChristianChurch
Pastor Mike McGovney
620-298-3201

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United Methodist Church

Pennlaxa
Worship 9:15 a.m.

Cunningham
Worship 10:45 a.m.

Pastor Mathew Ndambuki Musyoki
620-298-2090

Zenda
Worship 9:00 a.m.
Sunday School: Children 8:30 a.m. Adults 10:00 a.m.
Pastor Ken Keeling
620-491-0680

Kingman County Humane Society to Hold Open House

After several years in the planning stage, the Kingman County Humane Society is putting the finishing touches on their new animal shelter and adoption center. Located at 811 East C Ave, the 3500 square foot facility will more than double the capacity of the previous non-owned shelter. "Our goal was to design and build a facility that would be easy to clean and maintain so we can spend more time working and playing with the animals in our care" said CJ Jergenson, Executive Director and Project Developer. "Initial reaction from volunteers and visitors has been very positive".

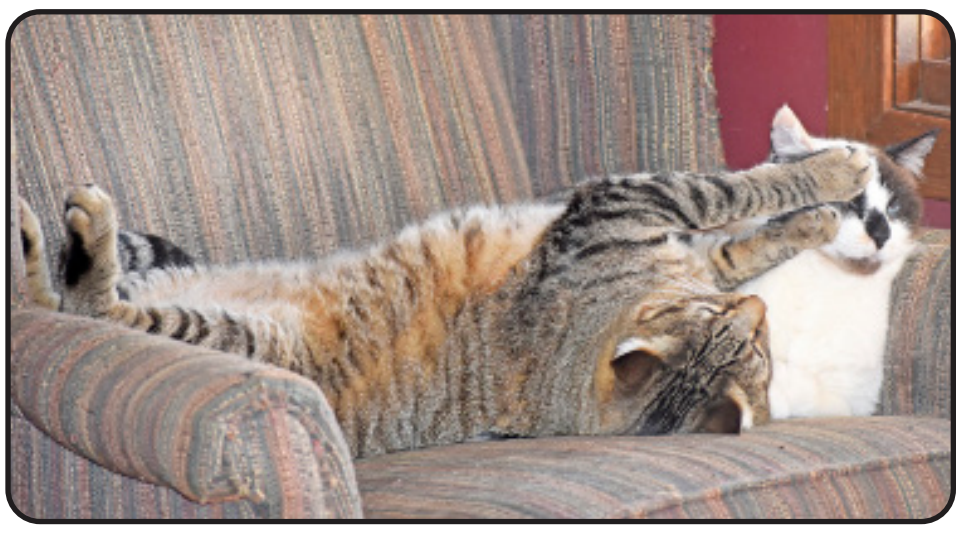
Product shipment delays have been the biggest problem. Twenty new dog kennels purchased in May have been sitting in Chicago awaiting transportation. They were finally shipped last week and are expect to arrive this week, just in time for the Open House celebration on Saturday, November 20th.

Volunteers have been busy getting everything ready for Open House. "We're so excited to share our new facility with our community" said CJ. "None of this would be possible without the support of our friends and neighbors in Kingman and the surrounding area. The Open House is our way to say Thank You for supporting KCHS".

The public Open House event will be this Saturday, November 20th from 10:30 to 2 pm at 811 East C Avenue in Kingman.

CJ Jergenson, Executive Director

Personal Space, Ned, Personal Space!



Ned Nederlander is absolutely the MOST annoying cat I've ever had and probably ever will have.... there can be no cat more annoying than this not-so-little beast. I thought these two were sleeping, they'd been like this for 20 minutes or more. Ned IS, indeed, sleeping, but I can see the look of disgust in Skippy Jones' blue eyes. She is annoyed with Ned....but not annoyed enough to give up her comfy spot in the sun.

Cunningham Hands of Hope, Inc.

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

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

What: Food

When: **Every Tuesday from 2:00-6:00 p.m.**

Where: 117 N Main (Old School Board Office)

Why: To provide food assistance to those in need.

How: Attend monthly distribution. Adult of household must be present.

Do you need assistance outside distribution hours?

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

Fundraisers & Charitable Opportunities in our Community

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West Kingman County Education Foundation
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Hands of Hope (contact Fitzsimmons Insurance or any church)

Cunningham Alumni Scholarship Fund
(send checks to the West Kingman County Education Foundation)

Cunningham Community Center (leave donation at the bank)

Lions' Club (leave your old eyeglasses at the bank)

Cunningham Museum (to donate contact Donna Glenn)

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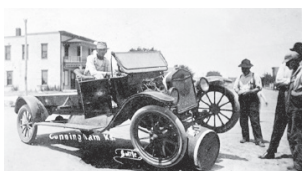

1931

November 20 - The interclass basketball tournament began last Wednesday. The freshmen played the sophomores-score 3 to 6 in favor of the freshmen. Friday, the juniors played the seniors-score 8 to 11 in favor of the seniors. Monday the freshmen played the seniors-score 6 to 2 in favor of the seniors. Wednesday, the sophomores played the juniors. The freshmen will play the winners of Wednesday's game Friday to determine the consolation of the tournament, of which the seniors have first.

1936

November 20- The Zale Bay Club met Friday morning. The meeting was very interesting. It was in the form of an amateur contest with Eunice Harris as Major Bowes. The following program was presented: "On a Busy Street Corner"-Mearl Parker and Lola Shelman; Reading, Frances Groves; Solo, Miss Wyssenback; Dialogue, Bernice Harkrader and Frances Mitte; Piano solo, Mary Ann McNamee; Reading, Miss Henshaw. Miss Wyssenback and Mary Ann tied for first place. After the winners had been sufficiently applauded, Miss Wyssenbach taught the girls a new Zale Bay song.

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November 21, 1941

1941

November 21 - NOTICE

Officers of the United States Army Remount Service will be at the J. G. Gibbens ranch, 4 ½ miles east of Cunningham, at 11 o'clock, on Thursday, November 27, to inspect and buy horses for the U. S. Army.

Cunningham High School's basketball squad practiced with the Alumni Tuesday night in preparation for their game next Tuesday night with Sylvia high school at Sylvia.

Coach Seidel has the team groomed and ready for their first encounter. Junior Neagle, starting center has been out this week due to a bad cold but is expected to be on hand for the season-opener.

Seidel has the squad playing man-to-man defense as Sylvia uses this type of play.

Probable starting lineup for Cunningham will be: Charles Cooley, forward; Austin Luce, forward; Junior Neagle, center; Bobby Crow, guard; Russell Stanley, guard.

1946

November 22- he public school faculties and boards were entertained Tuesday evening by the High School board members and wives at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Glen Pearson.

Mr. Elrod showed moving pictures of high school activities taken during the last three years. The remainder of the evening was spent playing cards with high bridge and pitch honors going to Mr. Alva Hellar and Mr. Bill Bradley, and low bridge and pitch to Mrs. Wilma Dyche and Miss Elaine Remple.

The Get Acquainted club met on Tuesday, November 19th, at the home of Mrs. Waldo Graves with 13 members present who answered roll call by each telling what they had to be thankful for.

After a business meeting the afternoon was spent playing bingo with Mrs. Dean Cooley winning high prize, and Mrs. Elmer Graves low prize.

A covered dish luncheon was served by the hostesses, Mrs. Waldo Graves and Mrs. Gerald Morrison.

The next meeting will be held at the Dean Cooley home on December 24th with Mrs. Frank McGovney and Mrs. Dean Cooley as hostesses.

1951

November 23- A capacity crowd attended the School Band Appreciation dinner sponsored by the Cunningham Community Men's Club at the I. O. O. F. Lodge Hall, Tuesday evening. Members of the band were invited guests of the Club.

The Rebekahs served the large group a fine turkey dinner, with all the trimmings, after which the guest speaker, Graham Fletcher, noted news analyst and program director of radio state KAKE in Wichita, gave an interesting talk.

1956

November 22- A Scout Leadership Training Program will be held in Cunningham, Saturday, December 2, in the High School Gym-Auditorium starting at 1:00 o'clock in the afternoon.

This leadership training program is being held to interest District Eight in active participation in scout work. District Eight comprises all of Kingman and Harper Counties. All phases of scouting will be given, Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, and Explorer Scouts.

15 Cunningham people have already indicated that they will participate in this leadership training program, and the local scout officials are anxious to have more volunteers. This is an ideal time for the people of this community to acquaint themselves with the scouting program. If you are interested, please contact a member of the local Boy Scout Committee.

Approximately 175 people enjoyed the Open House at the Reno Telephone Association, Inc., last Saturday evening.

The guests were served doughnuts and coffee in the old telephone building, and then inspected the new building housing the automatic dial equipment.

A local operator is still on duty to handle long distance calls until Saturday, December 7, when the Bell Telephone Company will establish a long distance operator for Cunningham in Kingman.

In ceremonies following the Open House, association officials cut all old telephone cables leading to the old switchboard, thereby making all the new dial telephones in operation. The old phones will be picked up at a later date.

1961

November 23- The Kingman Chamber of Commerce entertained the Kingman County 4-H Club members, community leaders, and project leaders at a banquet in the Kingman Armory last Wednesday evening.

All county award winners for the year ending in October received their ribbons and medals following the banquet.

The Cunningham 4-H Club received a purple ribbon award for the general quality of goals accomplished during the past year, and four members received medals for outstanding achievements in competition with other club members over the county. Joel Pelzl received three awards for personal development, photography, and woodwork; Ronald Murphey received two awards in gardening and potatoes, and Monte Rose and Don Hellar each received an award for rabbits and corn.

Mrs. Chet Davidson was hostess to the Sunshine Club in her home, Tuesday afternoon.

President Mrs. Everett Hauser conducted a brief business meeting, after which the afternoon was spent playing bingo with Mrs. Wayne Phillips and Mrs. Bill Boyd winning high and low prizes.

The hostess served a salad course, nuts, and coffee to eight members, Mrs. Ted Dix, Mrs. Hauser, Mrs. Harry Nossaman, Mrs. Anna Steffen, Mrs. Chick Howell, Mrs. Boyd, Mrs. Nellie Shelman, and Mrs. Ethel Cooper, and two guests, Mrs. Phillips and Mrs. Floren Rose.

1966

November 24-The Cunningham Wildcats will open their 1966-1967 basketball season a week from this coming Friday night with a home game against Cheney, according to the schedule released last week from the office of Principal Harry Johnston.

Following games with Attica and Maize, the Wildcats will play their first Ninnescah League game at Partridge December 10. Cunningham will be seeking their third straight league basketball championship.

The Wildcats' schedule of 16 games lists home-and-home games with Ninnescah League opponents, Partridge, Sylvia, and Alden, with non-league games scheduled against Cheney, Maize, and Garden Plain of the Sedgwick County League; Nashville-Zenda, Sharon, and Norwich of the Chikaskia League; Isabel and Coats-Sawyer of the Skyline League; Attica of the Southern Kansas League, and Greensburg of the Iroquois League.

Head Coach Jim Webster and Assistant Coach Larry Nolte have been holding practices daily, and report prospects as bright for the coming season. Returning lettermen include last year's starting guard Danny Meyers, along with three members of last year's "second five," Jim McCune, Frank McClellan, and Duane Schnittker, plus Ned and Alan Albers, and Harold Stark from last year's "B" team.

Coach Webster says his present "game plan" will employ a full-court zone press the entire game.

A large crowd attended the Cunningham High School Junior Class Play, "Hillbilly Weddin'" in the high school gym-auditorium last Friday evening.

Members of the cast included Tom Schnittker, Shirley Park, Mary Lynn Cundiff, Joan Rohling, Susan Rottering, Betty Thimesch, Donna Panek, Pat Gilstrap, Layne Harris, Wayne Jarmer, Danny Theis, Debbie DeArmond, Charles Lackey, Paul Sallee, Betty Jones, Jim McCune, Monte Rose, Alan Albers, and Frank McClellan.

The play was directed by Jim Kelso, speech and drama coach of Cunningham and Nashville-Zenda High Schools; Wallace Hartley and George Kampling were the prompters, and Ned Albers had charge of the sound effects. The class sponsors are Mrs. Rubie Cusenbary and John McCracken.

1971

November 18- A group of interested citizens met in "The Wildcat Den," Monday evening and formulated plans for Cunningham's Santa Claus Day, to be held Saturday afternoon, Dec. 11, at 2:30 o'clock.

The committee chairmen include Dean Cooley, General Chairman; Jack Meyers, Kent Williamson, and Mrs. Bob Long, Finance Committee Chairmen; Dale Sheldon, Program Chairman; Joe Pelzl and Charles Bailey, Parade Chairmen; Bob Long, Treats Chairman; Mrs. Henry Dutcher, Bible Chairman; Mrs. Marion Lackey, Shut-In Chairman; Mrs. Dee Mills, Senior Citizens Chairman, and Mrs. Melvin Oller, Special Events Chairman.

The parade will have seven divisions for children this year, including floats. The parade will also feature the high school band, saddle clubs, antique cars, and hopefully, the Ringmaster from Kingman.

The Cunningham Lions Club will again sponsor their annual horseshoe tournament, according to President Larry Nolte, and the Carter-Luce American Legion Post No. 114 will serve dinner in the Lodge Hall, according to Post Commander Dean Cooley.

Four students from Cunningham High School represented the school at the annual Mid-America Debate Tournament held at Wichita Heights High School in Wichita, Friday and Saturday, Nov. 12 and 13. The two teams, composed of Kandi Bradley and Mike Schrant as well as Bob McGovney and Nathan Stillwell, were among the 68 teams that entered in the tournament.

The first team, Kandi Bradley and Mike Schrant, compiled a 4-2 record, their best of the year.

The other team from Cunningham, composed of Bob McGovney and Nathan Stillwell, had a less successful time, compiling an 0-6 record. They met teams from Hoisington, Dodge City, Wichita Southeast, Centre, Garden City, and Wichita West. This is Bob's first year in debate and it was Nathan's first tournament of the year.

The same four debaters will represent Cunningham at Pratt's Invitational Debate Tournament this weekend, November 19 and 20.

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How To Host a Murder Mystery Dinner Party (In 15 Simple Steps)

The Cast of "How to Host a Murder Mystery Dinner Party (In 15 Simple Steps) with their murder weapons of choice:

Front row: Scott Wyatt, Ashlynn Miracle, Joanna Hansen, Hannah Ellis, Brianna Dittmer, Elizabeth Paris.

Back row: Emma Harden, Ellie McGuire, Maranda Lohrke, Isaiah Reed, Mattie Jump, Alice Huelskamp, Ava Bock, Taylor Schultz.

The stage crew of "How to Host a Murder Mystery Dinner Party (In 15 Simple Steps)

Front row: Ada Adams, Maranda Lohrke, Shanelle Romine, Madison Dowsey.

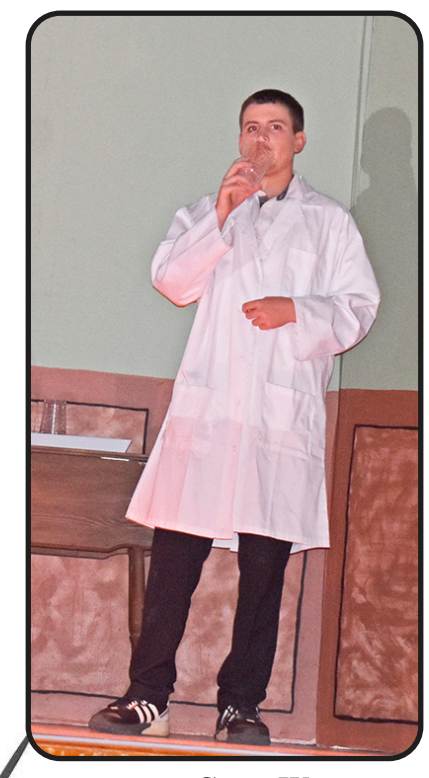
Back Row: Will Wegerer, Nate Sterneker, Carlos Hurtado, Dakota Mertens, Dagim Reed

The police investigator (Alice Huelskamp) takes notes after Mis Penelope Chrysler-Michelin was found murdered.

Hannah Ellis

Ellie McGuire

Mattie Jump



Scott Wyatt

Maranda Lohrke

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Emma Harden

Isaiah Reed

Ava Bock and Joanna Hansen

Elizabeth Paris

Ashlynn Miracle

Brianna Dittmer

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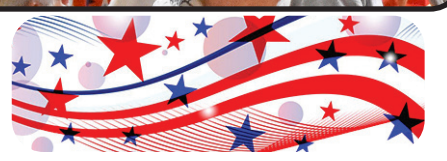
CHS National Honor Society Presents:
Veterans' Day
Thursday, November 11th, 2021

Welcome
Presentation of Color Guard
Pledge of Allegiance
National Anthem sung by Eric Kerschen
We Remember
sung by Nicole Kerscher, guitar accompanist Hannah Ellis
On Veterans' Day; a poem read by the first grade
Veteran Interview with Steve Miller conducted by Trey DeWeese and Luke McGuire
Flander's Field read by Taylor Schultz
Poppies distributed by third grade
Veteran Interview with Jared Halderson conducted by Lane Halderson
God Bless America; America the Beautiful sung by fourth and fifth grade choir
Veteran's Day poem read by second grade
Veteran Interview with Jack Crick conducted by Taylor Schultz and Alice Huelskamp
Armed Forces Tribute sund by Jr High and High School choirs
Veteran Interview with Leroy Panek and conducted by Ashynn Miracle and Maddie Dowsey
Veteran Recognition by the National Honor Society.
Veteran's Interview with Eugene Freund and Garrett Beat; conducted by Hannah Ellis and Maranda Lohrke



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Pratt County Commission Minutes for November 8th and 12th, 2021

The Pratt County commissioners met in regular session, Monday, November 8, 2021 at 2:00 p.m. in the commissioner room, 1st floor of the courthouse. The following members were present: Rick N. Shriver, Thomas W. Jones III, Dwight Adams, Tyson Eisenhauer, county counselor, Lori Voss, county clerk and Mark Graber, IT director. Also, present, Micheal Blackford, Pratt Tribune.

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

Billy Hampton, fire/rescue chief, reported rescue had five calls. Presented a mutual aid agreement between Pratt County sheriff and Pratt County fire/rescue. They can split EMS and rescue employees to assist victims getting out of the area. Tyson has no problem with this agreement only if they are responding within the county. Max Barrett stated they already have mutual aid agreements with the other counties. There was a discussion on participating out of county mutual aid. Tyson stated a commissioner needs to sign the agreement. Billy reported E-dispatch is now in place, two monitors at EMS and health dept, battery backup which is the generators. The bill from E-dispatch should be paid out of the 911 funding. It will need to be approved by the 911 committee for payment by the city of Pratt. He presented a bill from Danko for gear in the amount of $3042.30. He reported he went through the air bags, some of the bags were from 1984. They need to be updated; he would like to get quotes on new air bags. Commissioners told him to obtain quotes.

Doug Freund, road supervisor, presented quotes on trailers for the lake. Commissioner Jones made a motion to purchase a 2022 PJ utility trailer from Sunflower Trailer & Sales for $1900 for the lake. Chairman Shriver seconded. He presented four road crossings for approval. SC Telcom and the Diamond Engineering Company for installing fiber optic lines at NE 20th street, NE 40th street, SW 40th Avenue and West First Street and NE 40th Avenue to Preston.

Jon Roach, noxious weed director, presented specs on the four-wheeler, asked for any recommendations. The commissioners told him to proceed with the purchase after the first of next year. Commissioner Adams made a motion to recess into executive session for ten minutes at 2:39 p.m. for ten minutes to return at 2:49 p.m. Chairman Shriver seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. Commissioner Adams made a motion to return from executive session with nothing to report. Commissioner Jones seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Heather Morgan, reported they changed the reporting deadline to April, 2022. The infrastructure bill was signed. The money might flow through KDOT to Pratt County. She discussed the OSHA and CMS vaccine mandate, three separate mandates. None apply to Pratt County employees. Federal contractors might be affected also subcontractors.

Tyson stated he has a hearing at 3:00 pm and could be done by 4:00 if they need him to come back. Tyson has a copy of the KDOT road agreement, that needs to be signed and sent to the state. Tyson presented the copy of the KDOT agreement to be signed. Commissioner Adams made a motion to approve the Kansas Dept of Transportation cost share agreement for the road project at NE 20th Avenue. Commissioner Jones seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

April Swartz, Varney & Associates, stressed they are auditors not accountants. They do not go over every line item. She went over the audit and audit letter. She discussed the single audit and reporting. She stated Heather had some forms for department heads to use when applying for grants, to better track the grants. General ledger can have fund lines for each grant. There needs to be more description in receipts/transfers.

New forms with a policy that all grants are approved by commissioners, all filings and receipts, expenditures are tracked. Heather questioned deposit of wind farm money.

April said it would generally go into general fund but can be deposited in general or the Capital Improvement Fund. She stated the Commissioners decide where the wind farm money is deposited whether general or capital improvement.

Heather questioned whether she had approval to work with EMS on the grant that was not spent in time. Commissioners agreed to pay back approximately $6000 in federal funding for unexpended funds, they gave their approval for her to assist EMS.

Commissioner Jones made a motion to approve the minutes from November 1, 2021. Commissioner Adams seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Jones stated that Jeff Rosham, the president of Prairie Foods would like to be on the agenda November 15, 2021. He also stated Bob Blasi visited with Air Methods out of Wichita, they would like to provide services to Pratt County.

Commissioner Jones made a motion to approve the payment vouchers for November 8, 2021. Commissioner Adams seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

They discussed the policy concerning federal grant applications, receipts and expenditures. Tyson stated it could be done by resolution. All department heads will be included in a meeting stating how the grant process will be in the future. They discussed hiring an accountant.

Chairman Shriver discussed the PSB meeting last Wednesday. They went over the change order and the process of the change orders. They are framing, putting skin on, getting prepared for winter. He requested to recess into executive session at 4:12 pm for ten minutes to discuss attorney/client matter, they will return at 4:22. Commissioner Jones seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. Chairman Shriver made a motion to return from executive session at 4:22 pm with nothing to report. Commissioner Jones seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Adams made a motion to adjourn at 4:25 pm. Commissioner Jones seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. Meeting adjourned at 4:25 pm.

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The Pratt County Commissioners met Friday, November 12, 2021 at 9:00 a.m. in the commissioner room, 1st floor in the courthouse to canvass ballots from the November 2, 2021 city/school general election. With the following members present: Rick N. Shriver, Dwight Adams and Thomas W. Jones III. Lori Voss, county clerk, Tiffany Ailstock, and Mark Graber, IT director were also present. Also, present Nick Squires.

There were three provisional ballots. All were registered voters with address changes that affected their voting precinct. Those were hand counted and tallied. There were also three mail ballots postmarked by the deadline of November 2, 2021 but received November 5, 2021. Those were hand counted and tallied.

Commissioner Jones made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:20 am. Commissioner Adams seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

USDA Reminds Producers of 2022 Acreage Reporting Requirement

The Kingman County Farm Service Agency reminds agriculture producers that December 15, 2021, is the deadline to file an acreage report for fall seeded crops. Planted acres must be reported to FSA by December 15, 2021. The Agricultural Improvement Act of 2018 (2018 Farm Bill) requires producers on a farm to submit annual acreage reports on all cropland.

Timely acreage reports for all crops and land uses, including prevented and failed acreage that producers submit to their local FSA office, are important to ensure program eligibility for all farm programs."

Acreage reports to FSA are considered timely filed when completed by the applicable final crop reporting deadline, which may vary from state to state. Producers who do not enroll by the December 15 deadline are subject to late-filing requirements. Producers should contact their local office for an appointment to provide an accurate acreage report of their fall-seeded crops.

For questions on this or any FSA program, including specific crop reporting deadlines and planting dates, producers should contact their county FSA office or seek information online at www.fsa.usda.gov.

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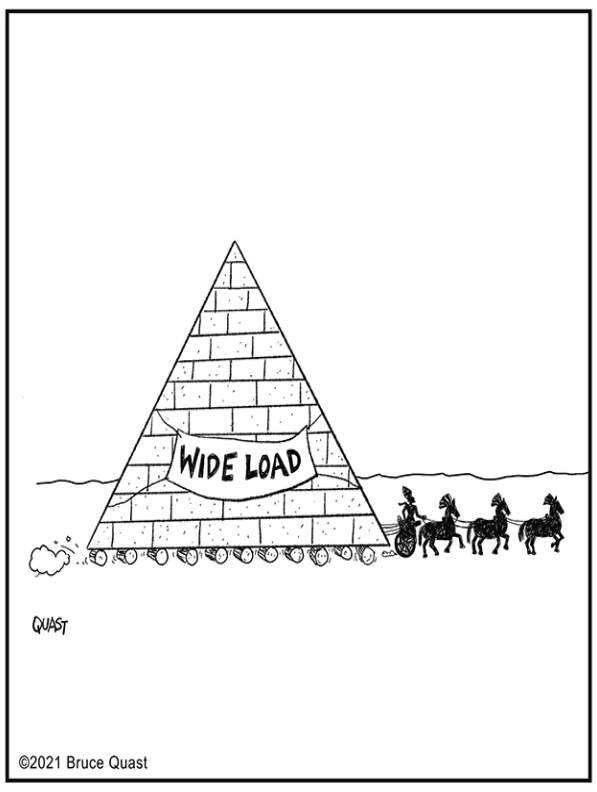
"Thanksgiving dinners take eighteen hours to prepare. They are consumed in twelve minutes. Half-times take twelve minutes. This is not coincidence."
— Erma Bombeck

"I awoke this morning with devout thanksgiving for my friends, the old and the new."
— Ralph Waldo Emerson

Comfortably Dumb by Bruce Quast



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IN THE THIRTIETH JUDICIAL DISTRICT

DISTRICT COURT, KINGMAN COUNTY, KANSAS

CIVIL DEPARTMENT

BLB OIL LLC., a Florida limited liability company;

BRENDA B. REDFERN, as trustee of THE BRENDA B. REDFERN LIVING TRUST dated September 14, 2006;

KIM L. CURRY, as trustee of THE KIM L. CURRY REVOCABLE TRUST dated August 1,2018

Plaintiffs,

v.

BAYSHORE ENERGY KS LLC;

JOHN RICHARD KLINE a/k/a John R. Kline, deceased;

JEWELL DARLENE KLINE;

PATRICA A. SIMKINS;

JEANNIE GARARD;

JEFFREY S. PRUITT;

BRADLEY D. PRUITT, deceased;

JOYCE MILLER PRUIT a/k/a Joyce Phipps;

TONYA M. PRUITT;

NICHOLAS SCOTT PRUITT;

RACHEL JANEEN GUBITZ a/k/a Rachel Pruitt

JAN LEE STEWART, deceased;

LISA M. MCCORMICK;

JENNIFER L. PEARSON;

H. A. MAYOR, JR., deceased;

NORMA HALB MAYOR, deceased;

H. A. MAYOR, III;

LORI JEAN MAYOR;

MARCY MAYOR RAMSAY;

KENTON S. STEWART REVOCABLE TRUST DATED JANUARY 23, 1995

JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, as successor by merger to the Valley National Bank of Arizona, trustee of the PAUL K. BOYER TRUST;

Washington Federal Bank, National Association;

and

The unknown heirs, executors, administrators, devisees, trustees, creditors and assigns of persons alleged to be deceased; unknown spouses of any defendant; unknown officers, successors, trustees, creditor or creditors and assigns of a defendant that is an existing, dissolved or dormant corporation; unknown executors, administrators, devisees, trustees, creditors, successors and assigns of a defendant that is or was in partnership; and unknown guardians, conservators and trustees of a defendant that is a minor or is under any legal disability,

Defendants.

Pursuant to K.S.A. Chapter 60

Case No. 2021-CV-000020

TITLE TO REAL ESTATE INVOLVED

NOTICE OF SUIT

To Bayshore Energy KS LLC, Jewell Darlene Kline, Patricia A. Simkins, Jeannie Garard, Jeffrey S. Pruitt, Bradley D. Pruitt, deceased, Joyce Miller Pruitt a/k/a Joyce Phipps, Tonya M. Pruitt, Nicholas Scott Pruitt, Rachel Janeen Gubitz a/k/a Rachel Pruitt, Jan Lee Stewart, deceased, Lisa M. McCormick, Jennifer L. Pearson, H.A. Mayor, Jr., deceased, Norma Halb Mayor, deceased, H.A. Mayor, III, Lori Jean Mayor, Marcy Mayor Ramsay, Kenton S. Stewart Revocable Trust dated January 23, 1995, JPMorgan Chase Bank, National Association, as successor by merger to the Valley National Bank of Arizona, trustee of The Paul K. Boyer Trust, and Washington Federal Bank, National Association, and the unknown heirs, executors, administrators, devisees, trustees, creditors and assigns of above-captioned persons alleged to be deceased, unknown spouses of any above-captioned individual, unknown officers, successors, trustees, creditor or creditors and assigns of an above-named individual or entity that is an existing, dissolved or dormant corporation, unknown executors, administrators, devisees, trustees, creditors, successors and assigns of any above-named individual or entity that is or was in partnership, and unknown guardians, conservators and trustees of an above-named individual that is a minor or is under any legal disability, and all other concerned persons:

You are notified that a Petition has been filed in the District Court of Kingman County, Kansas, Civil Department, by BLB Oil, LLC, Brenda B. Redfern, as trustee of the Brenda B. Redfern Living Trust dated September 14, 2006, and Kim L. Curry, as trustee of the Kim L. Curry Revocable Trust dated August 1, 2018, praying for partition of the working interest in the following described oil and gas leases covering the following described land situated in Kingman County, Kansas:

"Tjaden E Lease": Oil and Gas Lease dated December 22, 1953, between Joe Tjaden, et al., as lessors, and Pickrell Drilling Co., as lessee, recorded in Book 67, at page 131, covering the Southwest Quarter of Section 28, Township 30 South, Range 8 West, Kingman County, Kansas;

You are hereby required to plead to the Petition on or before December 15, 2021, in the court at the Kingman County Courthouse, 130 N Spruce Street, Kingman, Kansas 67068. If you fail to plead, judgment will be entered upon the Petition.

Respectfully submitted,

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By: /s/ Jonathan A. Schlatter

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Attorneys for Plaintiffs

Minutes from Kingman County Commission November 8, 2021

The Kingman City Commissioner votes added presented a tie between Stan Hacker and Sean Wallace of 209 votes each. The Canvassers broke the tie with the flip of a coin. Heads decided was Stan Hacker and tails was to be Sean Wallace.

Canvasser Foley flipped the coin and Canvasser Henning read the flip and it was tails. Sean Wallace would be the four-year term and Stan Hacker would be the two year term.

MOTION: Canvasser Thimesch moved to approve the abstract of votes as presented. Canvasser Foley seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

MOTION: Canvasser Foley moved to adjourn the Board of Canvassers at 9:28 a.m. Canvasser Thimesch seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

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The Board of Kingman County Commissioners met in the Commission Room of the County Courthouse, Kingman, Kansas on November 8th, 2021. Those present: Jerry Henning, Chairman; Jack Thimesch, Commissioner; Fred Foley, Commissioner; Carol Noblit, County Clerk; John Caton, County Counselor

Visitors: Bob Morris, Kingman Leader-Courier; Scott Sparks; Larry Landwehr and Leslie Schrag, Economic Development Director.

Online Visitors: Caller 01; Heather Kinsler, 911/ Dispatch Director

Staff: Stan Goetz, HR/Planning/Zoning/ Wastewater Director; Linda Langley, Internal Auditor; Steve Bachenberg, County Engineer and Charles Arensdorf, Public Works Director.

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

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

Chairman Henning wanted to add an executive session.

MOTION: Commissioner Foley moved to designate November 11, 2021 as a holiday in honor of Kingman County Veterans. Commissioner Thimesch seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

MOTION: Commissioner Foley moved to approve the agenda with the addition of an executive session. Commissioner Thimesch seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the majority vote of the County Commissioners.

Chairman Henning asked if there were any public comments.

Scott Sparks was in to request that the Commissioners reconsider the charges for permits in the county right of ways.

Commissioner Foley discussed that the charge for the smaller lines are $400.00 and half of that goes to the Townships to help with the road upkeep.

Commissioners said at this point they are keeping the charges in place.

Larry Landwehr believes that the charge is reasonable and the right thing to do. There has to be a cost equity but a change in charges is not needed.

Leslie Schrag, Economic Development Director was in to discuss the job fair that was October 19th and who attended. Ms. Schrag let the Commissioners know about the new job website: www.kingmancountyjobs.com.

Ms. Schrag invited the Commissioners about a job luncheon on November 18th, 2021 at 11:30 a.m. in the Expo Center.

Ms. Schrag discussed the manufactured housing and 3D housing that may be contracted regionally but she is still working on it.

Becky Luntsford, County Treasurer was in to give the Commissioners the status of the Tax sale and that there are four parcels still on the tax sale.

Commissioners recessed the Board of Commissioners for the County Canvass at 9:22 a.m.

Reconvened the Board of County Commissioners at 9:28 a.m.

Linda Langley, Internal Auditor was in to review the department reports for October 2021.

Ms. Langley discussed the capital reserve and the road & bridge funds with the Commissioners.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Commissioner Foley moved to go into executive session at 9:57a.m. with John Caton to discuss individual employee's evaluation pursuant to the exception under the Kansas Open Meetings Act for discussion of nonelected personnel matters of nonelected personnel in order to protect the privacy interests of the individuals to be discussed, and they will return to open session in the board meeting room at 10:07 a.m. Commissioner Thimesch seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Commissioners returned to regular session at 10:07 a.m. with no decision made.

Stan Goetz, HR was in with the Welfare Benefit plan from Hinkle Law Firm to be approved and signed by the Commissioners.

MOTION: Commissioner Foley moved to approve the Employee Welfare Benefit Plan. Commissioner Henning seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Mr. Goetz submitted the Department Head meeting minutes for the Commissioners to review.

Mr. Goetz submitted the new sheriff's deputy information that has been hired.

Mr. Goetz submitted the information on possible changes on longevity and it will be brought up next week.

Mr. Goetz submitted the solar power document and reviewed it with the County Commissioners.

MOTION: Commissioner Foley moved to recess the board meeting at 10:51 a.m. Chairman Henning seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the majority vote of the County Commissioners.

MOTION: Commissioner Foley moved to reconvene the board meeting at 10:56 a.m. Chairman Henning seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the majority vote of the County Commissioners.

Charles Arensdorf, Public Works Director was in with the October Financial reports for review by the County Commissioners.

Mr. Arensdorf gave an update on FAS #13 Bridge project and a report on the yearly well sampling at the landfill.

Mr. Arensdorf submitted information on Flat Ridge 3 Wind Project and the first turbine was operational on 7/24/2021.

Steve Bachenberg, County Engineer gave update on the FLAP project to the County Commissioners.

The County Clerk submitted the minutes of the November 1st, 2021 Commission meeting for approval.

MOTION: Commissioner Foley moved to approve the minutes of the November 1st, 2021, Commission meeting. Commissioner Henning seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the majority vote of the County Commissioners.

Ms. Noblit discussed a new phone system with the Commissioners and that Ideatek had come last Wednesday and showed the phones they have and presented a quote.

The Commissioners would like for Ms. Noblit to have Ideatek come in with a revised quote and to show what phones they offer.

Commissioners discussed correspondence received.

MOTION: Commissioner Foley moved to adjourn the regular board meeting at 12:06 p.m. Chairman Henning seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Agricultural Trivia

2% of the US population live on farms.

90% of US farms are operated by individuals or family corporations.

15% of jobs for the US population are provided by agriculture.

Ag land provides habitat for 75% of the nation's wildlife.

An acre of land is roughly the size of a football field. On that acre, a farmer can produce 24,000 heads of lettuce ~ 45,000 pounds of strawberries ~ 36,000 pounds of potatoes ~ 28,800 pounds of navel oranges ~ 14,000 pounds of sweet corn ~ 1,329 pounds of cotton

Kingman County Sheriff's Report

Sunday, November 7th	
Traffic complaint	200 block N Main, Zenda
Disturbance	600 block W. A Ave. Kingman
Trespassing	13000 block SE 40 Ave. Rago
Welfare check	2900 block SE 180 St. Harper
Monday, November 8th	
Traffic complaint	100 blcok W Stanley Ave Spivey
Alarm	200 block N Parkway St. Norwich
Damage	SE 30 Ave & SE 20 St. area Kingman
Suspicious person	200 S. Douglas St. Cunningham
Theft	400 block S. Main St. Norwich
Tuesday, November 9th	
Traffic stops	6
Traffic complaint	E Hwy 42 & SE 70 Ave area, Rago
Traffic complaint	900 block E Hwy 54 Kingman
Traffic complaint	SW 70 Ave & W Hwy 54 area, Kingman
Suspicious Vehicle	400 block S Valley St. Cunningham
Wednesday, November 10th	
Traffic stops	5
Animal	12000 block E Hwy 54 Cheney
Animal	W Central Ave & S Cowgill St area Nashville
Assist other agencies	NE 50 St & NE 120 Ave area Pretty Prairie
Traffic complaint	7000 block E Hwy 54 Kingman
Traffic complaint	SW 90 Ave & SW 20 St area, Kingman
Traffic complaint	4000 block N Hwy 11 Kingman
Thursday, November 11th	
Traffic stops	1
Traffic complaint	E Hwy 42 & SE 40 Ave area, Rago
Assist other agencies	16000 block NE 50 St Cheney
Damage	1200 block NE 150 Ave, Cheney
Suspicious vehicle	100 block N Main St. Cunningham
Welfare Check	11000 block E Hwy 54 Cheney
Friday, November 12th	
Assist other agencies	200 block E. D Ave. Kingman
Fire - vehicle	7000 block SE 180 St. Harper
Fraud	2000 block SE Murdock Ave, Murdock
Unlock vehicle	4000 block NW 50 St. Kingman
Saturday, November 6th	
Traffic stop	1
Traffic complaint	8000 block W. Hwy 54 Cunningham
Traffic complaint	N Main St. & E. A Ave. Kingman
Traffic complaint	11000 block E Hwy 54, Cheney
Theft	400 block E Leiter Cunningham
Vehicle - disabled	12000 block E Hwy 54 Cheney

Have you heard?....

Beat Repair LLC has moved to a temporary location at 310 East 1st (Old Record Harvest building). The big news is that the company has purchased land to establish permanent residency in the Cunningham area. The permanent location will be situated just outside of the city limits of Cunningham on old Hwy 54 to the east of Pro-Stim. Preparation of the site has begun with an expected build date for February 2022. Beat Repair LLC is a full-service truck, trailer, and tire repair shop. The business is owned by Greg Beat and is ran with the assistance of his son, Wyatt Beat. "We appreciate the opportunity to continue to serve Cunningham and the surrounding areas and look forward to serving you for years to come." Please call Greg at 620-491-0293 or Wyatt at 620-491-3646 for assistance.

See something "Fish-y"? Kingman County residents should call **620-532-5133** for Kingman County Sheriff's Office OR **1-800-kscrime** OR **911** to report suspicious activity

Wildcats Finish Strong Against Macksville

It seems too soon to start basketball with the leaves still clinging to the branches of the trees, but Junior High opened up the basketball season at Macksville on Monday, November 8. The Wildcats have a whopping 24 boys out for basketball this year. There is a great deal of competition for court time within our own team.

The Cunningham/Macksville teams have competed for several years now as one of 4 preseason matchups before league play starts. Both programs have had success in recent years, going undefeated in their respective leagues for the 20-21 season, and the two have treated spectators to great games each and every year. The Mustangs handed the Wildcats their only overall loss last season.

Both teams showed new starters in their lineups to start the game. The Wildcats won the first quarter and the Mustangs took the 2nd so the half ended with a 15-15 tie. Macksville won the 3rd quarter and took a big swing in the momentum of the game. However, the Wildcats finished strong 8-2 on a momentum swing of their own in the final frame for an exciting one point win. It was an intense game and very physical. These two programs compete hard every year and winning by one on their court was a tough task. We made lots of first game turnovers and mistakes, but these boys do not shy away from work or the coach correcting them. They love to compete and found a way to close out the game against a quality program on their court to start the year with a win!

Dylan Halderson led the team in rebounds with 7. Stephen Kerschen was a close second with 6. Kendall Rogers and Skylar Thimesch led in steals with 3 each.

by Coach Lance McGuire

Scores	1Q	2Q	3Q	4Q	Final
Cunningham	11	4	6	8	29
Macksville	9	6	11	2	28

Wildcat Scorers

Kendall Rogers	8
Skyler Thimesch	8
Dylan Halderson	5
Logan Kinsler	2
Stephen Kerschen	2
Layne Green	2

Skyler Thimesch

Kendall Rogers

Molly Morgan Photos

Nathan Ndambuki
Caleb Lohrke in background

Dylan Halderson

Stephen Kerschen

Day Hiking the Kansas Badlands

by Lyndon Perry

One of the newest state parks in Kansas is approximately 85 million years old. Or at least, that's when the Niobrara Chalk deposit formed from the ancient sediment at the bottom of what was once North America's massive inland sea.

Today, the cliffs of eroded chalk create the striking landscape of Little Jerusalem Badlands State Park. The 332-acre starkly beautiful park in western Kansas, about half way between Oakley and Scott City just off of US 83 Highway, features about 220 acres of actual badlands.

Not as extensive as its more famous cousin, Badlands National Park in South Dakota, the Kansas version is nevertheless a natural wonder, attracting visitors year round, sunup to sundown, including holidays, from the day it opened in October of 2019.

It is well worth a visit. Especially if you enjoy day hiking, which is an enjoyable, low-impact exercise activity that benefits both body and soul. Two relatively short out-and-back paths beckon; both are easy on the feet and provide matchless scenic views.

The shortest, "Badlands Overlook Trail," is just under a half-mile round trip. This hard-packed trail has a gentle slope, is well tended, and leads to a photo-friendly spot where you can take in a magnificent panoramic view. An easy walk for the whole family.

The more satisfying "Life on the Rocks Trail" is a little longer at about two and a half miles total. The path is compacted gravel and parents can access the majority of it with a stroller. The final leg of the trail (about a half-mile to the end) is a bit more rustic. Hiking shoes are great, but tennis shoes will do.

A daily vehicle permit of only $5 or an annual state park vehicle permit will get you access to Little Jerusalem. Not a bad price to pay for a few hours of enjoyment. However, if you really want to experience the park – and get the best pictures – consider scheduling a free 2-hour guided tour of the interior as visitors are not allowed off-trail.

When we hiked the trails and took the interior tour last year, we captured some wonderful memories. Fossils are everywhere, along with colorful wildflowers and native grasses, stunning rock wrens, and the occasional lizard or rodent. You'll want to schedule your tour for early morning as the weather can be quite warm during the late spring through early fall.

Little Jerusalem (also called New Jerusalem at times) was said to have been so-named because from a distance the formations reminded frontier travelers of the walls of Old Jerusalem. It is now owned and maintained, along with the adjacent Smokey Valley Ranch, by the Nature Conservancy, which works in partnership with both private and governmental organizations to protect natural landscapes.

Visit the Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks at ksoutdoors.com for more information about the park. You might also want to research if the on-site toilet is working as it has had some issues in the past. Bring a bottle of water, a small snack for afterward, and of course, as the saying goes, leave nothing but footprints, take nothing but pictures.

Little Jerusalem isn't the only show in town. There's plenty more to do in the area. Consider turning your day trip into a weekend getaway by camping at the nearby Historic Lake Scott State Park. Interested in fossils and natural history? Be sure to visit Fick Fossil & History Museum in Oakley and the Keystone Gallery in Scott City while in the area.

So check your calendar. Set a date. Then bring your family or grab a friend or two and head out to western Kansas for a little day hiking. You'll enjoy the scenery and benefit from a bit of exercise along the way!

photos by the author

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IN THE THIRTIETH JUDICIAL DISTRICT

DISTRICT COURT OF KINGMAN COUNTY, KANSAS

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF:

SAMUEL I. ROHRER, Deceased. Case No. 2021 PR 35

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

NOTICE OF HEARING AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS

THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:

You are hereby notified that on November 3, 2021, a Petition was filed in this Court by Leon Brand, the Executor named in the "Last Will and Testament of Samuel I. Rohrer," deceased, dated December 14, 2000, praying the will filed with the Petition be admitted to probate and record; Petitioner be appointed as Executor, without bond; and Petitioner be granted Letters Testamentary.

You are required to file your written defenses thereto on or before December 3, 2021, at 9:30 o'clock 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 are notified to exhibit their demands against the estate within four months from the date of first publication of notice under K.S.A. 59-2236. If demands are not thus exhibited, they shall be forever barred.

Leon Brand, Petitioner
Matthew W. Ricke, #20995
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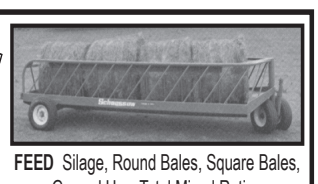

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Kevin Ebenkamp

Kevin Ebenkamp, 57, of Pampa, passed away, November 13, 2021 in Amarillo.

Kevin's funeral mass was Wednesday, November 17, 2021 at the St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church with Rev. Francisco Perez, pastor, officiating. Burial followed at Fairview Cemetery under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors and Crematory.

Kevin was born in Pampa on October 3, 1964 to Mary Ann and Lawrence Ebenkamp. He attended school and graduated Pampa High School from the class of '83. After high school, he registered into Amarillo College and later enrolled at Cameron University, graduating with a Bachelor of Science of Engineering. While at Cameron, he worked full time at Texaco and after his graduation, Kevin was transferred back to Pampa. Kevin would meet the love of his life, Daphne Rothwell in 1994 and they later married on October 28, 1995 at the St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church. Kevin also worked as a Labtech for Pantech's Laboratories for a number of years and for the last several years for Cabot up until his passing.

Kevin was a staunch Catholic and a lifelong member of St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church and was very supportive and active with the Knights of Columbus. When he wasn't working or helping with the Knights, Kevin loved the outdoors where he enjoyed fishing, hunting, and he loved snow skiing and being in the mountains. He also took great pride in his meticulous yard. However, what brought him the most joy was travelling and spending time with his family- especially the family vacations. Kevin will be greatly missed by his wife, children, brothers, in-laws, and all his friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents, and numerous other extended family.

Survivors include his wife, Daphne Ebenkamp of the home; a daughter, Amber Harris and husband Cobran and grandson on the way, of Lubbock; two sons, Jacob Ebenkamp and Caleb Ebenkamp, both of Levelland; five brothers, Ron Ebenkamp and wife Dana of Thornton, Colorado, Michael "Mickey" Ebenkamp and wife Kayla of Canyon, Bob Ebenkamp and wife Linda of Amarillo, Allen Ebenkamp and wife Jill of Canyon, Mark Ebenkamp and wife Misti of Amarillo; two sisters-in-law, Dondi Rothwell of Lubbock, and Darla Watson and husband Shawn of Pampa; a brother-in-law, Heath Rothwell and wife Sabrina of Childress; his two fur babies, Toby & Tiger; and by numerous nieces, nephews, cousins, and other extended family.

Memorials can be made to Knights of Columbus-Frank Keim Council No 2767. P.O Box 431 Pampa, TX 79066-0431, or the St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church 810 W. 23rd, Pampa, TX 79065.

Please sign the online registry at www.carmichael-whatley.com

Jim Tetrick

James A. "Jim" Tetrick, 89, died Nov. 11, 2021 at Pretty Prairie.

He was born Oct. 19, 1932, at Belvidere, Kansas the son of Oliver and Florence Williams Tetrick.

A resident of the Kingman community most of his life, he was a retired maintenance foreman for Kansas Power and Light.

Jim was a member of the St. Patrick Catholic Church and the Knights of Columbus, both of Kingman; and was a U.S. Navy veteran.

On Nov. 11, 1954, he married Lois Schuman at Kingman; she died March 3, 2014. Survivors include three sons and their wives, Jerry and Kris, Brice and Bev, and Bill and Melissa; 7 grandchildren; and 9 great-grandchildren. He was also preceded in death by his brothers Robert and Lawrence; sister Marie Born; a grandson Steven Tetrick; and an infant daughter.

Parish rosary will be 7:00 p.m., Monday at the St. Patrick Catholic Church, Kingman. Mass of Christian Burial will be 10:30 a.m., Tuesday also at the St. Patrick Catholic Church. Friends may call from 1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday at the Livingston Funeral Home with the family present from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. Burial will be in the Walnut Hill Cemetery.

Memorials may be made with the St. Patrick Grade School in care of the funeral home.

Floyd Vratil

Floyd C. Vratil, age 91, passed away November 11, 2021 at Hilltop Manor Nursing Center, Cunningham, Kansas.

He was born January 23, 1930 on the family farm near Larned, Kansas to Charles and Stephina (Svatos) Vratil.

Floyd married Marjorie Scovel, August 6, 1956 in Larned, Kansas. They were married for 45 years.

Floyd attended Larned High School graduating in 1948.

He enlisted in the United States Air Force in 1951 and was honorably discharged in 1954. He was a flight engineer and mechanic that keep the B-29s flying. His commanding officer called him a fine example of an outstanding airman.

He was a member of the Pratt area V.F.W. Post, and Pratt American Legion Post.

He worked for John Deere Company in Turon and Pratt, for many years before becoming a self-employed mechanic.

He loved to dance, play cards, fish and hunt. He enjoyed coffee and visiting at various places around town. He played baseball and softball and was an umpire. He served as a bat boy for the all Vratil baseball team in the 1930s.

He is survived by sons, Alan (Teresa) Vratil of Medicine Lodge, Ks; Greg (Rose) Vratil of Pratt, KS; daughters, Kelly (Bob) Freeman of Lawrence, KS; Jill (Kelvin) Clay of Goddard, KS; Julie (Seth) Eastlick of Wichita, KS; special friend, June Daughette.

10 grandchildren and 7 great-grandchildren.

Floyd is preceded in death by his wife, Marjorie Scovel; parents, brothers, Fritz, Elmer, Herman, Don, Otto, Joe, Earl and Harry; sisters, Silva, Ellen, Blanche and Esther.

Visitation Thursday, November 18, 2021 from 9:00 to 8:00 pm with family greeting friends from 5:00 to 7:00 pm.

Graveside service will be held at 12:00 noon, Friday, November 19, 2021 at Greenlawn Cemetery, Pratt with Tom Harrison presiding.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Pratt B-29 Museum or the Pratt Humane Society in care of Larrison Funeral Home.

Online Condolences may be made at www.larrisonmortuary.com.

A Note of Thanks

We would like to thank all of those who have offered such kindness and support during this difficult time. We would also like to express our gratitude to all the First Responders and Mike McGovney for their compassion and professionalism.

The Family of Tony Fischer

A Note of Thanks

Thanks to everyone for the cards, messages, thoughts, prayers, and everyone that has helped me after my accident. It makes you appreciate living in a great community.
- Jason Osner

A Note of Thanks

I would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to all who wrote my name in as a mayoral candidate and as a candidate to serve on city council. Maybe in a couple of years, I'll throw my hat in the ring again-- it's been a while. I'll be older and wiser and bolder…three good traits needed to serve on the council.
--Roberta

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Quantitative Measures categories are automatically calculated for district achievement based on collected district data, thus districts do not need to apply.

These measures have three categories: High School Graduation, Academically Prepared for Postsecondary, and Post-secondary Success.

In the academically prepared for postsecondary category there were no Gold Star school districts in the state. There was one Bronze Star rating, while 10 districts, including Cunningham, received a Silver Star rating.

In the high school graduation category, sixty-nine districts, including Cunningham, received the highest rating, a Gold Star.

The final rating is postsecondary success in which 10 districts received a Gold Star rating, 52 received a Sliver Star, and 47 districts, including Cunningham, received a bronze rating.

With the Qualitative Measures, districts need to apply for recognition, and our district did not apply for any of the categories of Social-emotional growth; Kindergarten readiness; Individual Plan of Study; and Civic engagement.

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Happy Birthday Wishes to Samairah Quinones