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Minutes from Kingman County Commission for August 15th, 2022

Chairman Foley called the Board of County Commissioners meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. on August 15th, 2022, in the County Commissioners room at the Kingman County Courthouse. Present: Fred Foley, Chairman; Jerry Henning, Commissioner; Jack Thimesch, Commissioner; Carol Noblit, County Clerk; Brandon Ritcha, County Counselor

Visitors: Bob Morris, Kingman Leader-Courier; Larry Landwehr; Pat Elpers; Leslie Schrag, Economic Development Director; Ethan Kaplan, Ideatek

Online Visitors: Caller 01; Caller 02; Fred; Joyce

Staff: LaDawn Stegman, Financial Officer; Linda Langley, Internal Auditor; Stan Goetz, HR/Planning/Zoning/Wastewater Director; Richard Schott, Emergency Manager and Charles Arensdorf, Public Works Director.

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

No additions were requested.

MOTION: Commissioner Henning moved to approve the agenda with no additions. Chairman Thimesch seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Chairman Foley asked if there was any public comment.

Carol Noblit, County Clerk let the

Commissioners know that Kingman County is having a recount of the Constitutional Amendment Question and the Republican State Treasurer Race.

Leslie Schrag, Economic Development Director was in with an update.

Ms. Schrag discussed a Rural Prosperity grant that is available and was in to request an in-kind match from the County of \$2500.00 along with \$2500.00 from the City of Kingman if the grant was awarded.

MOTION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to give the matching funds of \$2500.00 if the grant is awarded. Chairman Foley seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Ethan Kaplan, Ideatek was in to discuss the grant application that they are applying for.

Commissioners discussed the grant and getting fiber lines to the northern part of the County.

MOTION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to approve the CPF letter of Commitment. Commissioner Henning seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

LaDawn Stegman, Financial Officer and Linda Langley, Internal Auditor were in to review the department budget reports with the County Commissioners.

MOTION: Commissioner Henning moved to have Jack Thimesch the KCAMP/KWORCC voting delegate. Commissioner Foley seconded the

motion. The motion was approved upon the majority vote of the County Commissioners.

Stan Goetz, HR/Planning/Zoning/Wastewater Director was in with forms for the County Commissioners to sign and get back to him on health benefits.

Mr. Goetz requested an executive session for non-elected personnel matters.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Commissioner Henning moved to go into executive session with Richard Schott, Emergency Manager, Stan Goetz, HR and Brandon Ritcha, County Counselor at 10:25 a.m. to discuss an individual employees evaluation pursuant to the exception under the Kansas Open Meetings Act, and will return to open session in the board meeting room at 10:40 a.m. Chairman Foley seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the majority vote of the County Commissioners.

Commissioners returned to regular session at 10:40 a.m. with no decision made.

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

Mr. Foley recessed the board meeting at 10:57 a.m.

Chairman Foley reconvened the board meeting at 11:01 a.m.

11:01 a.m. Charles Arensdorf, Public Works Director was in to discuss the Kansas Department of Transportation Cost Share Program-Fall 2022 with the County Commissioners.

Mr. Arensdorf discussed some road overlays that could be put towards the KDOT cost share program.

Mr. Arensdorf discussed the Onyx Seal coat projects completed with the Commissioners and that it looks like it was a good application.

Mr. Arensdorf submitted the July financial reports for the commissioners to review.

County Clerk submitted the minutes of the County Canvass, August 8th, 2022, and the Commission meeting August 8, 2022, for approval.

MOTION: Commissioner Foley moved to approve the minutes of the Canvass and the Commission meeting for August 8, 2022. Commissioner Henning seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the majority vote of the County Commissioners.

MOTION: Commissioner Henning moved to adjourn the regular board meeting at 11:55 a.m. Commissioner Foley seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the majority vote of the County Commissioners.



Sloan Thimesch presents Mrs. Prim with a bouquet of flowers at Open House Tuesday evening.



Jason and Megan Osner and daughter, Alyssa, enjoy Open House ice cream treats in the school cafeteria.



Ice cream was served during Cunningham School's Back to School Open House.



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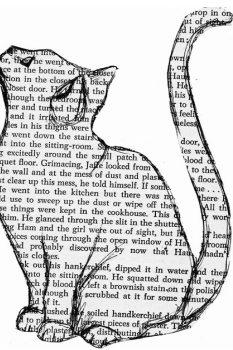
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Meanderings

I have been following the reading and library news with horror and a sick feeling in my stomach. I do mean that.

It is not often I choose to take a stand in my newspaper, but I can't just sit by and keep my thoughts to myself when we are being bombarded by a small group of people who are trying to tell others how to raise their children, what to read to their children, and what to allow their children to read. It is wrong on every level of humanity.

This week a teacher in Norman, Oklahoma, was relieved of her duties when she shared a QR code with her students. The QR code allowed them to access the Brooklyn Public Library. How is this possible? It is a public library, for heaven's sake. Good grief, the students can access any public library in the nation and even interna-

tionally just by scrolling through the internet. How is relieving a dedicated teacher of her duties going to stop the students from exploring on their own?

I'd say if a school using federal funds can't allow their staff and students to access federally funded resources, then maybe they don't deserve federal funding.

Last week I was up in arms and started my column about banning books when I got this message from a friend in Sarasota, Florida:

Teachers were told: No purchases or donations of any kind of books or reading materials.

No Scholastic book orders for teachers.

No book fairs.

Parents can request alternative instructional materials for ANYTHING we teach.

If we want to read anything to our students, we have to get it approved in advance.

Don't give students any gifts tied to reading.

Librarians can't have read-aloud lessons with students.

A local Rotary Club donated 300 dictionaries to students in the district. They were turned down. No books accepted that haven't been approved.

The Rotary Club began donating dictionaries 15 years ago and have donated about 4,000 dictionaries to date. And now, suddenly, just like that, the GOVERNMENT puts a freeze on book donations. People, if this doesn't horrify you and keep you up at night, there is something wrong with your thinking.

Children/students/kids should be told to pick up ANY book and read it. If they have questions, they should be comfortable asking an adult or adults those questions. How are kids going to learn if they can't have books, or books only approved of by a handful of people who don't have time to read themselves? This is the worst tragedy that has struck schools in decades. It needs to be stopped. If you think our country is in trouble now, what about when these kids get of an age to vote and hold jobs? Will they be able to? I mean we are not allowing them to think for themselves through the avenues of literature. They are being told what and when and where to read. Their reading is being dictated to them by the GOVERNMENT.

Teachers teach. Here's the thing. There maybe

some topics they are no longer allowed to teach, but you know what? The kids will learn about them. They learn far more at the cafeteria tables, on the playground, on the buses, before school gatherings, after school gatherings, sporting events, church, social media, internet searches... the list of resources for gleaning information and misinformation and disinformation and non-information is limitless.

If there are things you don't want YOUR child to learn about, then you best start protesting all those places where students gather and chat and learn without the benefit of literature.

Back about 2001 or 2002, I had a parent challenge a book in the library that I was in charge of. She brought the book "Shrek" to me, demanding it be removed from the library shelves. Yes. "Shrek" by the esteemed and noted author, William Steig.

I just laughed because the book was pure silliness. She was not amused. She wanted it out of the library. Why? Because it 'was evil.'

I explained that she should just ask her 7 children attending our school to not read it or check it

out. She looked at me and said, "I don't think ANY child should read this. It is all about the evil that makes up our world."

I explained that just because she thought it was evil, other parents didn't think so, and shouldn't they decide for their own children what is appropriate. She told me parents don't read the books so she had to do this for them. She wanted it removed. She filled out the required paperwork, and all nine libraries in the district had to pull it from their shelves while it was being challenged.

We met, the committee who handled challenges, and we discussed the book. It had been on the shelves for more than 10 years, having been published in the fall of 1990. Hundreds of students had read it. It was being made into a movie for kids. What to do?

After some consideration, we decided to remove it from the picture book section and move into the section of novels. Kids would still have access to it, but fewer kids, and older kids, or younger kids who knew to ask for it.

Mom wasn't happy with the decision, but she gave up the fight over it.

There are many parents like her. There is a group called "Moms for Liberty" who are responsible for the censorship in Florida. It is a very sad day when a few people get to dictate the learning and reading of teachers and students everywhere.

I am not done, folks. Daily, it seems, books are being banned, challenged, debarred, removed, forbidden, proscribed, condemned... and yet we aren't up in arms about this? We need to be writing to our legislators and congress people to stop this madness.

More experiences coming next week.

Always reading whatever I want, and currently reading, "The Dark is Rising" by Susan Cooper, Roberta

"Censorship is the child of fear and the father of ignorance."
— Laurie Halse Anderson, *Speak (a challenged and banned book)*

"A word to the unwise. Torch every book. Char every page. Burn every word to ash. Ideas are incombustible. And therein lies your real fear."
— Ellen Hopkins

Tallgrass and
Tumbleweeds
by Gaille Pike

Dear Readers,

What do you do when you get the bottom of a bag of potato chips? And if you don't keep chips around, pretend I'm asking what you do when you get to the bottom of the box or bag or can of your favorite salty or sweet snack. By "bottom," I mean that variable snacking moment when you shake the

container in hopes that a mid-size piece may float and rise on the sea of crumbs. Recently, when I reach for a snack and find only a bag of bits returned to the cabinet by those-who-shall-not be named, I'll finish it (provided said snack has not gone stale.) So I'm curious how others behave when they reach this snack nadir, not that

our choices in this regard mean anything.

I hope I haven't made you uncomfortable by inquiring about your snacking habits. "Snacks" are a huge industry in the U.S. and around the world, yet our snacking habits are not typically something we discuss in public. I suspect we don't discuss how we snack because at some point in our lives, what we eat between meals has been deemed unhealthy...or we've judged other's choices. I offer the internet as my evidence. If you search for tips on "snack etiquette" or "snacking

behaviors," you do not find any information on what people do. Instead you will find a host of tips on what not to eat and loads of information on how and when to snack healthy. Most of those sites claim I should examine why I want a particular food before I eat it. I'm not saying personal introspection isn't helpful or worthwhile. But that won't prevent interpersonal silly misunderstandings or friction, which I believe could be avoided if snack habits were out in the open and clearly communicated.

Every household

develops an unwritten Snack Code. For example, my father had cheese crackers with coffee every night after work. We all knew not to eat his Cheez-Its. In a close friend's house, her husband and kids know not to eat the last piece of chocolate but it's not discussed. I find it interesting that day to day we live in unspeakable snack-harmony until... apologies are required.

I was finishing off a bag of Doritos (left bottom-end in the cupboard) when the cat got let out of the bag. Unless it's fish or turkey, our cats don't care

what we eat. Yet suddenly, our youngest feline wanted nacho chips and ate every crumb I offered. I exclaimed to the man of the house, "Hey, look at this!" Without turning his head in our direction he said, "I gave her some the other night."

I had to text, "I'm sorry." to my favorite teenager, the one I'd assumed put the near-empty bag back on a shelf. He replied, "For what?" But of course I didn't want to talk about it.

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

A column
by
Dorothy Rosby

Worrying Your Way to Better Health and Long Life

As someone very wise once said, most of what we worry about never happens. That has been my experience also. And that is precisely why I worry: It works.

Plenty of bad things I didn't have the wisdom and foresight to worry

about have happened. I wasn't worrying when the airline lost my luggage. I wasn't worrying when I got food poisoning on my vacation. And I wasn't worrying when another driver ran a red light, totaled my car, and landed me in the emergency room. Or, at least, I wasn't worrying about those things. I now try to worry about them a little bit each day, and I don't think it's a coincidence

that none of them has happened since.

Despite its effectiveness in preventing accident, injury and even death, non-worriers tease us about our stewing habit. They call us "worry warts," which I find offensive—not that I don't worry about warts.

And they're forever trying to persuade us to stop worrying so much. Many books have been written on the subject: There's *How to Stop Worrying and Start Living*, *Kicking the Worry Habit* and my personal favorite, *Worrying: Robbing Life from Your Years and Years from Your Life*. I know that

makes me feel less anxious.

Predictably, all of the above were written by non-worriers. People who never did worry much. People whose idea of worrying is wondering if they turned the thermostat down. People who can rest during dental work. What do they know about worry and its many benefits?

Non-worriers tell us to set aside time to worry. In other words, pencil in the word "fretting" on your calendar from, say, 7 to 8 p.m. Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Then when 7 o'clock rolls around, go to it. Scan the horizon for im-

pending disasters. Worry, brood, fuss, stew, then do it again. And when your time is up, stop. It's as easy as that.

Actually, as the mother and designated worrier in my family, I've used this method fairly effectively for many years—all except the stopping part. I set aside the hours between midnight and morning.

Non-worriers also recommend we ask ourselves trite questions about what's bothering you. "Is this really going to matter in ten years?" Like there won't be plenty of other things to worry about in ten years. And they'll probably be bigger. Or "What's the worst thing that could happen?" I'm sure they found great solace in that at the Alamo.

Anyone who finds that question comforting simply lacks imagination. And a good imagination really is the key to effective worrying. Who else but a real hand-wringing, blood-sweating worrier can fret about the safety of people they've never met and illnesses they're showing no symptoms

of?

Which leads me to a final tip from the non-worrying crowd: They suggest we write about our worries as a cheap form of therapy, get them down on paper and out of our system. Maybe they have a point. With imaginations like ours, we may be able to channel our worries into soap opera scripts.

Still there's so much in life to worry about that I sometimes worry that I may be worrying too much. I'm working on finding a balance, cutting back just enough to save my sanity without jeopardizing my safety. I definitely do not plan to stop worrying altogether. On those rare occasions when I'm not worrying, I worry I may be missing something. If things are going too well, I worry it can't last. And if I sleep too well at night, I worry I may not hear an intruder.

Excerpted from Dorothy's book, I Used to Think I Was Not That Bad and Then I Got to Know Me Better. Contact drosby@rushmore.com.

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Friday, August 26th

12:00 p.m.

water exercise class

5:00 p.m.

5th Grade Band show

6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Football Jamboree at HOME

6:00 - 7:00

Booster Club Kickoff

Monday, August 29th

6:30 p.m.

City Council Meeting

7:00 p.m.

National Honor Society Induction at Christian Church

Tuesday, August 30th

4:00 p.m.

HS VB at Stafford/Otis Bison

Wednesday, August 31st

Spirit Spreader JH/HS Cheer team

7:00 p.m.

Book Club at Library

Thursday, September 1st

7:00 p.m.

water exercise class

3:00 p.m.

Cross Country at Pretty Prairie

4:00 p.m.

JH VB vs Central Chrisitan at HOME

Friday, September 2nd

7:00 p.m.

HS FB at Ashland

Museum Summer Hours

Tuesdays, Thursdays,
and Saturdays

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

or contact

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Alan Albers at 620-298-2725 or

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B-29 Museum

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Visit them on Facebook at www.prairiebombers.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.

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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.

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10:00 - 7:00

Friday: 10:00 - 6:00


Saturday: 10:00 - 2:00

Closed on Sundays

(620) 672-3041

NHS to Host Blood Drive

NHS will be hosting a blood drive on November 22nd from 1:00 to 6:00 p.m. Individuals may sign up online or by contacting Ingrid Ricke for sign-up help. 620-388-2548 or ingrid.ricke@usd332.com



Everyone is welcome to join us for Book Club next Wednesday, August 31st. Beverly DeWeese is our hostess for the evening.

We have been reading and will be discussing the book "A Yellow Raft in Blue Water" by Michael Dorris; recommended by Helen Holcomb.

I found this bit of information on Goodreads.com: Michael Dorris has crafted a fierce saga of three generations of Indian women, beset by hardships and torn by angry secrets, yet inextricably joined by the bonds of kinship. Starting in the present day and moving backward, the novel is told in the voices of the three women: fifteen-year-old part-black Rayona; her American Indian mother, Christine, consumed by tenderness and resentment toward those she loves; and the fierce and mysterious Ida, mother and grandmother whose haunting secrets, betrayals, and dreams echo through the years, braiding together the strands of the shared past.

(No I've not yet read the book. It's on my weekend to do list.... as are two other books.)

"In the hopelessness of her situation she had found strength, and in her strength there was irresistible pain."

— Michael Dorris, *A Yellow Raft in Blue Water*

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135-Year Celebration Planned for Sept 3, 2022.

The city of Zenda will be celebrating the town's founding with a celebration on Sept 3, 2022. Events planned include the last Zenda/Nashville Alumni gathering. Breakfast will be served at 8:30, a meeting follows at 9:00.

Craft booths will open at 9:00 a.m. at the park.

The city is asking folks to bring their best parade clothes and equipment and whatever parade items you have and start lining up at 10:30, with parade start at 11:00. Everyone and everything is welcome.

(Only rule Edwina has (and all parade veiwers): Parade participants must wear at least some clothes!)

Contact Edwina Whitmer at 620-243-6811 for more information.

The afternoon brings cornhole and horseshoe, food trucks, beer garden, bingo and more. The evening festivities include a street dance from 8 to 11.

Information can also be found on Facebook: "Zenda 135th Celebration"

To reserve the

Cunningham Community Center,

contact Ruth Shelman,

(620) 770-9153 or 318-6042

School is Starting

The 2022-2023 school year starts Wednesday, August 24th.

This means we will go back to a 14-page newspaper beginning next week.

School is a busy time with ballgames almost every evening, classroom activities, and after school events.

Please feel free to send photos and articles to The Courier. If you send photos, please try and identify the students in the picture. While I know who most students are, several have changed looks over the summer, and do so throughout the year. Identification is a very good idea.

Thanks!!






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Upcoming Auctions

Saturday, August 27, 2022

Consignment Auction at Hamm Auction building



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Monday, Sept. 12, 2022,

Time: 1:30 pm

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Wed., September 14, 2022,

Time: 10:30 am


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Seller: Rita Cole

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1927

August 26 – Principal A. Skidmore announces that enrollment of Cunningham Rural High School students will take place next Friday, September 2. Faculty for this year is Mr. Skidmore; Miss Edith Muse, who will teach Domestic Science; Miss Violet Smith, who will teach Latin and English; Miss Artaruth Neil, Music instructor; and Orville Pierce, Coach and Manual Arts.

Married this week were Miss Ellen Mercer, of Cunningham, and Mr. Ralph Tatro, of Alva, Oklahoma; and Miss Iris Lunsford and Mr. Clyde Ratlief, both of Cunningham.

1932

August 26 – Skelly Oil Company has finally brought in the Leisman No. 1 well, and it is producing approximately 700 barrels a day.

Those on vacation this week were Mr. and Mrs. Charles Lakin, Charles Jr. and Jesse Lee, Mr. and Mrs. Reed Price, and Mr. and Mrs. Loren Cooley.

1937

August 27 – Miss Pauline Stanley received a high place on the summer school honor roll at Kansas State Teachers College at Pittsburg, receiving an A in all her courses.

Christopher Clouse, 78, retired Kingman County farmer, died at his home in Union township last week.

School will open Monday, September 6. The Cunningham Rural High School faculty members are: Thomas H. Pearson, Principal; Helen Gordon, Home Economics; Gulah Hoover, Music; Marjorie Irwin, English and Journalism; Wayne Lyon, Industrial Arts and Coach; Bruce McCosh, Commerce and Speech; Bernice Wyssenbach, Science and Latin.

1942

August 28 – Ensign Paul Richard Bock, 25, son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Bock of Union Township, was killed in an airplane accident at Corpus Christi, Texas, while making a test flight.

Ruth Wylie, teacher of the third and fourth grades the past two years, has resigned to accept a teaching position in the Kiowa schools.

Frank Sterneker, 66, of Willowdale, died this week following a brief illness.

1947

August 29 – A deal was completed last week whereby Joe Kampling became the owner of the Foster Café, having purchased it from Fred Foster, owner.

A second school bus has arrived, and with the one secured last year, will be put into operating on a southern route, while the children living north of town will await the arrival of a larger bus which is expected in the late fall.

Mrs. Julia Wilson is employed now as relief operator at the Telephone Office, taking the place of Mrs. Annice Hendrixson.

The rehearsals for the many phases of the big Indian Peace Treaty pageant, which will be held in Medicine Lodge during the first three days in October, are getting underway.



This photo, taken in the early 1900's, is of Jim Vermillion won his farm southeast of Cunningham.
(sent in by Bill Parker)

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Old Photos for *Our Community* Album

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Mrs. Arlene Bradley has been hired as County Music Supervisor of Schools, a position newly created by the Office of County Superintendent.

Mrs. Bradley will have charge of music supervision in two high schools, six grade schools and four rural schools, with the possibility of four more being added to her schedule.

Following are the schools already included in the arrangement: Nashville and Zenda High Schools, Cleveland, Penalosa, Butler, Adams, Zenda, and Waterloo Grade Schools; and Varner, Coleman, Raymond and Hoosier Rural Schools.

Mrs. Bradley has been Music Director of the Cunningham schools the past three years.

1952

August 29 – We are Sorry. Through a typographical error last week which escaped our proofreaders, full credit was not given to those in charge of the Bloodmobile here on the previous Monday. Credit should be given to all the local churches, the Methodist, Christian, Baptist, and Catholic, for all were equally represented and equally responsible for the arrangements.

Then we got our wires crossed up on another item, when we copied the item of the birthday dinner honoring John Kaster. We found that it was the second birthday this year for John, and that the birthday dinner was really given by Mrs. John Baber, honoring her husband, John, (Are you still following us?) It was simply a matter of mistaken identity, and too many Johns in the case. To make matters more complicated, the men happen to be brothers-in-law.

1957

August 29 – Betty Amick will begin work Saturday as bookkeeper at the Leader-Courier in Kingman.

The Grade School Board of Education stated this week that they plan to operate five bus routes this coming year to adequately serve the students attending both grade and high school.

Keith Welch became the 103rd student to enroll in Cunningham Rural High School for the coming year this morning (Thursday).

Principal Will Seacat states that the 103 enrollees include 22 Freshmen, 32 Sophomores, 30 Juniors, and 19 Seniors.

High School Coach Don Lamb plans to issue football suits and equipment to prospective players Friday morning at 8:00 o'clock.

Cunningham Rural High School is adding football as a major sport to their athletic program this year, the first time football has been played at the local school for about 25 years.

With over 50 boys enrolled for the coming year, Cunningham will play 11-man football games with five high schools in this area, including Harper, Attica, Kiowa, Preston, and Greensburg.

1962

August 30 – Mrs. Rosa Becker of Cunningham, announces the engagement and approaching marriage of her daughter, Patricia Ann, to Robert R. Zrubek, son of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Zrubek, also of Cunningham.

Major and Mrs. Russell Stanley and family of Topeka, spend the week-end at the Verne Stanley home here and with relatives in Wichita.

The Cunningham Grade School started the new year of school, Monday, with a total enrollment of 92 students.

The Sacred Heart School opened the 1962-1963 term of school, Monday, with a total enrollment of 47 students.

Rumor became truth this week when the announcement was released from the Tulsa, Okla. Office of the Skelly Oil Company, that the company was transferring their pipeline department district office at Cunningham to Stafford.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Meyers announce the birth of a son, Wednesday, August 29, at the Donley Hospital in Kingman. He weighed seven

pounds, nine ounces, and has been named Eric John.

Ralph Baber left Saturday evening for Lima, Ohio, to pick up a new school bus.

1967

August 31-- Mr. and Mrs. Leonard L. Willinger of Cunningham, announce the engagement of their daughter, Nancy Mae, to Kenneth Ray Hazen, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bernard G. Hazen of Pratt.

Grades five through eight at both Zenda and Nashville Grade Schools will attend classes at Nashville. Grades one through four at Zenda and Nashville Grade Schools will attend classes at Zenda. This change is expected to reduce crowded gymnasium conditions at Zenda.

Kindergarten classes at Cunningham and Zenda will begin on Tuesday, Sept. 5. Classes will be held in the morning only.

Mr. and Mrs. Tony Dick have sold their locker and grocery store at St. Leo to Mr. and Mrs. Earl Young of St. Leo. Mr. and Mrs. Dick plan to maintain their residence in St. Leo.

The High School Girls Softball Tournament at Nashville ended Sunday evening, Aug. 20, with the Nashville girls winning the first place trophy. Sharon won the second place trophy, Kiowa the third place trophy, and St. Leo won fourth place and were present with a game ball.

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The Cunningham Clipper

Publisher: Charles G. Barnes

Editor: Joyce Hartmann

Reporter: Florine Kampling

1977

September 1 - On July 1, 1977 it became unlawful to park, store, or permit the parking or storing of any motor vehicle of any kind which is wrecked, junked, wholly or partially dismantled, inoperative or abandoned for a period of time in excess of 30 days upon any private property or upon any street or alley unless it is completely enclosed within a building.

Mr. and Mrs. Dale DeWeese of Kingman were hosts for a hamburger fry on Friday evening. Guests were Mr. Fred Graves and family of Staunton, Ill., Mrs. Dorothy DeWeese, Mr. and Mrs. Bill DeWeese, Brian and Michael, Mr. and Mrs. Dwane DeWeese, Jerry, Julie, and Jennifer, and Mr. and Mrs. Harold DeWeese.

Delmar Huffman flew to North Carolina to visit with their daughter, Mr. and Mrs. John Williams and drove back with Judy to Cunningham. Then Mrs. Huffman accompanied Judy on to St. George, Utah, where is Directoress of Montessori School there. Her husband will join her later.

Mr. and Mrs. Lester Alley will be celebrating their Golden Anniversary on Sunday, September 18 with an open house and reception. This will be held in the Methodist Church basement from 2:00 – 5:00 p.m. in Cunningham.

Hosting the event are their children and grandchildren: Mr. and Mrs. Walter Riggs and family, Pampa, Texas; Mr. and Mrs. John Alley and family, Turon, Kansas; Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Alley and daughters, Cunningham.

Dr. and Mrs. Fransisco Gonzalez of Wichita were Sunday dinner and supper guests of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Cain, Jr. Mr. and Mrs. Tim Cain joined the group for steaks at supper.

At the time of this writing, 200 students are enrolled in the Cunningham schools. 115 in the grade school and 85 students in high school.

Twenty-one high school girls are out for volleyball this season, according to Coach Diana Ross. A busy schedule has been planned.

Hilltop Manor: Thanks to Louise Armstrong for writing last week's news in Olin's absence.

Mr. and Mrs. Al Joe Sterneker and family and Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Thome vacationed at Angel Fire, New Mexico, visiting with Bill Thome and sightseeing in the Red River Area.

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Consider this... The Electric Fence

by Mike Johnson

I'd never owned a horse before. So I had no idea how to contain one in a fenced-in area. "Country Boy" was only a Shetland pony but he must have weighed a good 700 pounds. This was about 500 pounds more than the wire fence I'd erected could tolerate. The horse soon learned that by leaning on my

handiwork, he could pop loose a few wires and gain his freedom. After chasing him around the neighborhood several times, I decided some additional technology was needed. So I installed an electric fence. As luck would have it, 30 seconds after plugging it in, Country Boy decided to check out the new wire - and licked it. WHOOOAA! He was only in the air for a moment, but it was enough to keep that horse away from those wires for the rest of his life. The interesting thing is, our kids would often

turn off the fence to feed him and then forget to flip it back on. During any of those nights, the pony could've easily escaped by using his old leaning trick. But his painful memory prevented him from even considering it. Sound familiar? Even though we desperately want out of a current situation, we can't seem to forget those nasty shocks of the past. Afraid of getting burned again, we grow used to operating far within the parameters of our potential, tolerating bad situations rather than pushing the barriers that appear to keep us captive. Given

enough time and bad experience, our wide-open pastures of possibility are whittled down to tiny corrals of limited beliefs. Think about it - all that we know and all that we are, is based on past experience. Getting laughed at while reading our story in the fourth grade, turns into a limited belief that we're not a good writer. Because a dog bites us once, we fear all dogs for the rest of our lives, missing all the positive experiences that go along with dog ownership. A lover dumped us once, so we enter the next relationship with a

wary eye - a condition that encourages the same scenario to repeat itself. What if we learned that all those old hurts were nothing more than electric fences that were no longer "plugged in?" Past experience is no indicator of future results unless we let it be. Why drive our lives by staring at the rearview mirror? Past experience is just that - the past. By its very nature it can't change - it's imprinted in the sands of time. But we are changing every moment. The person we are today is a much smarter person than the one who got burned in the past.

Trust yourself. Lean into that fence. And gallop off when you discover the only power it ever had to hold you in was the belief you'd given it to do so. Given a few "escapes," your entire outlook begins to turn. Instead of asking yourself what you have to do, you begin telling yourself what you want to do. Isn't it strange that the only force keeping so many lashed to unhappy lives is a bunch of mental fences that are no longer plugged in? Can it really be that simple? Practical horse sense usually is.

Pass It On®... Taking Responsibility

How one high school student supported her family during the pandemic.

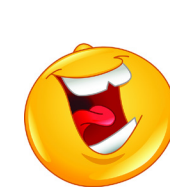
Maria and her parents moved to the US from Brazil one year before the pandemic. Better education opportunities lay ahead, and they were excited to get Maria into an American high school to prepare for college. Each parent got a job, and Maria hit the books. She also signed up for a service club because she wanted the social interaction, the chance to work on her English skills and to be a part of the community. "I love to serve," Maria says, smiling and pulling her auburn hair back behind her shoulders. "I think it is my

thank-you for the opportunities I have." She worked in the local food bank with other kids her age, organizing bags for families who were having a hard time making ends meet. But when the pandemic hit, she found herself at the food bank for another reason: to bring home groceries to her parents. "We were all shocked when my mother lost her job. My friends at the food bank got me through it." Luckily, her father kept his job. And with classes moving online, Maria was able to secure a full-time job and do her class work at night. She earned just enough to cover a few utilities and help with the rent. It would have been easier for Maria to just drop out of school, but her goal in coming to America was to go to college. Three

of her courses were college prep classes that demanded a lot of work. During her senior year, Maria worked 40-hour weeks and studied even more. Yet, in her spare time, she packed food bags for others before taking hers home. Just before graduation, Maria came into the food bank. One of the volunteers started getting a bag ready for her. "I don't need one today," Maria said. "My mother got a job. I'm here to help." Maria supported her family for eight months.

She graduated on time and got scholarship offers from three different colleges. She moved to part-time work and has completed her first semester of college. "My family means everything to me," she says. "They sacrificed so I could be here. I was happy to help. I'm always happy to help." The Foundation for a Better Life® promotes positive values to live by and pass along to others. Copyright © 2021 | The Foundation for a Better Life® All rights reserved. www.passiton.com





Christian Humor

God is Like a TV Commercial

Then there's the Sunday School teacher who had her 5th grade class watch commercials to see if they could use them to come up with ways to communicate truths about God. Here's what they said:

God is like..

Allstate: You're in good hands.

Alka-Seltzer: Try him, you'll like Him

Tide: He gets the stains out that others leave behind.

Sears: He has everything.

A Ford: He's got a better idea.

Hallmark Cards: He cared enough to send the very best.

Bayer Aspirin: He works miracles.

Delta: He's ready when you are.

Alberto Vo-5: He holds through all kinds of weather.

Coke: He's the real thing.

The US Post Office: Neither rain, nor snow, nor sleet, nor hail will keep Him from His appointed rounds.

Scotch Tape: You can't see Him, but you know He's there.

Dial Soap: Aren't you glad you've got Him? Don't you wish everybody did?

General Electric: He brings good things to life.



Catholic Churches

Sacred Heart, Cunningham

Saturdays 5:30 p.m..

St. John, Zenda

Sundays 8:30 a.m.

St. Leo

Sundays 10:00 a.m.

St. Peter Willowdale

Saturdays 4:00 a.m.

Father Roger Lumbré

620-243-5451

620-246-5370



Lutheran Churches

St. John, Nashville

620-246-5220

Trinity, Medicine Lodge

620- 886-3397

Sunday School & Bible Class

9:15 a.m.

Sunday School & Bible Class

9:45 a.m.

Worship Service

10:30 a.m.

Worship Service

8:30 a.m.

Our worship service is found on the YouTube channel at:

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCCrenCH12I9nmpcojCFyYLA

Pastor Dennis Fangmeyer

Cell: 620-886-0911



Church of Christ

Penalosa

Sunday 11:00 a.m.

First Christian Church

Cunningham

Sunday School 9:30 am

Morning Worship 10:45

Sunday Evening Worship 6:00

Jr High Youth Group 4:00 pm Sunday

Sr High Youth Group 7:30 pm Sunday

Wednesday Prayer Service 7:00

Pastor Mike McGovney 620-298-3201



United Methodist Church

Penalosa

Worship 9:15 a.m.

Cunningham

Worship 10:45 a.m.

Pastor Mathew Ndambuki Musyoki

620-298-2090

Zenda

Worship 9:00 a.m.

Sunday School: Children 8:30 a.m. Adults 10:00 a.m.

Pastor J L Nichols 620-491-0680

“Science without religion is lame, religion without science is blind.”
— Albert Einstein

“God is a circle whose center is everywhere and circumference nowhere.”
— Voltaire

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West Kingman County Education Foundation

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Hands of Hope (contact any church)

Cunningham Alumni Scholarship Fund

(send checks to the West Kingman County Education Foundation)

Cunningham Community Center (leave donation at the bank)

Lions' Club (Money is being raised to dig a well in the village of Kakindu, Kenya)

Cunningham Museum (to donate contact Alan Albers)

Cunningham Public Library (to donate, contact Kerri Steffen)

Cunningham Hands of Hope, Inc.

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

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

What: Food

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

Where: 117 N Main (Old School Board Office)

Why: To provide food assistance to those in need.

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

Do you need assistance outside distribution hours?

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KCC Approves Settlement and Financing Order for Kansas Gas Service to recover winter storm costs using low interest bonds

TOPEKA – The Kansas Corporation Commission (KCC) has approved a settlement agreement and financing order giving Kansas Gas Service (KGS) authorization to issue securitized bonds to recover \$328 million in deferred costs

and associated carrying costs resulting from the 2021 winter storm. The use of low interest securitized bonds is expected to save ratepayers \$35 to \$46 million compared to recovery through traditional rates. The exact amount of the winter weather recovery charge KGS customers will see on their monthly bills won't be determined until the bonds are issued. Variables include the length of term and interest rate based on current market conditions. It is estimated the monthly charge,

to be labelled “Winter Event Securitized Cost” on customer bills, will range from \$4.87 to \$6.42 over seven to ten years. Without securitized bonds, ratepayers would see charges of \$9.04 per month over five years or \$13.90 per month over three years using traditional ratemaking. During the winter weather event, the KCC ordered regulated utilities to do everything possible to continue providing natural gas service to its customers, defer the charges, and then develop a plan to allow customers

to pay the unusually high costs over time to minimize the financial impact. The Commission emphasized it was in the public interest for KGS to incur the extraordinary costs to ensure the integrity of the gas system and ensure continuous service to its customers. The 2021 Kansas Legislature later passed the Utility Financing and Securitization Act, which allows utilities to use securitized bonds to pay for extraordinary costs at more favorable terms than traditional financing. Wholesale natural gas

prices are not regulated by the KCC or any other government entity. The U.S. Congress deregulated natural gas prices back in the mid-1980s. Prices are market driven by supply and demand. The Commission has stated that any proceeds recovered by KGS resulting from state or federal investigations into possible market manipulation, price gouging, etc., will be passed on to customers. Today's orders are available here: Settlement Agreement: https://estar.kcc.ks.gov/estar/ViewFile.aspx/20220818103048.pdf?Id=667fd54d-1779-4b33-99ec-065c1143d1ba&utm_medium=email&utm_source=govdelivery and Financing Order https://estar.kcc.ks.gov/estar/ViewFile.aspx/22-466_Financing_Order.pdf?Id=72fa8fb3-f763-4562-bf76-b39149549772&utm_medium=email&utm_source=govdelivery

A recording of today's Business Meeting featuring Commissioner comments on these orders, is available on the KCC YouTube channel.

Wheat Scoop: Promoting U.S. Wheat Around the World

As U.S. Wheat Associates (USW) President Vince Peterson often says, at any given hour of the day there is someone, somewhere, talking about the quality, reliability and value of U.S. wheat. Here are just some of the ways USW was working in June and July to promote all six classes of U.S. wheat in an ever more complex world grain market.

USW Beijing Builds Online Resources

Pandemic restrictions to movement and gatherings continue in the People's Republic of China and have compelled a greater reliance on remote delivery systems. USW Beijing now offers a suite of regular programming made up

of translations from the USW Price Report, Crop Updates and monthly Supply and Demand presentations. By adapting as many materials as possible to deliver remotely or online, USW Beijing is able to keep USW technical support, trade service, and U.S. wheat quality information flowing to China's flour millers. USW Seoul Sent Noodle Makers to Wheat Marketing Center In June, USW Seoul conducted a Noodle Flour Development Short Course with the expert staff at the Wheat Marketing Center (WMC) in Portland, Ore. The team included noodle processors and milling quality specialists from Korea. They made 34 distinct types of general ramen and non-fried ramen noodles using various blends of U.S. wheat and Australian wheat flour. As a result of the general ramen test, these custom-

ers concluded that U.S. flour could be increased in a blend with Australian flour and maintain acceptable appearance and texture. In addition, the course participants identified that adding U.S. hard red spring (HRS) flour improved the hardness of stir-type noodles. USW Mexico City Technical Support USW Mexico City Director of Technical Services Marcelo Mitre and consultant Juan Manuel Tiznado conducted a cookie seminar in June for processing staff at a large Mexican manufacturing plant. The seminar helped demonstrate improvements in processing and end-product quality, including improved outcomes using U.S. soft red winter (SRW) and soft white (SW) wheat flour. Mitre and Tiznado identified several modifications, and they will continue working with the manu-

facturer to monitor progress and the customer's satisfaction with those improvements. Chung and Goh Teach Baking In July, USW Singapore held the 42nd Baking Science and Technology Course (BSTC) in conjunction with the UFM Baking and Cooking School in Bangkok, Thailand. Noted USW Bakery Consultant Roy Chung and USW Biscuit/Bakery and Noodle Technologist Ivan Goh were the principal lecturers. This six-week course features ingredient functionality, bread and cake processing, and sections on flour specification and quality evaluation. USW Manila Baking Technician Ady Redondo participated in the course and received the second highest overall score among 19 students. Those participants now understand more about how U.S. wheat

classes provide superior functionality for the most popular wheat-based foods in their markets. USW Santiago Brings U.S. Harvest to Customers A benefit to both USW and its customers from pandemic travel restrictions is the ability to reach a lot more customers in a single online activity. In June, USW Santiago was able to share a detailed, up-to-date look at the 2022/23 U.S. hard red winter (HRW) and SRW crops then being harvested to 138 customers from 85 different companies in the South American region. Justin Gilpin, CEO, Kansas Wheat Commission reported on the progress and quality of the HRW crop while wheat farmer and a past USW Chairman Jason Scott representing the Maryland Grain Producers Utilization Board gave the SRW update. USW Santiago

reports that there was active participation in the question-and-answer session and that those customers now have added confidence that these crops will offer excellent flour and functional characteristics. These are just a few of the ways that U.S. Wheat Associates, the industry's export market development organization, works with wheat buyers, millers, bakers, food processors and government officials in more than 100 countries around the world to promote the reliability, quality and value of all six U.S. wheat classes.

Originally published by U.S. Wheat Associates

Pandemic Demonstrated Print Superior to Screen

Over the last two and a half years, evidence piled up indicating that for the vast majority of K–12 and university students, online learning with extensive screen time was a disaster. Learning loss was greater in math subjects where daily lessons are needed to build math skills, but loss was even greater in the sciences where lab and field experiences are needed to make concepts meaningful.

While this learning loss varied, with only a few students maintaining normal progress due to their intellectual nature and extra parental support. The data as well as teacher testimonials showing a dramatic overall slowdown in learning filled the pages of both Education Week and Chronicle of Higher Education, the weekly newspapers-of-record for K–12 and higher education. Nevertheless, those publications as well as other media are filled with even more advertising, futuristic calls to

utilize more computers in the classroom, continuing messages similar to “you can’t teach tomorrow’s students with today’s technology.” The educational technology complex that predicted handheld screens would end all need of printed books by 2015 and end brick-and-mortar schools long before now. In his last days in office, President Eisenhower warned of the dangers of the “military industrial complex.” If he were alive today, he might very well add the “education technology complex.” The dangers of

replacing proven effective teaching and printed books with on-screen methodology have long been detailed by a series of academic books summarizing the problems with digital screen formats: “Mind Over Machine: The Power of Human Intuition and Expertise in the Era of the Computer by Hubert and Stuart Dreyfus (1986); “Failure to Connect: How Computers Affect Our Children’s Minds—and What We Can Do About it” by Jane Healy (1998); “Oversold and Underused: Computers in the Classroom” by Larry Cuban (2001); “The Flickering Mind: The False Promise of Technology in the Classroom and How Learning Can Be Saved” by Todd Oppenheimer (2003); “What the Internet Is Doing to Our Brains” by Nicholas Carr (2010); “Mindless: Why Smarter Machines are Making Dumber Humans” by Simon Head (2014) and many others. Four decades of research has been conducted. A meta-analysis is an overall analysis of the many published research articles in a field, and a total of three meta-analyses have been conducted: “Reading on Paper and Digitally: What the Past Decades of Empirical Research

Reveal” by Singer and Alexander, The Journal of Experimental Education, 85: 155-172 (2016); “Don't Throw Away Your Printed Books: A Meta-analysis on the Effects of Reading Media on Reading Comprehension” by Delgado et al., Educational Research Review, 25: 23-38 (2018); and “Reading from Paper Compared to Screens: A Systematic Review and Meta-Analysis” by Clinton in Journal of Research in Reading 42(2): 288-324 (2019). All found comprehension and distraction problems with screen reading that the industry has never addressed. And now these last years of pandemic have provided a massive field test confirming face-to-face teaching and reading printed books is superior for the majority of students. At the university level many publishers have faced the fact that they only make money on a new printed textbook the first semester it is released. The used book market provides students with the print that they overwhelmingly prefer. One strategy was to publish new editions each few years despite such updates not being needed. Then many publishers offered the texts slightly cheaper but only online and with access

suspended at the end of the semester. Students printed it off in order to do “deep reading” on paper. Now one publisher has speculated on using NFTs (non-fungible tokens) in order to claim some profit each time a book is sold, similar to a new trend for artwork. Now we also face a most serious threat from libraries discarding printed books under the assumption that everything is now available in online archives, which is not true. This danger was clearly documented back in 2003 in the journal Science in “Going, Going, Gone: Lost Internet References” by Dellavalle et al. and updated in “Dozens of Scientific Journals Have Vanished From the Internet, and No One Preserved Them” by Brainard in Science September 8, 2020. Acid-free paper can last up to 500 years while digital archives—when they exist—must be migrated up every decade. Following the pandemic, other countries have moved back to face-to-face teaching and students using printed books. Many schools in the U.S. have chosen to ignore these lessons.

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Be Real With Farmers

Jackie Mundt, Pratt County farmer and rancher

I give a lot of my time to help young leaders grow and develop through programs like 4-H and FFA. Though my biggest motivation is paying it forward because of all the people who helped me, I also directly benefit from working with these students who are experts on pop culture, new fashion, slang terminology and the latest social media trends. Now that I am sol-

idly a mid-career professional, I sometimes forget how easy it is to lose touch with the changing world. My students are always ready to explain what “Hot Girl Summer” means, why people love the Kardashians and so many other things that might have completely passed over my head otherwise. Earlier this summer, my intern introduced me to one of the hot new social media sites Be Real. This platform prompts users at a random time daily to take and share a quick snapshot of life. Users have 2 minutes to take a snap that includes both front and back facing views. This quick, random time frame doesn’t

allow people much time to make themselves or their life look better than reality. It is meant to showcase the mundane, messy and unfiltered reality of your life. After posting your shot you can see what your friends are up to and interact with comments and emoji’s like other social media platforms. If a user fails to snap a picture they miss out on seeing their friends’ posts for the day. At first I thought the idea was super strange, but with time it grew on me. Social media is often criticized for fake and overly glamorous view of many people’s lives, which can lead many users to negative impacts on the mental health of

users. Be Real makes it harder to fake a picture-perfect life, showing more realistic and normal views of how we live. It struck me that Be Real is the perfect platform for farmers. There are so many people who have no idea what a farmer does on any given day. Even when someone tours a farm or follows their social media they get a very narrow view that is often the shiny filtered version. If farmers were using Be Real, I am confident that you would occasionally catch a beautiful sunset while checking an irrigator, or a new born baby calf nursing for the first time and some of the other exciting moments

in farming. However, more of the snaps would be of the mundane things famers do every day like crawling over or under something to fix a machine, chasing animals that got out of the fence, doing office work, driving back and forth for hours in the same field, running to town to get parts, fueling equipment, fixing fences, checking rain gages or dry fields, looking for bugs, equipment maintenance, putting out a grass fire and a hundred other tasks that happen every day. Plus the farmer would definitely be covered in sweat, oil, dirt or manure in 95 percent of the pictures. If you paid close at-

tention, you would also be able to feel the roller coaster of emotions that exist during a season. The hope of planting, fear caused by weeks of high temperatures and drought, the pain of lost animals and crops, the relief of rain and the pride of completing harvest. Unfortunately, I don’t think many farmers will catch on to this social media trend because they probably wouldn’t hear the notification or be in a place where they had time to get their phone out and take a picture. You will have to take my word for it: farming is as real as it gets. Copyright © 2022 Kansas Farm Bureau, All rights reserved.

New Kansas State University Scholarship Program Increases Affordability and Access

MANHATTAN — A new scholarship program at Kansas State University addresses affordability for new

incoming in-state and out-of-state undergraduate students who plan to start at K-State beginning summer/fall 2023.. The in-state scholarship program offers new opportunities for incoming undergraduate students who plan to attend the Manhattan, Salina or Olathe campuses. The top general university in-state award

for incoming freshmen, which requires a minimum 3.95 unweighted GPA and a minimum 32 ACT score or 1420 SAT score, has increased to a total award value of \$22,000 over four years. This is one of the highest merit scholarship awards in the state that is automatically awarded when a student applies for admission by the priority application date.

summer/fall 2023. This award, which is automatically granted to eligible degree-seeking students who apply by the priority application date, reduces the nonresident portion of tuition from between 50% to 100% for eligible students based on unweighted GPA, with no test score required. A 100% reduction means a student's tuition will equal in-state rates.

rent college or university. "With the success of our Missouri Match program, we wanted to provide an opportunity for students in any state across the nation to attend K-State," said Karen Goos, vice provost for enrollment management. "As a top-ranked R-1, land-grant university with a high rate of success, we want to provide all students with talent and promising leadership potential the opportunity to earn a prestigious K-State degree."

able as long as K-State's general renewal requirements are met by the student. Incoming undergraduate freshmen remain eligible to also submit supplemental competitive scholarship award applications for both the Manhattan and Salina campuses. Newly admitted students — freshmen and transfer, domestic and international — are also eligible for college and departmental awards through the K-State Scholarship Network. The K-State Scholarship Network is also available to current students each year.

Students can learn more about all of K-State's scholarship offerings by visiting the Office of Student Financial Assistance's scholarship and award site.

Public Notice

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IN THE THIRTIETH JUDICIAL DISTRICT

DISTRICT COURT OF KINGMAN COUNTY, KANSAS

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF:
SALLY A. DAVIS,
Deceased.

CASE NO. 2022 PR 46

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

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:

You are hereby notified that on August 18, 2022, a Petition for Issuance of Letters of Administration was filed in this Court by Connie Hageman, Laura Cress and Melinda G. Miller.

You are required to file your written defenses thereto on or before September 13, 2022, at 10:00 o'clock a.m. in the District Court,

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.

Connie Hageman,
Laura Cress &
Melinda G. Miller, Petitioner

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Attorney for Petitioners



Bus Rides and Harvest

Kim Baldwin, McPherson County farmer and rancher

As I was outside with my kids waiting for them to catch their big yellow bus to begin another school year, I was reminded of how all of the back-to-school excitement is similar to the anticipation of fall on the farm.

Being that it’s a new school year, the kids are understandably excited to return to school. This has translated to them getting out to their bus stop with plenty of time to spare ensuring they don’t miss the bus and avoiding frantic, last-minute morning chaos.

As we get closer to the start of fall harvest, we are also getting out into the fields and testing the moisture of the corn with plenty of time to spare. While some might argue it’s still too early, just like with the kids, we want to make sure we experience a smooth transition into fall harvest with as little unnecessary chaos as possible.

In the days leading up to the first day of classes, our school district provided us with a rough es-

timate of when we should expect the bus to arrive. Although we had a good idea of when to expect the bus, we knew to be ready a little before the expected time while also understanding if it was later.

Just like the morning bus, we know fall harvest will get here. We’re not quite sure when exactly that will be; we just have to be ready to go when it’s time.

While waiting for their bus, I reminded my two children to be observant as they have the tools needed to identify the bus and know when it’s coming minutes before actually seeing it. If one listens, amid the morning sounds of feed trucks and cattle in the distance, the distinct sound of the bus bouncing down the gravel roads can be heard.

As adults, we too have tools to use to help determine when it’s time to harvest. While it might not be our sense of hearing, we do scout fields using our eyes to make observations while also picking and shelling ears of corn before testing for moisture. If we look, the distinct signs of a field that’s ready for harvest can be seen.

Once on the morning bus, I watched the silhouettes of my two little ones cautiously walk down the aisle before committing

and settling into their seats for the duration of their morning ride. I know both my son and daughter prefer to sit up near the front of the bus to avoid negative results like getting car sick or getting themselves into trouble.

We will also be intentional in our field selections prior to committing the machines to a field as we want to make sure our decisions will not cause negative results like dockage once our grain is delivered to the elevator.

As the bus slowly moved forward, I scanned the bus windows to see if I could spot any other morning riders. With the sun rising behind the bus, it appeared my two were the first ones on. The saying “first ones on, last ones off” has been true given our location within the school district’s boundaries and bus route. Being first on and last off the bus can make for some long and tiring days for my little kiddos.

And just like the bus rides, fall harvest will also bring some exhausting days as expected. In either case, we know that at the end of these long days, whether we’re riding a school bus or driving a combine, we’ll all return and find comfort (and snacks) at home.

Public Notice

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Notice of Hearing 2022-2023 Budget

The governing body of Unified School District 332 will meet on the 12th day of September 2022 at 6:50 PM at 104 W 4th Street, Cunningham, KS 67035 for the purpose of hearing and answering objections of taxpayers relating to the proposed use of all funds and the amount of tax to be levied. Detailed budget information, including budget profile, building needs assessment and Board state assessments review is available at the District Office on the district website and will be available at this hearing.

The Amount of 2022 Tax to be Levied and Expenditures (published below) establish the maximum limits of the 2022-2023 Budget. The 'Est. Tax Rate*' (column 7), shown for comparative purposes, is subject to slight change depending on final assessed valuation.

		2020-2021 Actual		2021-2022 Actual		2022-2023 Proposed Budget		
	Code 99 Line	Actual Expenditures (1)	Actual Tax Rate* (2)	Actual Expenditures (3)	Actual Tax Rate* (4)	Budgeted Expenditures (5)	Amount of 2022 Tax to be Levied (6)	Est. Tax Rate* (7)
OPERATING								
General	06	1,893,849	20.000	2,028,984	20.000	2,360,971	1,559,254	20.000
Supplemental General (LOB)	08	580,626	8.141	589,560	8.485	740,445	720,995	8.942
SPECIAL REVENUE								
Federal Funds	07	159,914		155,239		58,644		
Preschool-Aged At-Risk	11	9,138		9,412		19,500		
At Risk (K-12)	13	86,354		139,877		158,000		
Capital Outlay	16	492,813	8.000	399,349	7.736	690,641	627,562	8.000
Driver Training	18	2,905		1,791		4,970		
Food Service	24	113,682		130,210		229,524		
Professional Development	26	1,111		6,844		20,000		
Special Education	30	341,926		389,396		464,579		
Career and Postsecondary Education	34	51,657		53,500		55,000		
Gifts and Grants	35	60,261		69,661		91,781		
KPERS Special Retirement Contribution	51	206,286		215,705		241,590		
Contingency Reserve	53	0		0				
Textbook & Student Material Revolving	55	3,222		20,239				
Activity Fund	56	70,103		72,653				
DEBT SERVICE								
Bond and Interest #1	62	0	0.000	0	0.000	322,817	967,703	12.001
Bond and Interest #2	63	0	0.000	0	0.000	0	0	0.000
No-Fund Warrant	66	0	0.000	0	0.000	0	0	0.000
Special Assessment	67	0	0.000	0	0.000	0	0	0.000
Temporary Note	68	0	0.000	0	0.000	0	0	0.000
TOTAL USD EXPENDITURES	100	4,073,827	36.141	4,282,620	36.221	5,658,462	3,875,514	48.943
Less: Transfers	105	502,484		620,676		699,500		
NET USD EXPENDITURES	110	3,571,343		3,661,944		4,958,962		
TOTAL USD TAXES LEVIED	115	2,328,617		2,568,919		3,875,514		
OTHER								
Historical Museum	80	0	0.000	0	0.000	0	0	0.000
Public Library Board	82	0	0.000	0	0.000	0	0	0.000
Public Library Board Employee Benefits	83	0	0.000	0	0.000	0	0	0.000
Recreation Commission	84	0	0.000	0	0.000	0	0	0.000
Rec Comm Emp Benefits & Spec Liab	86	0	0.000	0	0.000	0	0	0.000
TOTAL OTHER	120	0	0.000	0	0.000	0	0	0.000
TOTAL TAXES LEVIED	125	\$2,328,617		\$2,568,919		\$3,875,514		
Assessed Valuation - General Fund	128	\$64,691,604		\$70,213,550		\$77,962,721		
Assessed Valuation - All Other Funds	130	\$66,163,520		\$71,689,198		\$80,632,565		
Assessed Valuation - Capital Outlay	129	\$64,109,120		\$69,827,766		\$78,445,293		
Outstanding Indebtedness, July 1		2020		2021		2022		
General Obligation Bonds	135	0		0		13,095,000		
Capital Outlay Bonds	140	270,000		0		0		
Temporary Note	145	0		0		0		
No-Fund Warrant	150	0		0		0		
Lease Purchase Principal	153	54,460		35,544		24,154		
TOTAL USD DEBT	155	324,460		35,544		13,119,154		

**Tax Rates are expressed in Mills*

Scott Delkese
Board President

Clay Webster
Clark of the Board

Minutes from the Pratt County Commission Meeting on August 15th, 2022

The Pratt County commissioners met in regular session Monday, August 15, 2022, at 2:00 p.m. in the commissioner room, 1st floor of the courthouse. The following members were present: Rick N. Shriver, Thomas W. Jones III, Dwight Adams, Tyson Eisenhower, county counselor, Lori Voss, county clerk and Mark Graber, IT director.

Heather Morgan, economic development/ COVID consultant, reported on economic development meeting. They approved façade grants for EBH and the old Daylight Donut building. They are close to out of funds, another \$50,000 will be added the first of

next year. She reported on the anonymous pool donation. The city of Pratt will raise the levy 1 mill. Prairie foods will be rocking their road. They are looking for a plant manager and a few other employees. Chairman Shriver asked about the ARPA funds not being transferred to the ARPA fund 127. It was reported \$205,000 has been transferred in 2022. The treasurer will transfer funds at the end of each month to cover expenditures.

He also asked about the funds in the 911 account. There was a check written to the City of Pratt sept 27, 2021 for \$156,011.92, since the City of Pratt is now responsible for the 911 funds.

Tara Pagenkopf, RSVP director, presented checks for signatures.

Karen Hampton and Amy Swindler, commented on their properties having a fire last week and being in Township 6 Fire District which is 11

miles away. They are concerned about the distance the fire department has to travel. Township 12 fire was paged out to assist by Justin Seaman, sheriff deputy. Amy questioned why they have to wait for Preston/ Township 6 fire and not have county fire respond. Karen commented the new building is two miles away and they have to wait on township 6 fire to respond. She questioned how often the county fire is called out for assistance. Commissioner Shriver responded they had been called a few times in the past few months. She questioned the commissioners on what they thought their jobs were as commissioners.

She questioned why the taxpayers are paying for trucks that are not being used. She questioned Tyson if the commissioners could legally go and speak to the township fire departments to make an agreement to use county fire. Tyson explained there are Township boundaries and those need to be followed. Justin Crouch, City of Pratt Fireman/ Pratt County EMS employee, commented on the township fire departments and the funds spent on county fire if they are not going to be utilized. He suggested calling in the township chiefs and if they are not going to use county fire then why spend the money on equipment that is not being utilized. Karen questioned if Commissioner Shriver should be a township chief and a commissioner. Chairman Adams

stated he has talked to all township chiefs, and none wanted to use county fire. Justin stated he would like to see all chiefs called in and asked to utilize county fire, if something would happen then the citizens would know it was on the township chiefs’ shoulders. Amy suggested they call in the chiefs to attempt to get them to cooperate. If they refuse it is the township responsibility. Karen asked Tyson if he could check into a conflict of interest between Coats/ Township 10 fire chief and being a county commissioner. Jason Harrold commented his concern for loss of life in not utilizing all resources to fight fires. He says with the conditions right now, they can’t afford to wait for fire units to arrive on scene from a distance if there is equipment closer.

Tim Branscom, emergency manager/zoning director, presented a job description for his position. Tyson thinks both positions need to be paid hourly. It was discussed rather to combine the two jobs and budgets into one. He reported the building leased from Jeff Taylor has been cleaned out.

Doug Freund, road/ lake supervisor, presented an estimate from the City of Pratt for the light at NE 20th Avenue and Highway 54. Commissioner Shriver made a motion to approve the bid from the city for \$2,434.12 for the light at ne 20th Avenue and Highway 54 to be paid out of capital improvement. Commissioner Jones seconded the mo-

tion. Motion carried 3-0.

He presented a final payment to Morgan Brothers for \$29603.36. Commissioner Jones made a motion to approve payment to Morgan Brothers in the amount of \$29,603.36 to be paid out capital improvement. Commissioner Shriver seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

He discussed KAC in October, 2022, in Overland Park, KS. The commissioners are all planning on going, Doug will send information to them.

Jimmy White, sheriff, gave a report on ten rifles he would like to purchase from Loyal 9 Manufacturing for \$2847.00 per rifle, for a total cost of \$28,470.00. The sheriff’s department have rifles from the federal government that will be sent back to them.

Commissioner Shriver made a motion to approve the purchase of ten rifles with accessories from Loyal 9 Manufacturing for a total of \$28,470.00, paid out of ARPA funds. Commissioner Jones seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Jon Roach, noxious weed director, presented a quote for repairs on the 2003 Chevrolet C4500 in the amount of \$7,632.10. Commissioner Shriver made a motion to pay Main Street Auto, LLC for the repairs on the 2003 Chevrolet c4500 in the amount of \$7,632.10, paid out of noxious weed special equipment. Commissioner Jones seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Jones

made a motion to approve the minutes from August 1, 2022.

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

Commissioner Shriver made a motion to recess into executive session for five minutes at 3:24 p.m. to discuss non-elected personnel concerning the new building to return at 3:29 p.m. Commissioner Jones seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Jones made a motion to return from recess at 3:29 pm with nothing to report. Commissioner Shriver seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Darcie Vander Vyver, health director, reported the mill levy does not affect the grants. She reported they will not be testing for monkey pox. They will give the vaccines if/when they are available. There are thirteen COVID cases in Pratt County.

Commissioner Jones made a motion to approve payment vouchers from August 15, 2022. Commissioner Shriver seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

DJ McMurry, appraiser, reported the neighborhood revitalization program would renew March 2023 if the commissioners wanted to make any changes, it has to be done three months before the renewal.

Commissioner Jones made a motion to adjourn at 3:42 pm. Commissioner Shriver seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Public Notice

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF: LARRY S. PIELOW Deceased.) Case No. 2022 PR 47 (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 August 18, 2022, a Petition was filed in this Court by Matthew W. Ricke, the Executor named in the "Last Will and Testament of Larry S. Pieplow," deceased, dated March 4, 2016, praying the will, first codicil, and second codicil filed with the Petition be admitted to probate and record; Petitioner be appointed as Executor, without bond; and Petitioner be granted Letters Testamentary.

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.

Matthew W. Ricke, Petitioner

Matthew W. Ricke, #20995 ATTORNEY AT LAW, LLC 349 North Main, P. O. Box 113 Kingman, KS 67068 (620) 532-3103 Attorney for Petitioner

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Kingman County Sheriff's Report

Sunday, August 14th	
Traffic Stop	8
Traffic Complaint	2500 N Berry Ave, Kingman
Traffic Complaint	NE 10 St & NE 80 Ave, Kingman
Traffic Complaint	W Hwy 42 & SW 20 Ave, Spivey
Traffic Complaint	NE 50 St NE 60 Ave, Kingman
Vehicle - Disabled	NW 90 Ave & W Hwy 54, Kingman
Vehicle - Disabled	SE 40 St & SE 130 Ave, Murdock
Vehicle - Abandoned	2000 W Hwy 54, Kingman
Gas Leak	10751 SE 30 St, Murdock
Monday, August 15th	
Traffic Stop	2
Traffic Complaint	NE 40 Ave & NE 20 St, Pretty Prairie
Traffic Complaint	13000 E Hwy 2, Norwich
Tuesday, August 16th	
Traffic Complaint	12000 W Hwy 54, Cunningham
Traffic Complaint	E Hwy 42 & SE 130 Ave, Norwich
Traffic Complaint	2297 NE 150 Ave, Cheney
Traffic Complaint	3080 NE 40 Ave, Kingman
Animal Complaint	2424 N Diamond Ln, Kingman
Vehicle / Abandoned	12000 E Hwy 54, Cheney
Suspicious Person	15541 NE 50 St, Cheney

Wednesday, August 17th	
Traffic Cmplnt / Debris in Road	14000 E Hwy 2, Norwich
Trespassing	13037 SE 140 Ave, Norwich
Thursday, August 18th	
Traffic Complaint	100 West Central Ave, Zenda
Traffic Complaint	SW 70 Ave & W Hwy 54, Kingman
Traffic Complaint	SE 20 St & SE 120 Ave, Murdock
Traffic Complaint	15000 E Hwy 2, Norwich
Suspicious Person	13037 SE 140 Ave, Norwich
Assist Other Agency	455 E Leiter Ave, Cunningham
Friday, August 19th	
Traffic Stop	4
Traffic Complaint	N Hwy 14 & SE 60 ST, Kingman
Vehicle / Disabled	E Hwy 54 & NE 70 Ave, Kingman
Animal Complaint	12393 SE 20 St, Murdock
Animal Complaint	SE 10 St & SE 100 Ave, Murdock
Trespassing	SE 10 St & SE 100 Ave, Murdock
Fire / Structure	2208 NW 50 Ave, Kingman
Assist Other Agency	835 S Grove St, Kingman
Saturday, August 20th	
Traffic Stop	1
Traffic Complaint	NW 20 St & N Hwy 11, Kingman
Traffic Complaint	5000 E Hwy 54, Kingman
Animal Complaint	11000 E Hwy 42, Norwich
Suspicious Activity	4516 SE 60, Murdock

Governor Tours Future Child Mental Health Hospital in Hays

HAYS – Today, Governor Laura Kelly joined KVC Hospitals leadership for a tour of KVC’s future children’s psychiatric hospital site in Hays to highlight the importance of supporting adolescent mental health. The relocated and expanded Hays facility, which is currently under construction, will add 14 beds for children’s psychiatric inpatient hospital treatment.

In December 2021, Governor Kelly announced a partnership between the Kansas

Department for Aging and Disability Services and KVC Hospitals to bring this modern acute psychiatric hospital to western Kansas.

“One of my highest priorities since taking office has been strengthening our mental health system in Kansas, especially in underserved parts of the state,” said Governor Laura Kelly. “This hospital will provide top-notch care to children in Hays and beyond – reinforcing my Administration’s efforts to increase the mental health resources needed to keep young Kansans safe and healthy.”

KVC Hospitals is a nonprofit network of children’s psychiatric hospitals and residential treatment centers in Kansas

serving youth between the ages of 6 to 18 who are experiencing depression, anxiety, the impacts of childhood trauma, and have other behavioral and mental health needs.

KVC previously provided inpatient youth psychiatric hospitalization services in Hays for nearly a decade from 2010-2019. During that time, KVC served thousands of children and families. The new facility is expected to open in January 2023.

“Bringing these critical mental health services into western Kansas will be life-changing for the children and families in these communities,” said Bobby Eklofe, KVC Hospitals President. “Our mission is driven by ensuring mental health care

is available and accessible to all children and with Governor Kelly’s partnership, we are able to make that possible in an under-served region of our state.”

Since taking office, the Kelly Administration has continuously advanced bipartisan solutions to expand mental health access for children and adolescents. She has provided \$33 million in funding for the Mental Health Intervention Team Program, which increases students’ access to clinical therapy and local mental health resources, growing the program from 9 districts to 67 and from 1,708 students to close to 5,000 served annually.

Why I Read

I read to learn new things.

I read for ideas and inspiration.

I read for enjoyment and happiness.

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...and eat turkey legs and drink cider.

Kids: color stuff in!

I just love turkey legs!

We're going to a fair that's set in a time period when kings or queens ruled and there were knights and jousts! It was a time of new ideas, inventions and changes in the countries of Europe. This time period is called the *Renaissance* or "rebirth."

A Renaissance Faire!

Going to the Fair

Read these clues that describe the idea behind an exciting event called a 'Renaissance Faire':

1. the Renaissance started in _____ and spread

2. it was a period of time that covered about two hundred years and brought great _____

3. just before it began, a terrible disease or _____ had swept through Europe and killed about half of all the people there

4. many of the countries then were ruled by a _____ or queen

5. _____ were men who were the leaders in the king's army; they wore armor and rode on horses in battles

6. later, knights only fought on horseback in competitions or _____

7. people started to sail or travel to other countries to explore and _____

8. buying and selling goods brought _____ more work and money

9. people switched from trading goods for other goods (bartering) or from using silver bars to using gold _____ for large purchases

10. it was a time of questioning, thinking and _____

11. _____, music and written works like poetry were encouraged

12. a man named Leonardo _____ was an artist, scientist, musician, engineer

13. math, science, technology, new medical ideas and _____ advanced quickly

14. the invention of the _____ press let people share ideas widely and quickly

15. your local Renaissance fair may have fun _____ like archery, or axe or star throwing

inventions

learning

change

knights

printing

plague

Italy

craftspeople

games

da Vinci

coins

jousts

trade

king

There were no turkey legs at feasts in Europe until the bird was brought there from America.

People and Games

I have another bright idea...

...and another!

I am a true Renaissance man, errrrrr...octopus!

Some people, like Leonardo da Vinci, had so many ideas and did so many different things in the arts and sciences that they are now called "Renaissance men."

Find and circle my list of skilled people and some games at the fair:

U I H R A M C S W O R D F I G H T E R S W C T Q O K J
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stilt walkers

storytellers

jugglers

fire eaters

musicians

sword fighters

fairies

falconers

glass blower

basket weavers

candle makers

blacksmiths

silversmiths

acrobats

archery

axe throwing

Food Years Ago

During the Renaissance era, there were no refrigerators. People had to salt and dry meat to keep it longer. Fresh milk was made into cheese and butter. Herbs and fruits were dried, and vegetables were put into cool cellars.

Fill in the missing letters.

Time for the feast!

1. ap ____ le ci ____ er

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3. o ____ tca ____ es

4. ____ ye ____ read

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Faire Treats Today

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(Answers on page 10)

Time for the feast!

Jesters, Jousts & Joy!

A Renaissance Faire!

Going to the Fair

Years Ago

- apple cider
- bacon
- oatcakes
- rye bread
- eggs
- gingerbread
- milk and cheese
- peacocks and swans
- carrots and lettuce
- oranges

Today

- turkey legs
- pickles
- fried dough
- sausages
- beef stew
- kettle corn
- corn on the cob
- pretzels
- steak on a stake
- lemonade

People and Games


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Kathleen Panek

Kathleen Marie Panek, 96, passed away on Monday, August 15, 2022. Kathleen was a loving wife, mother and grandmother. She was preceded in death by her parents, C.J. and Lena Gerber; husband, Willie; and siblings, Bishop Eugene J. Gerber, Jerome Gerber and Helen Bergkamp; son-in-law, Mike Weber (husband of Marsha Weber Kugler). Kathleen is survived by her children, Marilyn Johnson, Donna (Ray) Girardo, Gary (Cindi) Panek, Edward (Marcia-deceased) Panek, Steve (Angela) Panek, Tim (Diane) Panek, Connie (Pat) Preisser, and Marsha (Marty) Kugler; siblings, Leola Hageman, Larry Gerber, and Joan Gerber; 19 grandchildren; 29 great-grandchildren.

Funeral mass was Friday, August 19, at 10:30am, both at St. Anthony Catholic Church in Garden Plain, KS.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be sent to Bishop Eugene J. Gerber’s Lord’s Diner, 520 N. Broadway, Wichita, KS 67202 or Priest’s Retirement Fund, 424 N. Broadway, Wichita, KS 67202, or Pro Life Outreach, c/o Wulf-Ast.



David Bell

David R. Bell, 75, of Isabel, KS, died Tuesday, August 16, 2022 at Medicine Lodge Memorial Hospital.

He was born on December 12, 1946 in Medicine Lodge, KS, the son of James L. Bell and Fern (Funk) Bell. On November 21, 1969, he married Joyce (Jones) Bell in Medicine Lodge, KS. She survives.

David was a school bus driver for USD 254. He was a member of the First Christian Church, Medicine Lodge, KS, the U.S. Army National Guard, the Pretty Prairie Saddle Club, the Pratt Saddle Club, the Barber County School Board and the Valley Township Board.

Surviving in addition to his wife, Joyce Bell of Isabel, KS are four children, Melanie (Travis) Hermstein of Iola, KS, Ginger (Bruce) Allman of Wichita, KS, D.J. (Angie) Bell of Dripping Springs, TX, and Lucas (Kelly) Bell of Lee’s Summit, MO; Nine grandchildren, Travis Hermstein, II, Peyton Allman, Owen Allman, Logan Bell, Brock Bell, Tyler Bell, Taylor Bell, Carson Bell, and Kennedy Bell.

David was preceded in death by his parents and his siblings, Glenda Bell, Rita Kimball, and Lawrence Bell.

Cremation has taken place. A memorial service was held on Saturday, August 20, 2022 at 10:00 a.m., at the First Christian Church, Medicine Lodge, KS with Pastor Tom Walters officiating. Inurnment was at the Highland Cemetery, Medicine Lodge, KS. T

Memorials may be made to the First Christian Church or the Medicine Lodge High School Athletic Department, in care of Larrison Funeral Home, 120 E. Lincoln, Medicine Lodge, KS 67104.

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Kc Jorns

Preston - Kc Jorns, 69, passed away Saturday, August 13, 2022 at Hilltop Manor in Cunningham. He was born on June 9, 1953 in Stafford to Paul E and Caroline (Knop) Jorns.

Kc graduated from St. John’s Academy in Winfield. He received his bachelors degree from Tarkio Bible College in Missouri. He retired from KDOT after working there for many years and farmed his whole life. He was a member of St. Paul Lutheran Church. He enjoyed fishing, hunting, skiing, knife making, restoring tractors, tending to his garden and pumpkin patch and walking.

He is survived by his children, Justin Jorns of Fairmont, West Virginia, Barbee (George) Ritchie of Shawnee, Oklahoma and Brooke (Chad) Herman of Wamego, Kansas; aunts, Marilyn Stewart of Pratt, Vivian Locke of Scottsdale, Arizona; brothers, Curtis (Leanne) Jorns of Kingston, Missouri and John Paul (Sue) Jorns of Pratt; grandchildren, Jaylee Jorns, Tripp Herman, Charlie Herman, Prestyn Herman, Cameron Ritchie.

KC is preceded in death by his parents.

Funeral service were held at 2:00 p.m., Saturday, August 20, 2022 at St. Paul Lutheran Church with Pastor Michael Schotte presiding. Burial followed at St. Paul Lutheran Church Cemetery, Natrona.

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Merwyn McGuire

Merwyn Lee McGuire, 89, passed away on Tuesday, July 26, 2022 at Brookdale Skyline, Colorado Springs, Colorado.

Merwyn was born on January 12, 1933 to parents, Edwin McGuire and Louise (Jones) McGuire in Pratt, Kansas. He was married to MaryLou (Smith) McGuire and together they had four children.

He graduated from Pratt High School on May 25, 1951.

In his later years, Merwyn was active in his community and church. He was a member of Faith Lutheran and attended the Johnstown Breakfast Club every Tuesday. He was a member of the Johnstown City Council and enjoyed attending local sporting events held at Roosevelt High School in Johnstown, where you were sure to find him rooting on the home team. He was passionate about his gardening and had an abundance of beautiful roses to show for it.

Merwyn is survived by his four children, Marlin, Milinda, Madel and Marlo; sister, Karellen Larrison; eight grandchildren and eight great grandchildren.

Merwyn is preceded in death by his wife, MaryLou; parents Edwin and Louise, and his brothers, EJ and Dickey.

Cremation has taken place. A memorial service will be held at 11:00 a.m., Saturday, August 27, 2022 at Faith Lutheran Church in Johnstown, Colorado.



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