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Minutes from the Kingman County Commission Special Meeting

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Visitors: Dale Enyart;

Online Visitors: Not Available

Staff: Amber Hartley, County Appraiser; LaDawn Stegman, Financial Officer; Jamie Smith, County Treasurer; Misty Jacobs, Road & Bridge Office Administrator; Mary Schwartz, Health Nurse; Mendy Frampton, Expo Center Director; Susan Hubbell, Register of Deeds.

Commissioner Jack Thimesch discussed the Barton County Courthouse tour that they took a few weeks ago to see how their HVAC system was installed with the Department Heads.

MOTION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to adjourn the special board meeting. Chairwoman Lyon seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the vote of 2-0.

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Chairwoman Lyon called the Board of County Commissioners meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. September 8th, 2025 in the County Commissioners room at the Kingman County Courthouse. Present: Julie Lyon, Chairwoman; Jack Thimesch, Commissioner; Pat Elpers, Commissioner (conference called in); Carol Noblit, County Clerk; Brandon Ritcha, County Counselor

Visitors: Bob Morris, Kingman Leader-Courier and Dale Enyart.

Online Visitors: Donatello, Caller 01; Chrissy Bartel

Staff: Amanda Stucky, Field Appraiser/Zoning; Mary Schwartz, Health Nurse; Sheriff Wood; Undersheriff Sowers; Jamie Smith, Treasurer; Charles Arensdorf, Public Works Director and Steve Bachenberg, County Engineer.

Chairwoman Lyon asked if there were any additions to the agenda.

MOTION: Chairwoman Lyon moved to approve the agenda as presented. Commissioner Thimesch seconded the motion. The motion was approved with a 2 for-0 against vote.

Chairwoman Lyon asked if there was any public comment.

No Comments were made.

Amanda Stucky, Field Appraiser/Zoning was in with the following building permits:

1. Dalton Hendrix for a shop with living quarters in Section 1, Township 30, Range 05W.

2. Ann Yarrow Rev Tr for a storage garage in Section 26, Township 29, Range 07W.

3. Grady Laverentz for a storage shed in Section 17, Township 28, Range 05W.

4. Fred Simon for a farm storage in Section 14, Township 27, Range 06W.

5. Zach Green for a commercial storage in Section 16, Township 29, Range 10W.

6. Randall Jacks for a Barn in Section 36, Township 27, Range 05W.

7. Jake & Monica Henning for a Home in Section 5, Township 30, Range 07W.

8. Brad Murray for a new Home in Section 10, Township 29, Range 06W.

9. Gary Bolton for a new Home in Section 33, Township 27, Range 06W.

10. Gary Bolton for storage in Section 33, Township 27, Range 06W.

Commissioner Elpers joined the meeting by phone.

MOTION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to approve Resolution 2025-R15 for a rezone. Chairwoman Lyon seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon a unanimous vote of the County Commissioners 3-0.

Mary Schwartz, Health Nurse was in with a department update for the County Commissioners.

Ms. Schwartz discussed the printer quotes she had received and she is waiting on KDHE to see if the grant funds will cover the purchase.

Ms. Schwartz submitted the USD 332 Health Contract for their services 2025-2026 School year for approval.

MOTION: Chairwoman Lyon moved to approve the USD 332 School Health Contract for 2025-2026. Commissioner Thimesch seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon a unanimous vote of 3-0.

Ms. Schwartz let the Commissioners know that Sanchez Painting did come to do a quote for the painting in the Health Department.

Ms. Schwartz discussed that she is continuing to have roof leaks with the heavy rains and submitted quotes received for repairs from the following:

AP Roofing \$38,465.00

MOTION: Commissioner Elpers moved to approve making the last day of business for Kingman County 2025 to be the 30th of December. Commissioner Thimesch seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of 3-0.

Sheriff Wood and Undersheriff Sowers were in with the Sheriff's Department update.

Commissioners discussed the Emergency Management position and who the individual would report to.

MOTION: Chairwoman Lyon moved to have the Emergency Management position and office to be under the Sheriff Department and will report to the Sheriff. Commissioner Thimesch seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of 3-0.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to go into executive session at 9:48 a.m. with Sheriff Wood, Undersheriff Sowers and Brandon Ritcha, County Counselor to discuss non-elected personnel for employee performance under the exception under the Kansas Open Meetings Act, and they will return to open session in the Board meeting room at 10:00 a.m. Commissioner Lyon seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners 3-0.

Commissioners returned to regular session at 9:58 a.m.

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County Commissioners returned to regular session at 10:02 a.m. with no action taken.

Jamie Smith, County Treasurer was in with quotes for Copy Co.; Postalocity and

MOTION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to approve Copy Co. for tax statement mailing this year. Chairwoman Lyon seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon a majority vote of the County Commissioners 2-0.

MOTION: Chairwoman Lyon moved to approve the status change for two employees at the Sheriff's Office. Commissioner Thimesch seconded the motion. The motion was approved with a majority vote of 2-0.

Carol Noblit, County Clerk submitted the August 25, 2025, Commission meeting minutes for approval.

MOTION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to approve August 25, 2025, Commission meeting minutes. Chairwoman Lyon seconded the motion. The motion was approved with a major-

ity vote of the County Commissioners 2-0.

Chairwoman Lyon discussed that she had talked with Jen Elliot from USI about some items that needed to be addressed.

Charles Arensdorf, Public Works Director and Steve Bachenberg, County Engineer were in with a permit from the following:

1. Superior Midstream Kansas LLC-Pipeline crossing improvements in Valley (30-7) & Canton (30-6) Townships.

Mr. Arensdorf and Mr. Bachenberg discussed a drainage issue on Old 54 just east of the Mt. Vernon turn off with the Commission.

Mr. Arensdorf discussed the 2026 Hot Mix Overlay locations with the County Commissioners.

Mr. Arensdorf would like the Commissioners to look at locations to possibly add to the overlay project.

Mr. Arensdorf discussed the Off-system bridge awards with the County Commissioners and Kingman County received the award for Bridge U.8-17 on SE 100 St located 3.2 north and 2 miles West of Rago for Fiscal Year 2027.

Mr. Arensdorf submitted a Township consultation request for Rochester Township and that they will be looking at it today.

MOTION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to approve the consultation request from Rochester Township. Chairwoman Lyon seconded the motion. The motion was approved with a 2-0 vote.

Mr. Arensdorf discussed design and construction engineering contracts for Bridge No. U.0-19-7 which is 1 mile West and ½ mile North of Rago.

MOTION: Chairwoman Lyon moved to approve the agreement between Kingman County and Kirkham Michael for engineering in the amount of \$42500.00 and design construction services in the amount of \$31000.00 for a total of \$73500.00. Commissioner Thimesch seconded the motion. The motion was approved with a vote of 2-0.

Mr. Arensdorf would like the amount of \$73500.00 to be paid with the ¾% sales tax funds.

Commissioners agreed to have it paid with sales tax funds.

Mr. Arensdorf and Mr. Bachenberg left the meeting at 11:19 a.m.

Commissioners signed abatements and escape tax:

MOTION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to adjourn the regular board meeting at 11:21 a.m. Chairwoman Lyon seconded the motion. The motion was approved with a vote of 2-0.



WHEN: October 15, 2025

5:00pm - 8:00pm

WHERE: Kingman Healthcare Center

- 3D Mammos every 10 minutes
- Light snacks and Cocoa Dolce desserts

PLEASE SCHEDULE WITH TIFFANY AHEAD OF TIME AT 620-532-0129. THANK YOU!



Always reading,
and currently reading,
“Body Work”
by Sara Paretsky,
Roberta

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

What I have plenty of is blood. In fact, I have around a gallon of it, which is way more than I have of time, talent or money. Plus I can always make more. Based on my scores at the blood bank, I'm really good at it.

Scot Young is a retired construction worker, teacher, principal and superintendent. He lives in the Missouri Ozarks with his wife of 43 years and a herd of goats. He is thankful for the vision of Butterfly McQueen whom he met when he was a teenager. He can be reached at scotyyoung@gmail.com or by visiting scotyyoungpoetry.com.

Community Bulletin Board

Thursday, September 25

JH VB at HOME vs South Barber and Norwich

HS/JH Cross Country at Larned

JH FB at HOME vs Norwich

Thursday, October 2

3:30 p.m.

HS/JH Corss Country at Pratt

JH VB at Norwich with Burrton

6:00 p.m.

JH FB at Inman

Friday, September 26

HS FB at Minneola (8-Man game)

Friday, October 3

HS FB vs Otis Bison at HOME

HOMEcoming

Saturday, September 27

HS VB Central Tournament (Udall/Burden)

Saturday, October 4

12:00 p.m - 5:30 p.m.

Fall Festival

HS VB Tournament at Burrton

Monday, September 29

7:00 p.m.

Fall Music Concert

Monday October 6

K-6 Health Screenings

6:00 p.m. HS JV Football vs Norwich at HOME

Wednesday, October 1

6:00 p.m.

Shop Guild



The Community Calendar is sponsored by

BOE Will Interview Architects

104 W 4th St., Cunningham, KS 67035

Wednesday, September 24, 2025

6:00 p.m.

Special Meeting Agenda

Call to Order

Approval of Agenda (AI)

Interview Architect firms

Adjournment



It's No Longer a Secret....

Eilene will be 90

on October 8th!

A come and go celebration is planned for Mrs. Crick on Saturday, October 4th, at the Christian Church.

From 2:00 to 4:00, take a break from the Fall Festival activities and wander over to wish her a "Happy Brithday!"

Cards may be sent to P.O. Box 126 Cunningham, KS 67035

(No gifts, please)

Erin Baxa, M.D. Recognized by Wichita Journal as a Healthcare Hero

Erin Baxa MD, a physician at Kingman Healthcare Center, in Kingman, Kansas was recently recognized by the Wichita Business Journal as one of the 2025 Healthcare Heroes Honorees in an article titled "Meet the Wichita

Business Journal's 2025 Health Care Heroes honorees".

Dr. Baxa graduated from KU School of Medicine and obtained her undergraduate from Newman University. She is Board Certified in Family Medicine and has been practicing since 2007. Dr. Baxa's hometown is Andale and she now resides in Kingman, KS with her



dreds of services to the local area. KHC is a 25-bed critical access hospital with 24 hour emergency room, inpatient services, and two-family practice clinics. Our standard of care has earned the prestigious recognition as a Top 100 Critical Access Hospital by the National Rural Health Association.



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Libraries

Cunningham Public Library

Mon., Wed., Fri.

2:00 - 6:00 p.m.

Tues., Thurs., Sat.

9:00 - 11:30 a.m.

Closed for Holidays

298-3163



Zenda Public Library

Monday

8:30 a.m.- 12:30 p.m.

Thursday:

4:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Saturday:

8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

620-243-5791



Kingman Carnegie Library

Mon. & Tues. 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Wed. : 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Thurs. : 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Fri. : 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Sat. : 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

620-532-3061



Pratt Public Library

Mon. - Thurs.

10:00 - 7:00

Friday: 10:00 - 6:00

Saturday: 10:00 - 2:00

Closed on Sundays

(620) 672-3041

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Brandon Ritcha, County Counselor gave the invocation.

Chairwoman Lyon asked if there were any additions to the agenda. MOTION: Chairwoman Lyon moved to approve the agenda as presented. Commissioner Thimesch seconded the motion. The motion was approved with a 2 for-0 against vote.

MOTION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to donate \$500.00 to the Pat Elpers Memorial Fund out of the appropriations fund. Chairwoman Lyon seconded the motion. The motion was approved with a 2-0 vote.

Chairwoman Lyon asked if there was any public comment.

No Comments were made.

Jamie Smith, County Treasurer was in with a request to update the County Server.

MOTION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to approve the Reach Microsoft \$2,132.00 update to the server. Chairwoman Lyon seconded the motion. The motion was approved with a 2-0 vote.

Ms. Smith submitted information on the interest for bank funds in the amount of \$354,354.15 for the year so far.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to go into executive session at 8:50 a.m. with Sheriff Wood, Undersheriff Sowers and Brandon Ritcha, County



I forgot to give credit for to this photo last week. Teresa McClendon book the photo of the bug crossing the road.

Counselor to discuss non-elected personnel for employee performance under the exception under the Kansas Open Meetings, and they will return to open session in the Board meeting room at 10:00 a.m. Commissioner Lyon seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners 3-0.

Commissioners returned to regular session at 9:00 a.m. with no action taken.

Ms. Smith submitted the updated tax sale list to the County Commissioners.

LaDawn Stegman, Financial Officer, was in to get some clarification on where to put charges for services on Courthouse maintenance. MOTION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to put a \$2500.00 limit on Courthouse Maintenance and anything over \$2500.00 would be capital improvement. Chairwoman Lyon seconded the motion. The motion was approved with a 2-0 vote.

MOTION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to pay the expenses on the repair on zoning vehicle to be paid out of the Capital Equipment fund. Chairwoman Lyon seconded the motion. The motion was approved with a 2-0 vote.

Ms. Stegman reviewed the August financials with the County Commissioners.

Tiffany Aumiller, Benefits Administrator was in with a pay matrix for the Commissioners.

Ms. Aumiller let the Commissioners know how the new insurance is going.

Tonja Stamm, Courthouse Maintenance was in to discuss the Health Department roof quotes received from AR Roofing and AP Roofing Inc.

Commissioners decided to wait until the next meeting.

Oleg Alba was added to the meeting by phone to talk to the Commissioners about a possible contract with Kingman County to help with Solar and Windfarm plans and questions.

Letter of Support for the Council on Aging. MOTION: Commissioner moved to approve the support letter for the Council on Aging General Public Transportation. Chairwoman Lyon seconded the motion. The motion was approved with a 2-0 vote.

Tonja Stamm came in to discuss what she found out about the roof.

Commissioners discussed the request from the Kingman Historic Theatre for a donation from the County. MOTION: Chairwoman Lyon moved to donate \$1500.00 to the Kingman Historic Theatre to be paid out of the Economic Development funds. Commissioner Thimesch seconded the motion. The motion was approved with a 2-0 vote.

MOTION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to adjourn the regular board meeting at 10:44 a.m. Chairwoman Lyon seconded the motion. The motion was approved with a 2-0 vote.

Kingman Historic Theatre

September 26- 28

CLOSED

for Projects



Cozy's Pizza

115 N. Main

Cunningham, KS 67035

620-298-7000

Hours:

Mon., Tues., & Thurs. - 11:00 to 7:30

Friday and Saturday - 11:00 to 8:00

Closed Wednesday and Sunday

A Column
by
Dean Marple

Gorgeous

She awoke to crumpled sheets, a barely spinning ceiling fan and an empty spot where her husband usually slept. As usual, he'd gotten up and headed downstairs long before she woke. His sleeping habits hadn't changed in years, but they still made her smile. Wide awake at 5 a.m., he'd be snoring in his recliner long before the 10 o'clock news came on. That was one of the things she loved about him, his steadiness, his ability to stay focused on the important things. Important things like her.

Lying there, in no hurry to get up, she gazed over the footboard and sleepily let a small smile tug at her lips. Her gaze took in a mirror and what she always thought of as the picture wall. Mounted

in frames of different sizes and shapes, photos covering the past 60 years of their life filled the wall.

There, at the top left, was a picture of them at 17. He was in his football uniform, while she looked so pretty in her cheerleader uniform. They'd had their first date the weekend before, and she slowly shook her head as she remembered how he muffed their first kiss. Unsure of himself, he'd leaned down to kiss her and missed her mouth. He'd blushed and stammered until she shut him up with a real kiss. Based on that kiss, there was no doubt in her mind that he found her attractive that long ago night. But what about today?

That girl in the cheerleader skirt had beautiful long, golden hair. The image staring back at her in the mirror had far less hair and the gold sheen was long gone. People sometimes commented on her husband's attrac-

tive snow-white hair, but no one sang the praises of her dirty gray locks. The mirror didn't lie.

Worse than lying, the mirror could be cruel. While her waist was once tiny, easily enclosed in her husband's two-handed grasp, that was no longer the case. Since that long-ago high school picture, she'd lost 60 years and gained 40 pounds. Her head told her she was being foolish, but her heart wondered if he still found her attractive. How could he?

Fearing she'd never know the answer to that question, she put on her slippers and robe, then traipsed down the stairs and headed straight for the Keurig coffeemaker. Coffee was always her first priority. She put a single-cup pod in and hit the switch. As it dripped into her cup, she reached into the fridge and grabbed some creamer. Some people liked black coffee, but in her mind, it was uncivilized to drink

coffee that lacked cream and sugar. It was during that first long, leisurely sip that something registered first with her nose, then her attention. Curious, she turned to face the kitchen table.

The table was covered, absolutely, totally, completely covered in peonies. She loved peonies, they were her favorite flower, but so many! Red ones, pink ones, a sprinkling of white balls covered in petals. How could there be any left in the garden? There were so many that she'd at first missed the little index card propped by her breakfast plate. Now she picked it up and read it once, then more slowly the second time as she recognized her husband's handwriting. The message was short and simple. *Good morning, gorgeous. You're still the only girl I see when I walk into a room.* She forgot all about her coffee.

Lessons and Carols

December 14, 2025

Gaudete Sunday 3:00pm

Hello again Cunningham churches and surrounding communities. I would like to invite everyone to a community choir opportunity of Lessons and Carols! We had a great time back in 2023 with our last lessons and carols service. You are all invited! We would love to have you there with us sharing your musical gifts or just to listen and be inspired by beautiful music and the Word of God in scripture.

Rehearsals will take place Sunday afternoons from 3:00-4:00 p.m. at Sacred Heart Catholic Church starting November 9th and continuing through December 7th.

If you have any other questions please feel free to reach out and contact me.

Director: Eric Kerschen eric.kerschen@usd332.com
620-491-1688



"If you look at the world the same way when you're 50 that you did when you were 20, then you wasted 30 years of your life"

--Muhammad Ali--

quote submitted by Kathy Albers

Free Groceries
at the
Cunningham
Methodist Church
2 to 5 p.m. on Tuesdays

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

The Bible Lady

by Gregory John Monroe

She, this black woman, walked along a major road in her community. On her head was a straw, wide-brimmed hat. On top of the hat was attached an umbrella with a little less than a half-foot handle. She wore multi-colored socks and a blue-jean dress; the length of which almost touched the top of her white tennis shoes. Her lips moved as she read from the Bible.

Driving by, that was the first time I saw her. I wasn't a Christian then. I

thought her to be a crazy woman.

This scene repeated itself throughout the three years that I worked in the area. I returned to that job some fifteen years later, and sure enough there she was: walking; reading; talking to the Bible as she read it.

By this time I had become a Christian, and I viewed her as a devout woman.

A couple of years later, a local newspaper article reported that, eyes looking down into her Bible, she stepped out in front of a car and into

eternity.

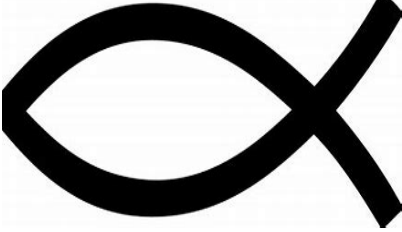
She was known in the community as the Bible Lady. Newspaper interviews with those who knew her, told not only of her love for God, but of her willingness and eagerness to tell others of God's love for them. During her daily walk, it turns out that a particular delight for her was to listen to and give godly counsel to the young students on her route as they waited for their school bus.

The students loved her; the neighbors loved her; and I found myself

loving her though I never met her.

But I plan to remedy that when I get to heaven. The Bible Lady will be one of the first ones I'll search for.

Many will be shocked by Gregory's book, The Three Angels' Message. It ID's Antichrist and the "mark of the beast," and the role both are playing today in the end-time issue of worship. The book's biblical & historical proof can't be denied. Get more info now at <http://www.tinyurl.com/6pk3pyq>



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 Tuesday of the month
2:00-5:00 p.m.

Where: 117 N Main (Old School Board Office)

Why: To provide food assistance to those in need.

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

Do you need assistance outside distribution hours?

Please call 620-770-9507 for immediate food assistance needs. This institution is an equal opportunity provider.

Giving Opportunities in our Community

4C Day Care Leave a donation with the Methodist Church.

West Kingman County Education Foundation
Use your Dillon's Card! (to donate contact Janet DeWeese 620-298-2717)

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

Cunningham Museum (to donate contact Alan Albers or Mike McGovney)

Cunningham Public Library (to donate, contact Kerri Steffen)

Cunningham EMS (to donate, contact Monte Rose or Kathy Albers)

Catholic Churches



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

St. Leo
Saturday 5:30 p.m.
Father Daryl Befort 316-706-1627

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

St. Peter Willowdale
Sunday 10 a.m.
620-246-5370

Lutheran Churches



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

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

Pastor vacancy until further notice.

First Christian Church Cunningham

Sunday School 9:15 a.m.
Morning Worship 10:45 a.m.
Sunday Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.
Jr High Youth Group 4:00 p.m. Sunday
Sr High Youth Group 7:30 p.m. Sunday
Wednesday Prayer Service 7:00 p.m.
Pastor Mike McGovney 620-770-9507

United Methodist Church



Penalosa
Worship 9:15 a.m.
Pastor Mathew Ndambuki Musyoki 620-298-2090

Cunningham
Worship 10:45 a.m.

Church of Christ



Penalosa
Sunday 11:00 a.m.

Zenda Methodist Church

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

YEARS AGO IN

The Cunningham Clipper

W. A. Bradley / William Bradley

1955

September 29, 1955 - The members of the Christian Church of Cunningham, are busily making preparations for the celebration of their Golden Anniversary of the erection of the present church building in this city. The present building was dedicated in 1905.

The anniversary celebration will be held on Sunday, October 9, with Sunday School at 10:00 o'clock, worship services at 10:45 o'clock, and a basket dinner at noon, after which a special afternoon program will be presented at 2:00 o'clock. Rev. Raymond Baldwin of Topeka, Executive Secretary of the Kansas Christian Missionary Society, will deliver the sermon during the worship services that morning.

All present and past members, and anyone ever associated with the church are cordially invited to attend this fiftieth anniversary celebration.

1960

September 29, 1960 - 1959 Census of Agriculture, conducted in Kingman County last fall, counted 1,134 farms according to a preliminary report just issued by the Bureau of the Census, United States Department of Commerce.

Total land in farms was 543,220 acres, making the average size, 479 acres, and the average value (land and buildings), \$55,920.

Of the county's farm operators, 290 owned their farms, 467 owned part of the land and rented additional acreage, and 375 were tenant farmers.

The average age of farm operators in the county was 49.2 years, and there are 168 farm operators over 65 years of age. Of the 1,134 farms in the county, 1,001 were commercial farms.

Detailed statistics on crops, livestock, equipment, etc., are presented in the preliminary report, with comparable statistics for 1954. Copies of the county report may be obtained for 10 cents each from the Bureau of the Census, Washington D.C.

1965

September 30, 1965 - The Cunningham Wildcats will play their annual homecoming football game here tomorrow night (Friday, Oct. 1) against Sylvia.

The crowning of the homecoming football queen will be held at half-time of the game. The candidates for queen are Pat Baber, Dee Ann Scripsick, and Teresa Rose.

A dance for the high school students, alumni, and friends will be held in the high school recreation room following the game.

Farmers in the Cunningham community have started sowing the 1966 wheat crop this week after being delayed by rain and wet fields last week.

Windy weather was the "order of the week" and that order has been filled, but not without a bit of concern and considerable dust.

Charles Ratcliiff reports the situation has been "down-right embarrassing" when your pulling the drill and the dust is blowing so bad you can't see and you drive into a mud-hole.

1970

October 1, 1970 - Manhattan, Kans.-Three Veterinary medicine students at Kansas State University, Duane Schnittker, Martin Hoffman, and Larry Snyder, will exhibit a Keeshond dog, a boarding case, to be on display at the Veterinary Medicine Open

House, October 2 and 3, at the university in Manhattan.

The open house is held every year to demonstrate to the public the training received by students in veterinary medicine in order that they may qualify for entrance into the veterinary profession.

Duane, son of Mr. and Mrs. Norman Schnittker of Cunningham, is a graduate of Cunningham High School. Martin, a graduate of Sawyer High School, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Lester Hoffman of Sawyer. Larry, son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas A. Snyder of Coats, is a graduate of Coats High School.

YEARS AGO IN

The Cunningham Clipper

Publisher: Charles G. Barnes

Editor: Rex Zimmerman

Reporter: Marie Ann Mantooth

1975

Sept. 25, 1975 – The Student Council is having a raffle for cakes on every home game before homecoming. This is one way in which they are able to raise money for the band at the homecoming dance.

Mrs. Kay Parsons and her daughter, Mrs. Ruby Eck, were winners at the horse division at the Hutchinson State Fair last week.

Mrs. Parsons and Mrs. Eck both showed horses in the Mare and Foal Division and received a 1st place trophy.

Mr. and Mrs. Delmar Hodgkinson, Debbie, Connie and Darren, and Mrs. W. R. Singleton were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Robert D. Gordy and Legion in Wichita.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Mantooth of Denver, Colorado, were Saturday overnight guests of his brother, Mr. and Mrs. Dean Mantooth and family.

The Second Grade Class is reading the story of Curious George. When the story is completed they will enjoy the film of this story.

The first fourth grader to celebrate a birthday this school term is Terry Alley. She was ten years old on Sept. 24.

Water color paintings done in fall colors were painted in Art Class this week.

Students received their first order of Arrow Book Club paperback

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Editor:Vickie Lohmann

Reporter: Florine Kampling

1980

Sept. 25, 1980 – With a final score of Cunningham, 37 -Sharon, 0, the Wildcats evened the season record at a 1 and 1. After a very disappointing loss the week before the Cats came back and handed Sharon a thorough defeat.

The varsity unity spent almost the whole second half on the sideline while the B team gained valuable game experience. – by Warren Meireis

Eighty Kansas high school bands including Cunningham High School are to participate in the 1980 Band Day at Kansas State University, Saturday,

September 27.

Nancy Kerschen and Paula Fitzsimmons of Cunningham have enrolled as freshmen for the fall 1980 semester at Kansas Newman College, Wichita.

Notice to Preschoolers: Ruth Eck and Karen Eck will hold a story hour starting Oct. 10 from 9:15 to 10 a.m. for children three years old and over.

The Alan Albers family are proud to announce the birth of a new son and brother, Jonathan James, born on Sept. 9, at Kingman Hospital. He weighd 6 lbs., 10 ozs.

Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Merton Foley of Cheverly, Md., and Mr. and Mrs. John Albers of Cunningham. Great-grandmother is Mrs. William Hageman, Kingman.

Debra Diann Hodgkinson Green of RR 2 in Cunningham has been hired as an accounts receivable clerk in Dallas, Texas by Darr Caterpillar, according to Emporia State University director of placement, Virginia Musgrave. She was graduated from Emporia State in December 1979 with a B.S.B degree.

1985

September 26, 1985 – Richard and Bonita (Thornhill) O'Rorke of Salina, would like to announce the arrival of their daughter Shari Mariah. Shari was born on Sept. 11, 1985 and weighted 7lb. 2 oz.

Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Dallas Thornhill of Cunningham and Mr. and Mrs. James O'Rorke of Salina. Great-grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. John Hrabe of Plainville, Eva Christman of Stockton, Mr. and Mrs. Evan Thornhill and Mr. and Mrs. John Heflin of Cunningham.

Fort Hays State University has awarded Master's Degrees to 98 students completing requirements during the summer. Among students earning master's degrees at Fort Hays State is Stephen Gregory Miller with M.S. Education Administration.

Curt Kitson, who has won the Smoky Hills Mens Club Championship of Golf ws able to add another feather to his cap when he won the Smoky Hill Invitational at the Country in Hays.

He captured the title with a three over par score on Sunday. He had a 74 added to the Saturday score of one under seventy for a total of 144, which was four strokes better than second place tie of 148.

Kitson also served as the director of the event which draws players from Wichita, Great Bend and Kansas City as well as other areas.

Wide receiver Greg Hageman caught three touchdown passes from Quarterback Matt Oller to give Cunningham a 39-6 victory over South Haven at Cunningham, last Friday night.

Cunningham, ranked No. 4 in eight man division 1, never was threated as the Oller-Hageman connection connected on a 8-yard touchdown in the first quarter.

In the second quarter Cunningham scored three touchdowns to blow the game wide open at 27-0 at half. Oller first hit Ryan Ruckle on a 10-yard scoring pass, then he combined with Hageman for the other two, a 35-yarder and a 40-yarder.

Oller in the third quarter scored on a one-yard run for the only scoring in that period. The reserve quarterback threw a three-yard pass to Tom Theis to round out the soring for Cunningham.

True Crime – Call Northside 777

“As you from crimes would pardoned be, Let your indulgence set me free.”

William Shakespeare

The Tempest – Act 5

The annals of true crime are filled with interesting stories. Sometimes these stories provide the seed for cinema. I recently stumbled onto one of these stories. It is too compelling not to share.

In 1948 famed Hollywood legend Jimmy Stewart was featured in the movie Call Northside 777. The movie relates a true story. Presented in a semi-documentary style, with frequent narration, much of the movie was filmed on the north side of Chicago using actual locations where the events in real life took place. This movie falls into the category of Film Noir (French for dark film – a cinematic style used in crime dramas of the 1940s-1950s, often

shot in black and white). This movie is worth watching (you can find it on YouTube). Here is the backstory...

On October 10, 1944, an ad appeared in the classified section of the Chicago Times. It read – “\$5,000 reward for killers of Officer Bundy on Dec. 9, 1932. Call GRO-1758, 12-7 p.m.” The ad was placed by a Mrs. Tillie Majczek, whose son Joe Majczek, along with his friend Ted Marcinkiewicz, had been convicted of the crime and was serving a 99-year sentence in the Illinois State Penitentiary. Believing her son innocent, Mrs. Majczek toiled nightly scrubbing floors, saving \$5,000 reward money after working 11 years in hopes of solving the crime and freeing her son.

The actual murder that triggered the events in this story took place inside a delicatessen located at 4312 S. Ashland Avenue during an attempted robbery in December of 1932. Chicago police officer

William D. Lundy was shot by two intruders as he tried to stop the robbery. The state's key witness, Mrs. Vera Walush, owner of the deli, was operating an illegal speakeasy on the premises (a speakeasy was an illicit establishment selling liquor during prohibition).

Eleven years later, the ad placed by Mrs. Majczek caught the eyes of two veteran reporters at the Chicago Times newspaper and out of curiosity they started digging...and writing.

In the movie, as is normal in film, creative license was taken with certain details added and names changed. And the phone number from the

ad, which became the title of the movie, was changed to Northside 777. Note – Before the 1950s, phone numbers were preceded by letters indicating the telephone exchange serving a particular area. Full words were used to help customers remember the telephone exchange name. Later exchange names were dropped as U.S. phone systems switched to area codes and all-number calling.

Among the troubling details real-life reporters Jack McPhaul and James McGuire dug up (in the movie Jimmy Stewart plays their role as reporter P.J. McNeal) was the fact that Vera Walush

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had originally told the police she could not identify the holdup men. Joe Majczek, on probation at the time for a robbery committed when he was a juvenile that netted him \$2, had been placed in a police line-up. Twice Vera Walush had failed to pick him out as a suspect.

Later, Vera Walush suddenly remembered that one of the killers was Ted Marcinkiewicz, a regular at her deli and friend of Joe Majczek. It was noted that she had only identified the two men as the killers after the police threatened to arrest her for bootlegging if she couldn't identify any suspects. To save herself, Vera lied under oath.

The reporters also learned that a detective involved in the case informed the presiding judge during the trial that Joe and Ted had been framed. The judge pledged to push for a new trial, but was advised that if he did this, his political career would come to an end.

It is believed that

these two innocent men had been convicted after city leaders, fearful that violence was tarnishing Chicago's image and causing political damage, decided to "do something." Six murders had been committed in the city the week Officer Lundy was killed. Homicide was a growing problem in Chicago.

When the truth came out, Majczek's story was splashed across the pages of daily newspapers everywhere. And after all the evidence was presented to the Illinois Department of Corrections, Governor Dwight H. Green granted Majczek a full pardon. On August 14, 1945, Joe Majczek walked out of prison a free man. Five years later, his friend Ted Marcinkiewicz was freed as well, after the courts decided he had been denied a fair trial.

This is a fascinating story, and a great movie. Make some popcorn and enjoy...

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JH FB Wildcats Defeat Skyline

On Thursday, September 18, 2025, the Cunningham Jr. High football team traveled to Pratt to take on the Skyline Thunderbirds in HOPL action and came away with a 36-18 victory.

Both teams got off to slow starts offensively, but the Wildcats defense would force an interception by Landen Hageman late in the first quarter which would later turn into a 14 yard touchdown pass from Casyn Miller to Brody Halderson, Landon Green would convert the PAT to make the first quarter score 8-0. Skyline, however, would answer the Cunningham touchdown on their next possession with a long run, their PAT failed, 8-6 Cunningham.

The Wildcats would march down the field on their next possession and Green would cap it off with a two-yard touchdown run, a Miller to Cooper Neufeld pass converted the PAT and the Wildcats led 16-6. CJH would get the ball back late in the first half hoping to add to their lead when Skyline would intercept a pass around mid-field and took it all the way back for a touchdown to make the halftime score 16-12.

Landon Green would add two more touchdowns in the third quarter on runs from 11 yards and 13 yards to extend the lead to 28-12 after three quarters. Skyline would cut the Wildcat lead to 28-18 early in the fourth quarter, but Green would again answer, this time with his fourth touchdown on a 2 yard run, a Miller to Halderson pass would convert the PAT to bring the final score to 36-18. The win put the season record to 3-0.

-Coach Bart Ricke



Lady Cats In Action Against South Barber and Fairfield



photos by Molly Morgan

Sage Thimesch

Cross Counrty Wildcats at St. John Meet

The Wildcats runners ran at the St. John meet today. They all ran with a lot of determination and 5 of the runners came away with season best times! 6th grader Colton Zwierzychowski got 52nd out of 96 runners with a time of 7:39 in the 7th grade mile. In the high school JV 5K (64 runners) Sophomore Hank Adams was 11th in 23:17, Freshman Larry Heatherman was 20th in 24:15, and freshman Kane Reid was 46th in 29:15. The varsity 5k had 93 runners. Freshman Newt Heatherman was 32nd in 20:09, Sophomore Will Halderson was 41st in 20:32, Junior Blake Swope was 43rd in 20:44, and senior Sean Kostner was 81st in 22:59. Way to go Wildcats!!

-Coach Ingrid Ricke



Senior Night For Volleyball Team

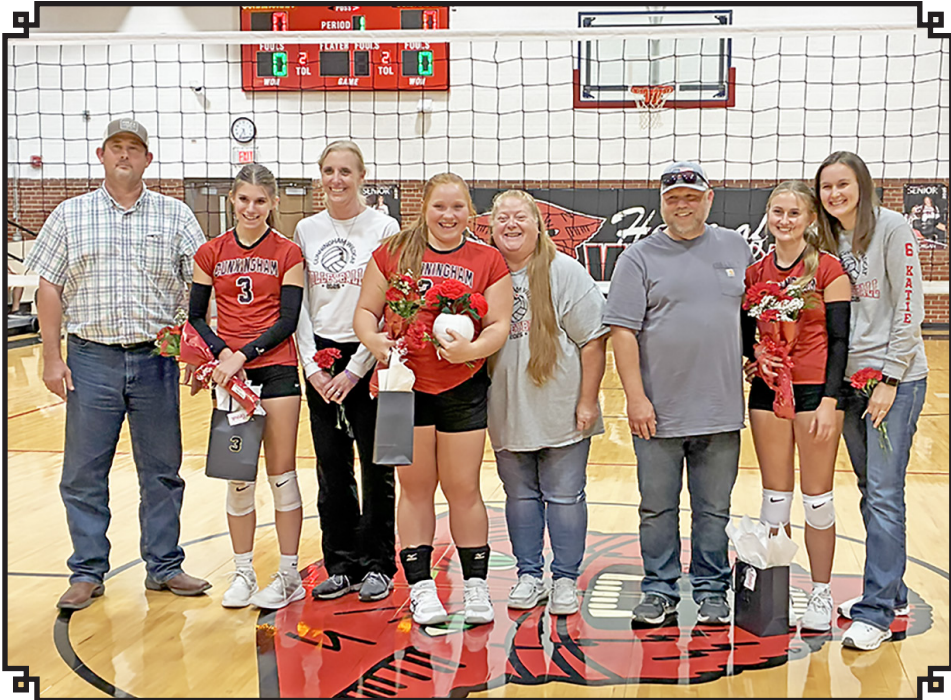


Morgan Oldham



Macy Neufeld

OOPS!



Darrel Hageman, Grace Hageman, and Gwen Pritchard
Kyra Morgan and Molly Morgan
Tony Ogg, Emily Ogg, and Aimee Ogg



These two ladies were misidentified in last week's paper. They are NOT junior high players. Grace Hageman, on the left, and Emily Ogg, on the right are both seniors this year.



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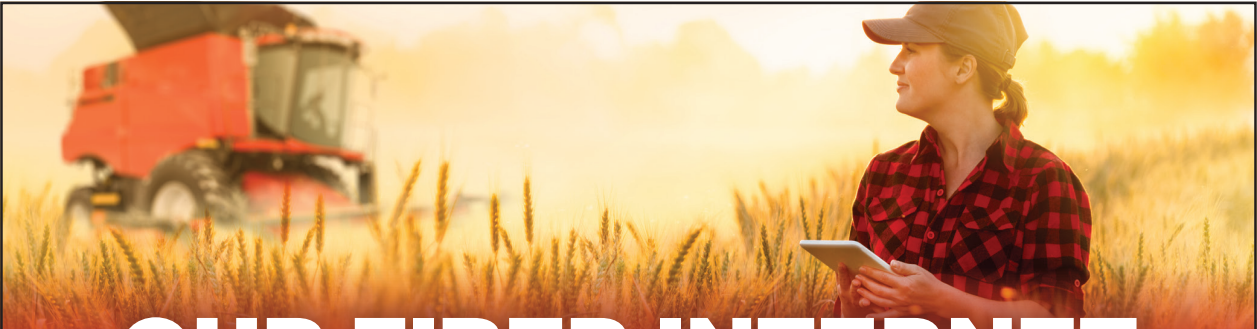
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Sunday, September 14	
Traffic Stops	2
Civil Paper Service	1
Non-Injury Accident	NE 20 St & E Hwy 54, Kingman
Traffic Complaint	400 Blk E Leiter Ave, Cunningham
Unlock Vehicle	4700 Blk NE 10 St, Kingman
Animal Complaint	1500 N Main St, Kingman
Non-Injury Accident	SW 90 Ave & SW 60 St, Kingman
Agency Assist / Disturbance	KMPD 400 Blk E F Ave, Kigman

Monday, September 15	
Traffic Stops	1
Civil Paper Service	1
Check Welfare	4500 Blk SE 60 Ave, Murdock
Miscellaneous	120 N Spruce St, Kingman
Transport Civilian	120 N Spruce St, Kingman
Accidental 911 Dial	7600 Blk SW 40 Ave, Cunningham
Follow Up	120 N Spruce St, Kingman
Fraud	300 Blk N Dresden St, Cunningham
Miscellaneous	300 Blk N Vail St, Spivey
Miscellaneous / Trash Dump	7500 Blk SE 60 Ave, Rago
Disturbance	9900 Blk NE 10 St, Murdock

Tuesday, September 16	
Traffic Stops	1
Civil Paper Service	2
Agency Assist / Miscellaneous	KMPD 800 Blk N Spruce St, Kingman
Traffic Complaint	17000 Blk NW 40 St, Cunningham
Miscellaneous	W Sherman Ave & N Lincoln St, Kingman
Traffic Complaint	2800 Blk W Hwy 54, Kingman

Wednesday, September 17	
Civil Paper Service	3
Non-Injury Accident	SE 30 St & SE 160 Ave, Cheney
Transport Inmate	120 N Spruce St, Kingman

Transport Inmate	120 N Spruce St, Kingman
Miscellaneous	1100 E Hwy 54, Kingman
Accidental 911 Dial	1200 E Hwy 54, Kingman
Non-Injury Accident	3000 Blk E Hwy 42, Rago
Thursday, September 18	
Miscellaneous	120 N Spruce St, Kingman
Civil Matter	120 N Spruce St, Kingman
Animal Complaint	NE 170 Ave & E Hwy 54, Kingman
Disabled Vehicle	5000 Blk E Hwy 54, Kingman
Traffic Complaint	11000 Blk W Hwy 54, Cunningham
Follow Up	120 N Spruce St, Kingman
Follow Up	13000 Blk SE 30 Ave, Rago
Theft	12000 Blk SE 40 Ave, Rago
Suspicious Activity	300 Blk E 1st St, Cunningham
Miscellaneous	15000 Blk NE Paint Pony Trl, Cheney
Injury Accident	2900 Blk SE Murdock Ave, Murdock

Friday, September 19	
Traffic Stops	7
Civil Paper Service	12
Non-Injury Accident	Main St & E 3rd Ave, Cunningham
Abandoned Vehicle	E Hwy 54 & NE 40 Ave, Kingman
Transport Inmate	120 N Spruce St, Kingman
Agency Assist / KHP	7000 Blk E Hwy 54, Kingman
Agency Assist / Medical	4500 lk SE 60 Ave, Murdock
Traffic Controll	N Main St & W D Ave, Kingman
Suspicious Person	100 Blk S Main St, Kingman
Animal Complaint	S Hwy 14 & SE 20 St, Kingman

Saturday, September 20	
Traffic Stops	12
Medical	4500 Blk SE 60 Ave, Murdock
Abandoned Vehicle	15000 Blk NE 50 St, Cheney
Debris in Roadway	18000 Blk W Hwy 54, Cunningham
Non-Injury Accident	2200 Blk N Chariton St, Kingman
Agency Assist / KHP / Arrest	1200 Blk E Hwy 54, Kingman

Pratt County Commission Minutes

The Pratt County Commissioners met in regular session Monday, September 8, 2025, at 2:00 p.m. in the Commissioner Room, pt floor of the Courthouse. The following members were present: Thomas W. Jones III, Rick Shriver, Morgan Trinkle, Tyson Eisenhower, County Counselor, Cescha Hoffman, County Clerk and Mark Graber, IT Director.

Economic Development Update -Heather Morgan

PAEDC Update
Heather reported PAEDC is currently working on setting up a meeting for the taxing entities to come together to discuss a Neighborhood Revitalization plan. One member per board will attend.

Western Kansas Economic Development Alliance Meeting

Heather attended the meeting in Colby, topics discussed included Neighborhood Revitalization program and the legality of entire counties being designated revitalization areas. A new local government caucus is being formed to address economic development and property tax issues at the state level. They also discussed the use of state programs for business growth and work-force issues. Concerns were raised about the Rural Opportunity Zones (ROZ) Program, noting officials from the eastern part of the state might not understand the benefits of retaining critical personnel in western Kansas.

Water Task Force Update

Data Centers and their potential impact on western Kansas water supply may be an issue. The co-chair of the Water Task Force, clarified that their primary focus is on water quantity, not just quality,

in Western Kansas.

Redistricting

There is discussion on potential redistricting due to population decline. A report from a contractor in Garden City, using cell phone data, suggested that only two western Kansas counties had lost population, implying a significant census undercount.

Soil Conservation & Pratt Extension Office Budget Approval

Motion to approve the Pratt Soil Conservation Budget including \$25,000 in county appropriations made by Commissioner Shriver; seconded by Commissioner Trinkle; motion carried 3-0.

Motion to approve the Pratt Extension Office Budget including \$224,766 in county appropriations made by Commissioner Trinkle; seconded by Commissioner Shriver; motion carried 3-0.

Acres Strong Consideration

Oleg Albga, founder

of Acres Strong, introduced his company as a consultant and advisory firm representing counties in renewable energy matters. The board did not make an immediate decision but expressed interest in the company’s services.

Executive Session - Non-Elected Personnel

Motion to move to executive session under the Non-Elected Personnel exception to the Kansas Open Meetings Act to discuss work comp with Brian Atteberry for 10 minutes at 2:27 p.m. made by Commissioner Shriver; seconded by Commissioner Trinkle; motion passed 3-0.

Commissioner returned from executive session at 2:37 p.m. with no action taken.

Appraiser Special Equipment Request

DJ McMurry, Appraiser, requested permission to get bids for a new vehicle to replace the aging 2001 Dodge with high mileage to be

paid out of the Special Equipment Fund. The board agreed to allow DJ to get multiple bids for a new vehicle, including a trade-in value for the old one if possible.

Appointment of

Representative for Southwest Kansas Area Agency on Aging

Motion to appoint Jan Blasi as a representative for the Southwest Kansas

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 - Pick up, as in a criminal
 - Z, NATO phonetic alphabet
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 - Foul substance
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 - Indira Gandhi’s dress
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 - Sheltered nook
 - Gross National Product
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 - *Iron
 - Fortune teller’s card
 - Anger

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 - Common allergens
 - Tale-spinning brother
 - Prosecco cocktail
 - Position of leadership
 - George Gershwin’s brother
 - Village People’s “___ Man”
 - Island near Java
 - Stead
 - Reproductive cell
 - Kind of nurse
 - The Beatles’ “I Am the ___”
 - Throat lobe
 - “Lend me your ___”
 - Glucose+fructose
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 - Small European freshwater fish
 - Pasta wheat
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 - Forever and a day
 - Dance with leis
 - Join companies
 - Old European coins

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- Encroachment
- Victory hand gesture
- Life force, in Sanskrit
- Type of shark
- Aphrodite’s son
- Broadway recognition
- Greek salad ingredient
- Not mint
- This over matter?
- *Sn, element in bronze
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Attitudes for the Best Possible Experience

Jackie Mundt, Pratt County farmer and rancher

Earlier this month, I traveled to South Africa with the American Farm Bureau’s Partners in Advocacy Leadership program. Our group has been exploring labor challenges in agriculture, and South Africa offered valuable perspective. The country is a major provider of H-2A guest workers, who fill critical labor gaps on U.S. farms and harvest crews.

Alongside labor is-

sues, we learned about South Africa’s agriculture, trade, geography, natural resources, government and culture. We were fortunate to have an exceptional guide, Manuela, who brought our trip to life. In fact, when I posted a photo of her online, a friend commented that she had also been his guide during a Kansas State University trip more than a decade ago — a small reminder of the close ties within agriculture.

One lesson I’ve learned from traveling, both near and far, is a good guide makes all the difference. Manuela, who has lived in South Africa most of her life, offered not just knowledge but also passion for her country, flaws and all. Her decades of experience gave

us insights we would have missed on our own.

Still, even a great guide can’t control everything. When we visited Kruger National Park, luck and timing played their part. Within minutes of entering, we saw elephants and a zebra. Over the next eight hours, we encountered giraffes, lions, cape buffalo, hippos, kudu, baboons, waterbuck and even a leopard. None of us had been to the park before, but we recognized that this was no ordinary day.

Our group’s excitement turned playful as we joked about what else was on our “bingo cards.” It felt almost as if we were willing each new sighting into reality. At day’s end, Manuela confirmed our experience had been extraor-

dinary — even for her. She explained that in her decades of guiding, she had rarely seen such abundance in a single visit.

Manuela went further, suggesting that our group’s positive energy helped shape the day. She contrasted our attitudes with those of groups she described as entitled, rude or negative. Those groups, she said, often encounter endless problems: uncooperative weather, vehicle breakdowns or the inability to spot even common animals.

By contrast, she attributed our success to our respectful, grateful and upbeat spirit. Her words struck a chord. We became even more intentional about being the best group we could

be — and the magic continued. We saw wildlife up close, connected with people who shared powerful personal stories, stumbled into unexpected discoveries and even had weather that seemed to turn favorable just when we needed it.

As a farmer, I know our attitudes didn’t change the weather. But I also know from experience that mindset matters. Looking back at different moments in my life, I can see how energy — positive or negative — often sets the tone for outcomes.

Of course, optimism doesn’t guarantee perfection. Crops fail, machinery breaks and plans unravel despite the best intentions. Yet when we approach challenges with gratitude and resilience,

we’re better equipped to notice opportunities, appreciate small victories, and turn setbacks into stories worth telling.

Traveling in South Africa reinforced this simple truth: attitude shapes experience. Believing you’ll meet inspiring people, witness unforgettable moments and learn something new won’t make it certain — but it makes it far more likely. And when that belief spreads through a group, the results can feel nothing short of extraordinary.

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News from Kansas Farm Bureau



Wheat Scoop: East African Delegation Explores U.S. Wheat Advantage in Kansas

Popping a kernel of wheat in your mouth for a quick chew to test quality is almost instinctive, whether you are a Kansas farmer or the leader of a major East African conglomerate. Exploring a shared emphasis on wheat quality, as well as exploring the U.S grain production, handling and marketing systems, was the goal of a Tanzanian trade delegation that traveled to Kansas earlier this week.

The team was organized by U.S. Wheat Associates (USW) with support from Kansas

Wheat. Team members included two members of the Bakhresa Group, a diversified, family-owned and operated business in East Africa that operates in agro-processing, food and beverages, packaging, logistics, media, marine transport and more. Bakhresa is the largest grain milling company in East Africa with operations in nine countries, including Tanzania, Kenya, Uganda, Malawi, Mozambique, Zambia, Rwanda, Burundi, Zimbabwe and South Africa.

After starting their mission in South Dakota, the team traveled to Kansas and visited the USDA Federal Grain Inspection Service (FGIS), the Kansas Wheat Innovation Center, and the IGP Institute. They also met with grain suppliers, handlers and exporters. The team aimed to gather firsthand information on U.S. wheat

production and to gain a deeper understanding of the U.S. grain marketing system.

East Africa relies on imports of wheat to produce a wide range of daily bread products, from traditional mandazi, a fried bread eaten for breakfast, to newly introduced products like instant noodles. Russia has historically supplied more than 50% of imports; however, companies like Bakhresa are exploring ways to diversify their suppliers.

The team went to Justin Knopf’s machine shop near Gypsum to discuss everything from tractors to the dynamics of working in a family-owned business. For Knopf, a fifth-generation farmer who works alongside his father and brother, connecting with customers not too far removed from himself in the grain supply chain gave him goosebumps.

“The relationships between U.S. farmers and these gentlemen running a family business providing flour and baked goods in East Africa are significant to me,” Knopf said. “It’s meaningful to know that they probably have very similar conversations on a day-to-day basis as my brother, dad and I have. Even though it’s a different type of business, the conversations and the values are the same.”

Of course, the Bakhresa team members eagerly reached into the bucket of U.S. hard red winter (HRW) wheat Knopf had ready, even chewing a kernel or two, and noting the wheat’s premium quality.

“They were very pleased with the wheat sample from my field and my farm,” Knopf said. “That’s very reaffirming, and it gives me more motivation and inspiration for that mindset of con-

tinuous improvement. We are making sure that we are producing this type of product that when a team like this visits our farm, they want to pop it in their mouth and sample it.”

That positive impression carried through to an immediate sale. At the end of their visit to Kansas, Bakhresa purchased 5,000 metric tons (MT) (nearly 184,000 bushels) of U.S. hard red winter (HRW) for use in their Durban, South Africa mill.

From Kansas, the team will continue on to visit export facilities in Houston before attending an international baking exposition in Nevada. The Bakhresa leaders will return home having gained valuable insights into U.S. wheat quality, production and marketing systems, which will foster new connections and future business partnerships. For farmers like

Knopf, missions like this one underscore the importance of considering the needs of international customers when making decisions on his farm.

“I am grateful because I learn something every time that we host a trade team or international visitors on our farm,” Knopf said. “I like to hear about what’s on their mind, what’s important in their business and their values, because that matters to me.”

“The team members were very knowledgeable, incredibly intelligent and asked great questions. They are the type of people that I would like to learn from and do business with.”

Learn more about USW’s work to support international trade at uswheat.org.



Pratt County Commission Minutes

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Area Agency on Aging made by Commissioner Trinkle; seconded by Commissioner Shriver; motion passed 3-0.

Courthouse Maintenance

A revised quote from Anderson Wildlife Solutions for pigeon control was presented.

Motion to approve an additional \$3,500 for cleaning, inspecting and sealing made by Commissioner Shriver; seconded by Commissioner Trinkle; motion carried 3-0.

Lake Request

Motion to hire Simpson Dirt Construction to deliver eight semi-loads of riprap to place on eroded areas around the lake in the amount of \$4,896 made by Commissioner Shriver; seconded by Commissioner Trinkle; motion carried 3-0.

Executive Session -Attorney-Client

Motion to move to executive session under

the Attorney-Client exception to the Kansas Open Meetings Act to discuss the Revitalization Program and NextEra solar project for 10 minutes at 2:54 p.m. made by Commissioner Shriver; seconded by Commissioner Trinkle; motion carried 3-0.

Pratt County Commission Minutes

Commissioner returned to regular session at 3:04 p.m. with no action taken.

Approval of Minutes

Minutes from the September 2, 2025 meeting were unanimously approved.

Approval of Vouchers

Vouchers from September 8, 2025 were unanimously approved.

Meeting adjourned at 3:12 p.m.

The Pratt County Commissioners met in regular session Monday, September 15, 2025, at 2:00 pm in the Commissioner Room, 1st floor of the Courthouse. The following members

were present: Thomas W. Jones III, Rick Shriver, Morgan Trinkle, Tyson Eisenhauer, County Counselor, Cescha Hoffman, County Clerk and Mark Graber, IT Director.

Economic Development Update -Heather Morgan

Kansas Corporation Commission (KCC) Meeting

Heather reported she will be attending in person and hoping for a resolution on the pending Sawyer gas line issue. A zoom option is available for other attendees as well.

Pratt Area Economic Development (PAEDC) Update

A meeting is scheduled for Wednesday to discuss a new housing reimbursement program. Heather is providing input on the program structure. The plan is for a pool of funds to provide a percentage of reimbursement for new housing or living units. Developers must complete at least two units to be eligible for reimbursement.

Love Kansas Program

Heather will be submitting a quarterly report for the Love Kansas Program, as the county is required to continue promoting it at least once per quarter, even though their direct activities for the program are concluded.

Courthouse Roof Discussion

Jacob Andrews, commercial sales manager for Coryell, along with representatives Cody Womack and Jace Garrett, provided an overview of their company and assessment of the courthouse roof. The roof received a grading of "F", which signifies the roof has reached the end of its service life. They recommend a full tear-off and provided a rough estimate of around \$28 per square foot. Jacob will send the commissioners the Duralast contact information who can provide project specifications which can be provided at no cost to the county.

Noxious Weed Update

Jon Roach, Noxious Weed reported he is having issues with the Diesel Truck. The constant low-speed driving required for spraying weeds leads

to carbon buildup, causing parts to fail. He expressed concerns for future repairs that will not be covered by warranty.

Hospital Rent Credit Discussion

Kevin Cowen, from Gilmore and Bell presented information for a proposal to use sales tax collected as credit toward Pratt Regional Medical Centers rent due to the hospital's current financial status. The sales tax is overperforming for the bond payments and the bonds are projected to be retired three years early.

Mtion to approve Resolution 09-15-2025, which authorizes the application of certain sales tax proceeds to the payment of certain outstanding public building commissioning revenue bonds and thereby affect a rent credit for Pratt Reginal Medical Center made by Commissioner Shriver; seconded by Commissioner Jones; motion carried 3-0.

Executive Session -Attorney-Client

Motion to move to executive session under the Attorney-Client excep-

tion to the Kansas Open Meetings Act to discuss the KOOL Safety Audit with Mark Graber for 20 minutes at 3:23 p.m. made by Commissioner Trinkle; seconded by Commissioner Jones; motion passed 3-0.

Commissioner returned to regular session at 3:43 p.m. with no action taken.

Motion to move to executive session under the Attorney-Client exception to the KOMA to discuss the KOOL Safety Audit with Mark Graber for 20 minutes at 3:45 p.m. made by Commissioner Shriver; seconded by Commissioner Trinkle; motion carried 3-0.

Commissioners returned to regular session at 4:05 p.m. with no action taken.

Approval of Minutes

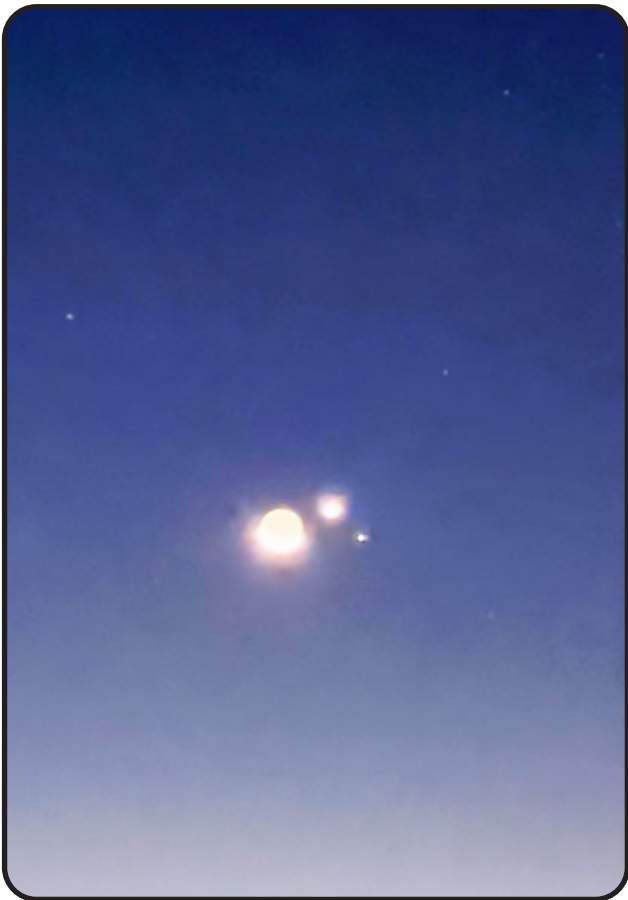
Commissioners unanimously approved the minutes of September 8, 2025

Approval of Vouchers

Commissioners unanimously approved the vouchers from September 15, 2025.

Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 4:16 p.m.



The Moon, Venus, and Regulus

Two readers sent this photo in.

I usually pay attention to celestial events. I don't rush outside all hours of the night to see them, but I usually keep up on the happenings. I missed this one.

SO.

I did a bit of research (love the internet for this type of thing).

This is what Forbes magazine had to say:

"Skywatchers will be treated to one of the year's most spectacular astronomical sights on the morning of Friday, Sept. 19, 2025, during a rare conjunction of the moon, Venus and bright star Regulus. The three celestial bodies will appear to be within a degree of each other, forming an almost perfect straight-line alignment for some and a tight triangle for others, depending on location."

Thanks for sending the photo, Josh Theis and the other guy.



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Help Wanted

The City of Turon is looking for a part-time sub-clerk, if interested please call 620-497-6443.

Public Notice

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IN THE THIRTIETH JUDICIAL DISTRICT

DISTRICT COURT, KINGMAN COUNTY, KANSAS

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF

PATRICIA L. BASE, Deceased

CASE NO. KM-2025-PR-000041 (Petition Pursuant to K.S.A. Chapter 59)

NOTICE OF HEARING

THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:

You are notified that a Petition has been filed in this Court by Charlie L. Base, heir of Patricia L. Base, deceased, requesting:

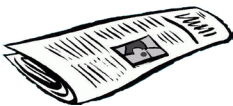
Descent be determined of the following described real estate situated in Kingman County, Kansas:

Lots 29 and 31 on Cedar Street, in Jones' Addition

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

You are required to file your written defenses to the Petition on or before October 16, 2025, at 10:00 a.m. in the Kingman County District Court, Kingman County, Kansas, at which time and place the cause will be heard. Should you fail to file your written defenses, judgment and decree will be entered in due course upon the Petition.

Charlie L. Base, Petitioner
STEPHENSON LAW OFFICE LLC
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INVITATION TO BID

TAKE NOTICE, that the current agricultural leases in the following described tracts will expire March 1, 2026. You are invited to submit a sealed bid on cash rent basis by October 15, 2025, at 12:00 noon to:

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The tracts are available as follows:

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2. A tract of land in Section 16, Township 27 South, Range 13 West of the 6th P.M., Pratt County, Kansas. The area which lies to the South of the Northwest/Southeast runway of the Pratt Regional Airport, containing 180 acres, more or less.

Lease term will be for five (5) years on a cash rent basis.

The irrigation system and motor is owned by current tenant and may be contacted at (620)546-3225 or duane_june@hotmail.com

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IN THE THIRTIETH JUDICIAL DISTRICT

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF KINGMAN COUNTY, KANSAS

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF

PHYLLIS L. BLACKER, DECEASED.

Case No. KM-2025-PR-000039

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:

You are hereby notified that on September 10, 2025, a petition was filed in this Court by Kelli McCormick and Kyla Eller, heirs, devisees and legatees, and a co-executors named in the “Last Will and Testament of Phyllis L. Blacker,” deceased, dated October 2, 2017, requesting the will filed with the petition be admitted to probate and record; petitioners be appointed as co-executors, without bond; and petitioners be granted Letters Testamentary.

You are required to file your written defense to the petition on or before October 9, 2025, at 11:00 a.m. in the District Court, Kingman, Kingman County, Kansas, at which time and place the cause will be heard. Should you fail to file your written defenses, 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 (4) 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.

Kelli McCormick, Petitioner
Kyla Eller, Petitioner

Mandi J. Stephenson, #24694
Stephenson Law Office LLC
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Attorney for Petitioners

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IN THE THIRTIETH JUDICIAL DISTRICT

DISTRICT COURT OF KINGMAN COUNTY, KANSAS

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF:

JOSEPH D. BAILEY, Deceased.

CASE NO. KM-2025-PR-37

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

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL

You are hereby notified that on August 29, 2025, a Petition for Issuance of Letters of Administration was filed in this Court by Christopher Franz.

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.

Christopher Franz, Petitioner
Matthew W. Ricke
Ricke & Ritcha Law Office
349 N. Main, PO Box 113
Kingman, KS 67068
Attorney for Petitioner

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IN THE THIRTIETH JUDICIAL DISTRICT

DISTRICT COURT OF KINGMAN COUNTY, KANSAS

IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION OF

XAVIER CURTIS STEPHENS, by and through his next friend, AMANDA M. MIZE, his parent/guardian,

To Change Name to:

XAVIER CURTIS SEIWERT

Case No. KM-2025-CV-28

NOTICE OF HEARING

THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL WHO ARE OR MAY BE CONCERNED:

You are hereby notified that XAVIER CURTIS STEPHENS, filed a Petition in the above court on the 3rd day of September, 2025, requesting a judgment and order changing his name from Xavier Curtis Stephens to Xavier Curtis Seiwert.

The Petition will be heard in Kingman County District Court, 130 N. Spruce St., Kingman, Kansas, on the 3rd day of December, 2025, at 11:00 a.m.

If you have any objection to the requested name change, you are required to file a responsive pleading on or before 3rd day of December, 2025 in this court or appear at the hearing and object to the requested name change. If you fail to act, judgment and order will be entered upon the Petition as requested by Petitioner.

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Vince Lubbers

Vincent S. Lubbers, 81, died Sept. 17, 2025 at the Kingman Community Hospital.

He was born Oct. 21, 1943, the son of Ed and Aurelia Blasi Lubbers. A longtime resident of Kingman, he was a stockman.

Vince was a member of the St. Patrick Catholic Church and Knights of Columbus, both of Kingman; and American Murray-Grey Association.

Survivors include two sons Mark and Brian; brothers Randy and Edward; and 3 grandchildren. He was preceded in death by brothers Dennis, Larry, Reynold, Raymond and Kenneth; and sister Dolores Neal.

Parish rosary will be 7:00 p.m., Wednesday, Oct. 1, 2025 at the Livingston Funeral Home, Kingman. Mass of Christian Burial will be 10:30 a.m., Thursday, Oct. 2, 2025 at the St. Patrick Catholic Church, Kingman. Burial will be in the Walnut Hill Cemetery.

Memorials may be made with the St. Patrick Grade School and mail to the Livingston Funeral Home, 1830 N. Main, Kingman KS 67068.



James Kerschen

James John Kerschen, age 91, passed away Monday, September 22, 2025 surrounded by his family.

James was born to Nicholas and Johanna (Geiger) Kerschen on May 12, 1934.

James and Mary Sylvia Ayers were married August 10, 1963 at Our Lady of Fatima Church in Modesto, CA.

James was a retired brick mason and farmer. He was a member of the Secular Franciscan Order (OFS) since 1961, for which he served as minister for many years.

James is preceded in death by his parents, brother Eugene, and brother in-law John Wilhite.

He is survived by: wife Mary Sylvia (Ayers) Kerschen; brother and sisters: Corene Wilhite of Eufaula, OK, Robert (Jeanette) of Cunningham, and Verna (Ken) Papotta of Simi Valley, CA; children, Tom (Karen) of Cunningham, Margaret (Dan) Taylor-Smith of Grove, OK, John (Blanca) of Commerce City, CO, Denise (Joe) Richey of Colwich, Steve (Charo) of Wichita, Rita of Colwich, Niel (Laura) of Andover, David (Tina) of Lee's Summit, MO, Helene (Dana) Rausch of Shawnee; many beloved grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

The Rosary/Vigil will be at 5 p.m., Sunday, September 28 and the Funeral Mass will be at 10:30am, Monday, September 29 BOTH at St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church, Clonmel. In lieu of flowers, Memorials: St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church – Building Fund, 18630 W. 71st St. S, Viola, KS 67149 OR Monastery of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel and St. Joseph, 631 Griffin Pond Road, S. Abington Twp, PA 18411.

There will be a Secular Franciscan Order wake service following the Rosary.

LaVon Smart

Bertha LaVon Smart, 91 passed away September 20, 2025, at Parkwood Village in Pratt. LaVon was born March 16, 1934, on a farm near Trousdale, in Edwards County Kansas. Daughter of Oathel and Bertha (Brown) Monaghan.

LaVon graduated from Trousdale High School in 1952 where she played basketball and was a cheerleader. She was a lifetime resident of Trousdale, Sawyer and Pratt communities.

On December 13, 1975, LaVon married Gene Smart, a farmer, of Sawyer. Gene & LaVon enjoyed square dancing as Gene would call the dances. Gene and LaVon retired from farming in 1990 and moved to Pratt. Gene passed away January 7, 1992. After Gene's death LaVon did more volunteering and took up her cross-stitch, making many items for family and friends. She loved to ride horses she was a member of the Pratt Saddle Club and would host trail rides and hot dog roasts on the old Monaghan farm on the Rattlesnake Creek.

LaVon was able to take numerous trips throughout the United States with family and friends. Memorable trips were to Shell Knob, Missouri with Sister-in-law Norene to see her aunt Gladys Hendricks and they would enjoy the sights and sounds of Branson. LaVon was interested in her family heritage, she even traveled to Ireland to see where the Monaghan ancestors were from.

LaVon worked at the 1st National Bank in Pratt. She enjoyed her position as the drive thru teller. She retired in 2003 after 45 years. LaVon enjoyed her volunteer work. She did at Pratt Regional Medical Center auxiliary, RSVP, Red Cross Bloodmobile and South Wind Hospice thrift Shop. LaVon enjoyed her nieces & nephews. She traveled to many many horseshows, ballgames and other activities they were involved in.

LaVon is preceded in death by her parents; husband, Gene; brother, LeRoy Monaghan; and sister-in-law, Norene Monaghan.

LaVon is survived by 3 Step Children; Jim (Cynthia) Smart, Helen (Lynn) McLaughlin, Marjorie(Abe) Lobdell;

2 Nephews, Glenn (Ronda) Monaghan and Marvin Monaghan; Niece, Cheryl (Keith) Brown; 6 Great nieces, Glenna (Nyle) Reinert, Kyla (Devon) McDonald, Jessica (Gary) Petty, Randa (Ryan) Nett, Tracy (Ben) Wheaton and Jolene Monaghan; 3 Great Nephews, Damon (Chelsea) Brown, Colter (Sydney) Brown, and Jared Monaghan; 7 Great-Great Nieces; Kaleigh and Whitley Reinert, Annabelle and Emmalyn Nett, Gracen and Ada Petty and Josephine Brown; 8 Great-Great Nephews; Creighton, Boone, Bodie and Booker McDonald, Luke and Eli Petty, Thatcher Nett and Milo Brown.

Visitation will be Wednesday, September 24, 2025 from 9:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m. with family present 5-7 at Larrison Mortuary. A funeral service will be held at 10:00 a.m., Thursday, September 25, 2025 at Larrison Mortuary, 300 Country Club Road, Pratt, with Pastor Teresa Wynn presiding. Interment will follow at Fellsburg Cemetery. Memorials may be made to Pratt Regional Medical Center Auxiliary, Lemon Park Christmas Lights or donors Choice.



Joann Fowler

Joann Margaret Fowler, 88, passed away September 16, 2025 at Hilltop Manor. She was born February 27, 1937 in Wichita to Clarence and Ruby (Fowler) Matthews. Joann married Jerry Fowler in 1972 in Miami, Oklahoma. They were married for 36 years. He proceeded her in death on January 20, 2009.

Joann was a member of the Catholic church, and would regularly volunteer behind the scenes for anything she participated in. She was a jack of all trades, helping where she could to anyone in need. She enjoyed painting, writing, sewing, baking, especially cinnamon rolls, being a seamstress, grapho analyst, making clay sculptures and playing piano. She was a true artist and could do anything with her hands.

She is survived by her children, Vicki (Sam) White of Hutchinson, Kansas, Cindy Fowler of Pratt, Kansas and Terry Fowler of Ropesville, Texas; grandchildren, Trasa Fowler, Jessica (Levi) Mandrell, Jennifer (Brad) Spicer, Julie Fowler, and Drew Haerle; great-grandchildren, Jonathan Fowler, Jace Fowler, Ella Spicer and River Haerle.

Joann is preceded in death by her parents; husband, Jerry Fowler; infant son, Lance Fowler; and sister, Barbara Claussen.

Cremation has taken place. A Memorial service will be held at a later date.

Memorials may be made to UNICEF or Paralyzed Veterans Association and mailed to Larrison Mortuary, 300 Country Club Road, Pratt, Kansas. 67124 Online condolences may be made at www.larrisonmortuary.com.



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