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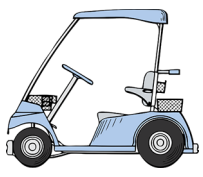
Kingman County Commission Meeting was not held this week due to the Labor Day Holiday

Just a Reminder of Golf Cart Usage



Published in the Cunningham Courier , The Official City Paper, June 28, 2012 IN THE CUNNINGHAM COURIER, **ORDINANCE NO. 630**

Ordinance amending adoption of Section 114.4 of the standard traffic ordinance adopted by the City of Cunningham, Kansas; and authorizing operation of golf carts on the streets within the city limits of the city of Cunningham Kansas

Be it ordained by the governing body of the city of Cunningham, Kansas:

WHEREAS, on the 25th day of June, 2012, it was resolved by the Governing Body of the City of Cunningham, Kansas, to amend Section 114.4 of the Standard Traffic Ordinance of the City of Cunningham, Kansas.

Section 1: Adoption of Section 114.4 of the Standard Traffic Ordinance is hereby repealed and operation of golf carts within the City of Cunningham, Kansas, is authorized.

Section 2: Operation of Golf Carts

Golf carts may be operated upon the public highways, streets, roads and alleys within the corporate limits of the city; provided, however, that no golf cart may be operated upon any public highway, street, road and alley with a posted speed limit in excess of 30 miles per hour. No golf cart shall be operated on any interstate highway, federal highway or state highway; provided, however, that the provisions of this subsection shall not prohibit a golf cart from crossing a federal or state highway with a posted speed limit greater than 30 miles per hour.

No golf cart shall be operated on any public highway, street, road or alley between sunset and sunrise.

Every person operating a golf cart on the public highways, streets, roads and alleys of the city shall be subject to all of the duties applicable to a driver of a vehicle imposed by law.

No person shall operate a golf cart on any public highway, street, road or alley within the corporate limits of the city unless such person is 17 years of age or older. Violation of this section is punishable by a fine of not more than $1,000 or by imprisonment for not more than six months or by both such fine and imprisonment.

"Golf cart" means a motor vehicle that has not less than three wheels in contact with the ground, an unladen weight of not more than 1,800 pounds, is designed to be operated at not more than 25 miles per hour and is designed to carry not more than six persons, including the driver.

It shall be illegal for any person to operate a golf cart on any public highway, street, road or alley with more passengers than the golf cart is designed to seat.

It shall be illegal to operate a golf carts vehicle on any public highway, street, road or alley within the corporate limits of the city unless such vehicle displays a slow moving vehicle emblem on the rear of the vehicle.

Section 3: All other provisions and sections of the Standard Traffic Ordinance are not affected by this ordinance.

Section 3: This ordinance shall be published once in the official city paper of the City of Cunningham, Kansas, and shall become effective upon publication.

Approved and passed by the Governing Body of the City of Cunningham, Kansas, this 25th day of June, 2012.

Governing Body of the City of Cunningham
By Roberta Kobbe, Mayor
Attest:
David SteffenCity Clerk

Board of Education Will Hold Three Meetings

Wednesday, September 15, 2021
6:40 p.m.

AGENDA
Call to Order
Approval of Agenda (AI)
Guest Recognition
Review of Mills in excess of Revenue Neutral Rate
Adjournment

Wednesday, September 15, 2021
6:50 p.m.

AGENDA
Call to Order
Approval of Agenda (AI)
Guest Recognition
Budget hearing.
Adjournment

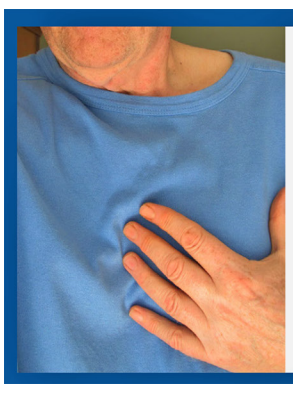
Wednesday, September 15, 2021
7:00 p.m.

AGENDA
Call to Order
Approval of Agenda (AI)
Guest Recognition
Approval of the minutes of the August 9, 2021 regular meeting. (AI)
Approval of financial reports and payment of bills (AI)
Randy Ford- Audit Report
Reports
Superintendent report – Robert Reed
Start of school
Enrollment
Special Ed report – Joyce Gridley
Principal report- Cody Dunlap
Executive Session for Nonelected personnel.
Old Business
Bond Project
New Business (AI)
Resolution to Exceed the Revenue Neutral Rate
Adopt the Budget for 2021-2022
Approve Site council list for 2021-2022 school year.
Other
Adjournment

Sphinx Moth on a morning glory vine.
photo by Kim Balding

"Fear can make a moth seem the size of a bull elephant."
— Stephen Richards, Releasing You from Fear

"I have a little brown cocoon of an idea that may possibly expand into a magnificent moth of fulfilment…"
— L.M. Montgomery, Anne's House of Dreams



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Thursday, Sept. 9th
JH VB vs. Fairfield/ Stafford at HOME
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JH FB vs Fairfield/ Stafford at HOME

Friday, September 10th
HS Football at Western Plains/Ransom

Saturday, Sept. 11th
10:00 a.m. HS Cross Country at Skyline
****
7:00 p.m.
'Growing Economic Development
(contact Kerri at Cunningham Public Library for more information)

Monday, Sept. 13th
7:00 p.m
Induction ceremony for National Honor Society

Tuesday, Sept. 14th
8:00 a,m, - 12:00 a.m.
Jostens and Balfour meetings for Sophomores and Seniors
****
HS VB at Fairfield with South Barber

Wednesday , Sept. 15th
7:00 p.m Board of Eduction Meeting

Thursday, Sept. 2nd
3:00 p.m.
JH VB at Argonia with Attica
*****
4:00 p.m.
HS Cross Country at St. John
***
6:00 p.m.
JH FB at Argonia

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

620-532-3061
Mon. : 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.
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.
Satu. : 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Pratt Public Library

Mon. - Thurs.
10:00 - 7:00
Friday: 10:00 - 6:00
Saturday: 10:00 - 2:00
Closed on Sundays
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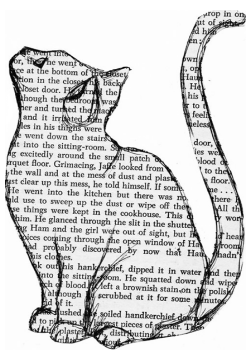


Meanderings

Anyone who knows me, knows I am a messy-desk person. I can't keep a desk neat and organized to save my soul. Maybe if I tell all my readers how ridiculously messy this area is, it will motivate to get it 'together'.

Every day I tell myself I am going to get my desk cleaned off and organized and dusted… Well, maybe not EVERY day, but frequent days. As I look at this mess: six books (five of them I've read) two calendars, a couple of city directories, folders of books lists, pens and ruler and letter openers, box used for stamps and address labels, and many, many assorted papers, a five dollar bill stuck under a paperweight, a couple of newspapers (not the Courier), my wallet, some envelopes, sticky notes with bits of reminders on them (no doubt I'll forget the reminders and forget what I needed to be reminded about.) oops! The instruction booklet for the camera that I sent with Molly today, assuring her all bits and parts were in the case.

Behind my chair is another desk. A rolltop desk. It, too, is a mess. I could just close the rolltop and hide the sins of that desk, but then I'd have to keep lifting it to find things I can't find on my 'master' desk. On that desk are six books. Two I will read at some point (Phillip Margolin and Jeffrey Deaver) One I will mail to Alexandra in Washington, two I will mail to Dann in Connecticut, one I just received in the mail this morning from Natalie in California. (I do love swapping books with readers around the country.) And one, I have no idea why it is on the desk, but if I move it, I will forget where I put it when I finally get around to remembering why it is there… If you are old enough, you will understand that last statement.

Also on the 'behind me desk' are some mailers that books arrived in via USPS and I've not yet gotten around to stacking them up and putting them in the closet where I keep such items for swapping books. There is also a box of Christmas cards….I don't know why. I guess probably I'm just too lazy to take them downstairs and put them in a box of Christmas items. There are my birthday cards, still displayed (my birthday was over a month ago).

FYI: I'm not yet motivated.

Why don't I apply myself and get the desk cleaned off, you may ask…

I have to confess that the literary part of my brain has moved to Three Pines, Quebec. I am there in my mind constantly. When I feel I've earned a bit of a break, or I think my eyes are getting a bit tired, I sneak back to my bedroom and spend a few minutes reading about this little town and its inhabitants just a few miles outside Montreal.

That sounds pretty lame, I know. After all, my desk has needed to be cleaned off for weeks now. Months, maybe. But it just seems that when I might find the motivation to clear it of all its detritus, I have to 'move' to a new location in my world of books, and once I have moved, I become absorbed in the lives of the characters and events. I mean I just left New York, and was anticipating Quebec… who can get a desk organized with all that pressure?

In Louise Penny's fictional world of Three Pines, there resides, part-time, one Chief Inspector Armand Gamache and his Surete team – second in command, Jean Guy Beauvoir; and Yvette Nichol, she has appeared in both books, although she is a woman with some issues. I am like Inspector Gamache, I don't trust her. And then there is newcomer Robert Lemieux… something is up with him, I believe.

Three Pines is a quaint little town. The folks all know each other and find all occasions to visit and dine and drink together. In these first two books there are a few deaths. I hope the author is careful with who she kills off in the coming books. At this time she has written 17 novels about this small berg. (the last one came out the latter part of August) If she kills off too many characters, there won't be anyone left living in the town.

Suddenly I am just really tired and I need to get this paper 'put to bed'. They are awaiting it up there in Hutchinson, so I am just abruptly ending my meanderings.

Don't forget Zenda Book Club starts next Monday at the Public Library. Take a book to share.

Always reading,
and currently reading,
"The Cruelest Month"
by Louise Penny,
Roberta

"But you want murderous feelings? Hang around librarians," confided Gamache. "All that silence. Gives them ideas."

— Louise Penny, A Rule Against Murder

"The leaves had fallen from the trees and lay crisp and crackling beneath his feet. Picking one up he marveled, not for the first time, at the perfection of nature where leaves were most beautiful at the very end of their lives."

— Louise Penny, The Brutal Telling

My Breast Cancer Experience Part 4

By Beth Blasi 2021

Before the end of 2020, the November elections were a mess but we had a new President. Covid vaccines that were being developed during the year (with huge support from the out-going president) looked very promising, and might actually be approved and available before the end of the year. My husband and I typically have not taken the annual flu shot. This year, we decided we should probably get it, so that if we did get sick, we should be able to rule out having the flu. In November, we decided to get our flu shots at Dillions. Alas, the person that gave me my shot, seemed to really hit a muscle in my left arm (felt it in my opposite toe!). While I waited for my husband to get his flu and pneumonia shots, I wasn't feeling so well. With my fainting "needle" experiences earlier in the year (I think my body developed a fear of needles!!), I fainted once again when we started walking around. Arrggh! So now, I'm definitely on "faint" watch with any shots! (By the way, my husband says the pneumonia shot did make his arm hurt for a couple days).

Fateful 2021 – Jan thru March – Finally, the pandemic year of 2020 was over and we get to start a new year! Covid Vaccines are available. Since I deliver meals to the elderly and my husband runs an "essential" business, we were both able to get the two Moderna vaccine shots at the Health Department by the end of February. I was nervous about the "needle" but I didn't faint – hurray! I chose to have these shots in the right arm since the flu shot in my left arm was troublesome. The first shot was fine but the second one did cause my arm to hurt and I did feel pretty uncomfortable overnight and the next day (my hubby had no reactions). Covid Vaccinations done, we journeyed to Missouri to celebrate our granddaughter's second birthday in March. We were ready for a little trip – we had just gone through the two-week deep-freeze of below freezing temperatures and it looked like spring was finally coming!

Again, I scheduled my annual exams. I try to schedule my Primary Care and Mammogram appointments on the same day. Lab work gets done and gets sent to my Cardiologist. I was able to make my Primary Care and Cardiologist appointments but was told to delay my mammogram until 5-6 weeks after the last Covid vaccine shot. Seems the vaccine was causing some things to show up on the mammograms. Lab work all fine, Cardiologist visit all fine. Mammogram set up for April 1 – April Fool's Day.

2021- April Mammogram - April Fool on me! I had my regular mammogram at my original location on April 1. A couple days later, I got the call that they found a lump in my right breast. An appointment was made for additional diagnostic mammography at the other location. Of course, now that they told me I had a lump, it was quite easy to feel that lump on the arm-pit side of my breast – so much for hoping this was only a phantom Covid lump – and so much for failing to do my own breast exam. It was a little tender and I remember thinking after the initial mammogram that my breasts seemed to ache a little more. I'm guessing it squished the lump and made it mad. I also tried to take comfort in the fact that my mammogram last year showed nothing. But, that also meant the lump grew within the last year!

Biopsy - The mammogram tests were similar to the papilloma lump from the previous year. Squish them, verify there's a lump and review the characteristics of the lump, do a sonogram, do a biopsy, insert a clip – thank God there was no dye in the duct on this one! Only the discussion before the biopsy was a little more somber stating that this was a fairly solid mass, etc. I really don't remember the whole discussion/description other than the sinking feeling this was probably cancer. Good news though, the couple sonograms also took a look at lymph nodes in my armpits, and those all appeared to be clear. The "gun" biopsy tool was used again (4 samples this time) and another "clip" inserted. Now I had to wait on the pathology report, see my bruised breast, feel and try to ignore the now obvious lump, and try not to worry about anything until I had the result (like that worked). I took several deep breaths, told myself that if it was cancer, I wasn't the first one to go through this but hoping that it would just be benign. In the back of my mind, I always knew it was a matter of time considering my family history – My paternal grandmother died of either ovarian cancer or melanoma in her 20's. My dad had melanoma in his 30's, prostate cancer in his 70's, and died of lung cancer in his 70's. His sister and half-sister had survived breast cancer in their 60/70's and that same half-sister died several years later from lung cancer. I also had a paternal cousin that has survived colon cancer. My mom's family is pretty cancer free – so at least that's in my favor.

Next Week – Diagnosis

Consider This...

By Mike Johnson

"Are You Playing The Right Instrument?"

I've long since forgiven Mrs. O'Brien.

As the sixth grade orchestra teacher, it was her job to recruit a full complement of string instrument players for the Cedar Manor Elementary School Orchestra.

And a fine job she was doing too, with the exception of cello. Try as she might, each one-on-one conference with the 12-year-old students in our class left her with yet another violinist. A few had chosen viola. Two of the cooler kids had picked bass. By the time she got to me, she was desperately twisting arms for cello.

I went down like a music stand pushed into an orchestra pit.

Never mind that the instrument was taller than I was. Never mind that I was a "walker" and would have to carry the thing nine blocks home and back every weekend. The only thing that mattered was I hadn't yet decided which instrument I wanted to play and Mrs. O'Brien was going to help me make the choice.

Cedar Manor got their cellist.

Six years later, after hating the instrument for all but the first five minutes, I finally hung up my last rosined bow.

Had I given the matter any thought, I would've chosen guitar or banjo or even harmonica. Something that was more portable, with a wider range of entertainment possibilities. Something I would use my entire life. But with the passage of each year, it was harder and harder to quit that cello. All that time invested! You don't want to waste all that time you've already spent do you?

Looking back on it now, Mrs. O'Brien looks pretty darn self-centered pushing a four foot kid into a five foot instrument. She had me by authority, by age, by experience, and by size.

But even so, knowing what I wanted would've been the only defense I'd have needed to prevent accepting what I didn't want. Knowing nothing, I took anything. And hung on.

She may have severely miscast me in my string assignment. And she certainly failed in her efforts to make me an accomplished cellist. But she did succeed famously in an area she'd never intended.

Six years of dragging that cello around helped crystallize knowledge that was useful for the rest of my life: If we're not clearly focused on our own goals, we're easy prey for others eager to recruit us for theirs.

Years later, it's easy to recognize Mrs. O'Briens everywhere. They're in employers. In friends. In family. They may mean well when they push us to do this and that, but anyone who pushes isn't really interested in what we want. They're using us to get what they want.

And when we find ourselves face to face with them, we have but one defense - (short of hitting them with a cello) and that's having a clear vision of what WE want. Once we've tuned our ear to that melody, the Mrs. O'Briens lose their power over us.

25 years later, it turns out that Mrs. O'Brien did succeed with her music lessons. Not through offering an instrument - but by becoming one. She became the instrument through which I would learn one of life's greatest truths: The only music worth playing is the music that plays in our hearts.

Everything else is just a cello.

IDA: Red Cross Response as Thousands Seek Shelter

Hurricane Ida made landfall on the Gulf Coast of Louisiana on Sunday as an extremely dangerous Category 4 storm, lashing Louisiana and Mississippi with drenching rains, relentless winds and a massive storm surge. The American Red Cross is there, working side-by-side with our partners to provide shelter and comfort for people in need.

Many communities that are still recovering from the devastation of hurricanes Laura and Delta a year ago are now facing flooded homes yet again and another lengthy recovery effort. Experts point to climate change as being partially responsible for the rapid strengthening that Ida underwent before making landfall.

The Red Cross has more than 350 trained volunteers on the ground, 15 of those from the Kansas Oklahoma Region. One of those is Brittney Rochell, Kansas Oklahoma Region communications director.

"Red Cross is already on the ground, helping those affected by the storms and starting the property assessments," said Rochell. "We know from past experience this response will be a marathon and not a sprint. I'm just grateful we're here to help those like Mildred and her mother."

Mildred Collins, from Slidell, drove to Lottie, Louisiana to pick up her 95-year-old mother Maud Smith so they could ride out the hurricane together. Mother and daughter came to the Red Cross Evacuation Center at FG Clark Activity Center - Southern University Campus, Baton Rouge, Louisana. Mildred said she wanted to make sure her mother was safe, so they decided to come to the center where the Red Cross provided her with a cot, blankets, comfort supplies and snacks. Mildred said they plan to go home after the storm passes but are so thankful to the Red Cross for providing a safe place to go. She said she has had such a pleasant time and appreciates the positivity of the Red Cross team members during this scary time.

Sunday night, more than 2,500 people, like Collins and her mother, sought refuge in some 60 Red Cross and community shelters across Louisiana, Mississippi, and Texas. The number of people seeking shelter could increase in the coming days as power outages continue and people leave homes that are too damaged to stay in.

It will be days before we know the full scope of the damage that Ida left behind. For the Red Cross, our work is just beginning. We will be working side-by-side with our partners to help people in need for weeks and months to come.

Ida isn't done yet. More serious flooding, damaging winds and dangerous storm surges will continue today. Many areas previously under hurricane warnings remain under tropical storm warnings. As Ida heads northeast, states all the way to the mid-Atlantic region can expect heavy rain and possible flash flooding this week. People in those states should finalize their storm preparations now.

More emergency supplies will be moving into the region as the weather improves and roads are reopened. In the coming days, dozens of Red Cross emergency response vehicles will begin bringing food and relief supplies to people across the region.

The Red Cross also pre-positioned blood products ahead of the storm and stocked many of our hospitals in the areas potentially impacted to help ensure patients have continued access to lifesaving blood transfusions.

YOU CAN HELP people affected by Hurricane Ida by visiting redcross.org, calling 1-800-RED CROSS, or texting the word IDA to 90999 to make a $10 donation. Your gift is a commitment to helping people in need, and every single donation matters. Financial donations enable the Red Cross to prepare for, respond to and help people recover from this disaster.

The Red Cross also urges individuals in unaffected areas of the country to make an appointment to give blood to ensure a sufficient blood supply remains available for patients. Schedule a blood or platelet donation appointment by using the Red Cross Blood Donor app, visiting RedCrossBlood.org or calling 1-800-RED CROSS (800-733- 2767

Catholic Churches

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

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

St. Leo
Saturday 5:30 p.m.

St. Peter Willowdale
Sunday 10:00 a.m.

Father Roger Lumbre
620-243-5451
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
620-656-7431
Sunday School & Bible Class
9:15 a.m.
Worship Service
10:30 a.m.

Our worship service is found on the YouTube channel at:
https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCCrenCH12I9nmpcojCFyYLA

Pastor Dennis Fangmeyer
Cell: 620-886-0911

Church of Christ

Penalosa
Sunday 11:00 a.m.

First Christian Church

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

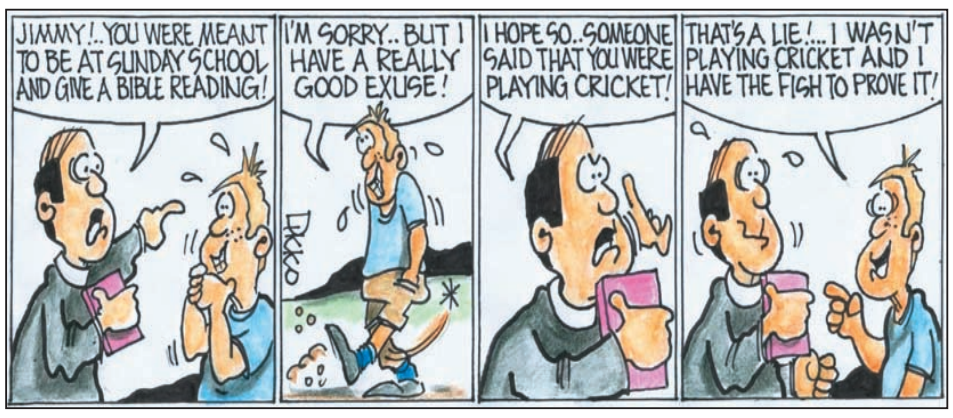
United Methodist Church

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 Ken Keeling
620-491-0680



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West Kingman County Education Foundation
Use your Dillon's Card! Shop smile.amazon.com
(Janet DeWeese 620-298-2717)
Hands of Hope (contact Fitzsimmons Insurance or any church)
Cunningham Alumni Scholarship Fund
(send checks to the West Kingman County Education Foundation)
Cunningham Community Center (leave donation at the bank)
Lions' Club (leave your old eyeglasses at the bank)
Cunningham Museum (to donate contact Donna Glenn)

Cunningham Hands of Hope, Inc.

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

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

What: Food

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

Where: 117 N Main (Old School Board Office)

Why: To provide food assistance to those in need.

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

Do you need assistance outside distribution hours?

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

50 For 50: Jessica Smith - Wichita Southeast

By Brad Hallier

In the spring of 1999, Jessica Smith hopped on a bus and headed west.

Then a freshman soccer player at Wichita Southeast, Smith was something of a myth around Kansas high school soccer.

It was the dawn of the digital age, but before social media as the world knows it now. For example, Facebook wouldn't be invented for five more years, YouTube for six more years, and recruiting service Hudl for seven more years.

Unless teams played against Smith, or coaches happened to see her while scouting, few people away from Wichita knew much about Smith.

At the time, Adam Hunter was a young soccer coach, leading the newly-launched Dodge City High School girls soccer team. Southeast was coming to town for a game, and although Hunter had heard about Smith, he had a wait-and-see approach.

"It was my first year coaching high school, in the spring of '99, and Jessica was a freshman, but I heard from some people that there was this kid at Southeast High School named Jessica Smith who was a pretty good player," said Hunter, who is now the head women's soccer coach at Butler Community College. "Southeast didn't have a soccer pedigree. They had some good boys' teams, but they were never excellent in girls soccer. So I thought, 'It's Southeast. How good could this freshman kid be?'

"They get there, and first of all, she's bigger than most of her teammates. She looks the part, with the way she had her uniform on, she had her wrists taped up, and I thought OK. The game gets going, and the next thing I know the game is over. It's 5-0, and this Jessica Smith kid scored all five goals."

Those were five of the 128 high school goals Smith - now the head women's soccer coach at the University of Missouri-Kansas City - scored during her four years at Southeast. At the time of her graduation, Smith's mark was a state record.

Smith had been turning heads on the soccer field long before her freshman year, however. She played club soccer for Wichita-based Botofogo, for a team that was three years older.

Smith also played for a Derby boys' team. "They didn't like me at first," Smith said with a laugh, referring to playing on a boys' team. "But once they found out I could play soccer and I was good at it, they liked me better. It was a good experience for me, because I had to be a tough player physically, but it was better for me to move over to a female team."

The current club girls' soccer scene in Kansas is robust. Teams from Kansas City, Topeka and Wichita play at regional and national events.

Wichita-area players like Wichita Northwest's Emily Jensen (UMKC) and Abril Lucio (Arkansas Little Rock), Newton's Brookelynn Entz, Keila Gillispie and Kenzi Gillispie (Kansas State), Goddard's Brooke Sullivan (Kansas State), Bishop Carroll's Maguire Sullivan (Kansas State), Wichita East's Brynn Walker (Jackson State), and Kapaun Mount Carmel's Sierra Fury Jessica Smith is now the head coach at UMKC, (Missouri State) now routinely dot NCAA Division 1 rosters. Smith, however, was something of an anomaly when she signed to play at the University of Kansas.

"It's night and day," Smith said when asked to compare the Wichita-area girls' soccer scene now to when she played. "You're seeing a lot more players that you see play a high level of club. What that does (at high schools) is it raises the level of teammates who don't play club soccer. And I'd say the high school experience is getting more competitive. When I played at Southeast, I had three teammates who played club soccer. Coach (Roland) Long would ask me to find players in the hallway, because they're athletic and they would make varsity.

"There's a lot more opportunity and competitiveness in leagues now, specifically in Wichita. When I was growing up there, there were not a ton of players going on to play at the next level. Now, tons of players are going on to play at the next level. There's a desire for women to go on and play at the next level."

Smith continued to blaze trails after leaving Southeast, where she led her team to a pair of regional titles. She was a starter for the Kansas Jayhawks in 2004 when they won their only Big 12 championship.

She later became an assistant coach at her alma mater, and after five years, moved a short distance down I-70 to become an assistant at Kansas State. Now she's at UMKC, where she's in her second season coaching the Kangaroos.

Although Smith may have been just barely ahead of her time as a player, the strides women's soccer has made since she graduated from Southeast have been tremendous.

Colleges from Washburn to Sterling to Garden City to Barclay have women's soccer. The Jayhawks and Wildcats play in their own state-of-the-art, soccer-specific stadiums.

Scores of Wichita-area girls are playing collegiately, at all levels. "So many players have come out in the last 10 years, and they're so much better than I was," Smith said. "Those things make me happy. I have a lot of pride in where I'm from. My soccer experience was growing up in Wichita, and it's really fun to see how many awesome players are coming out now. It's testament to the game growing."

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Evie Prim was having a great deal of fun talking to her companions at the football game. They seemed to be much more entertaining than watching a bunch of young guys run around after a ball.
-the editor

"When we are children we seldom think of the future. This innocence leaves us free to enjoy ourselves as few adults can. The day we fret about the future is the day we leave our childhood behind."
— Patrick Rothfuss, The Name of the Wind

"Children see magic because they look for it."
— Christopher Moore, Lamb: The Gospel According to Biff, Christ's Childhood Pal

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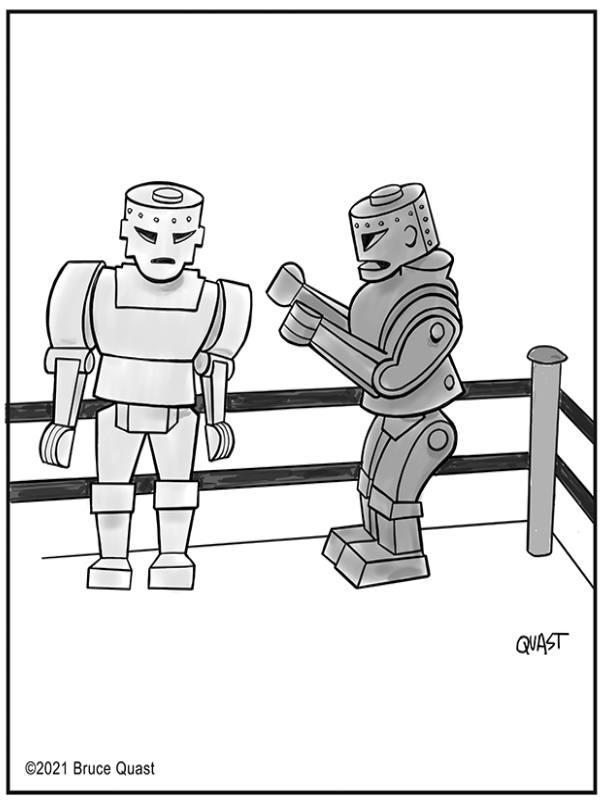
"For in every adult there dwells the child that was, and in every child there lies the adult that will be."
— John Connolly, The Book of Lost Things

"the companions of our childhood always possess a certain power over our minds which hardly any later friend can obtain."
— Mary Shelley, Frankenstein

Comfortably Dumb by Bruce Quast



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1931

September 11-The Alumni Association of Cunningham Rural High School is going to operate a Library in the city. Miss Gertrude Crow will serve as Librarian.

Local Manager Reed Price of the Western Light and Power Corporation, has announced new reduced electric rates for the Cunningham community. The first 25 kilowatts of electricity will cost the consumer $2.50, where it formerly cost $3.20 for 25 kilowatts.

Hamilton Watkins left last Saturday for Des Moines, Ia., where he will attend the National Convention of the Grand Army of the Republic, a reunion of Union soldiers of the Civil War. He is a member of the Fife and Drum Corps.

1936

September 11- The Skelly Oil Company completed their seventh well on the J. M. Ratcliff land this week. The well was good for 15,000,000 cubic feet of gas daily from a total depth of only 2,200 feet.

E. F. Nixon, Cunningham barber, suffered the loss of his left hand when he jumped from a freight train and fell beneath a car. The accident occurred near Salt Lake City, Utah, Tuesday.

The per-gallon price of gasoline has dropped to 10¢ in Cunningham this week.

George Simonson celebrated his 80th birthday, Wednesday. Mr. Simonson has lived in Kansas for 65 years, and established a blacksmith shop in Cunningham in 1889. Prior to that time he served as Postmaster at Olcott and Dresden, when the mail came in by stage coach. He came to Kansas in 1872, and was here when the terrible grasshopper invasion came to the state in 1874.

1941

September 12- Freeman McKenzie, 55, of Lawrence, was the victim of a hit-and-run driver while hitchhiking along the highway west of town last Sunday evening. Sheriff Fred Twyman said the man was killed instantly, and that no leads had been found as to the identity of the hit-and-run driver

1946

September 13- Charley Wetherall, 72, pioneer business man of this city, passed away last Thursday. He was associated with his brother, Mason, in the mercantile business in Cunningham for 35 years prior to 1935, and also owned and operated the first electric light system in the city.

Two generators from the Cunningham Helium Plant have been sold to

Farmington, N. Mex. The helium plant, operated during the war by the United States Bureau of Mines, has been closed down, and equipment is being sold by the War Assets Administration.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Albers announce the birth of a son, Wednesday, September 11.

1951

September 14- The new school lunch room is expected to be ready to serve the first noon hot lunch next Tuesday.

1956

September 13- We were two-thirds wrong in our reporting of the new oil well southeast of town last week. The well is owned by the Barbara Oil Company; and is being drilled on the Fred Doane land, two miles east and three miles south of town, by the Breadmore Drilling Company.

City Clerk Jack Meyers reported that a total of $989.19 was received by the city from the August water bills. Cunningham residents used a record amount of water, 4,824,000 gallons to be exact, during the month period of July 20-August 20.

The annual Community YWCA covered dish supper was held in the City Park, Monday evening, with 40 in attendance. Special guests were the Kayette Club, prospective members, and newcomers to the community.

Table grace was given by Mrs. Dwight Lewis. Following the bountiful supper, Mrs. Carl Johnson gave an effective devotional study, using the Scripture, Matthew 15:24-28, as her theme. Mrs. Albert McGovney, President, conducted a brief business session, and the meeting was adjourned with Mrs. Bill Bradley leading the group in the song, "Now the Day Is Over."

The Community YWCA meets the second Monday evening of each month at 7:30 o'clock, and all women of the community are extended a cordial invitation to visit or join the group at any meeting.

The Cunningham Lions Club held their regular bi-monthly dinner and meeting in the Lodge Hall, Tuesday evening.

Following dinner, the group voted to hold a Pancake Day on Election Day (November 6) in the Lodge Hall. The club plans to serve all the pancakes you can eat for 50¢, with the proceeds to be used towards their project, a lighted ball field.

Hauser's Market
U.S. Good Round Steak Pound 59¢
U.S. Good Loin Steak Pound 49¢
Hills Bros. Coffee Pound 98¢
Shurfine Bacon 2 Pounds 95¢
U. S. Good Beef Roast Pound 39¢

1961

September 14- The Cunningham 4-H Club held their regular monthly meeting in the High School Library, Monday evening, Sept. 4.

New officers were elected for the coming year. They are Norma Greenlee, President; Don Hellar, Vice-President; Mary Cusenbary, Secretary-Treasurer; Carolyn Witt, Reporter; Sue Hellar, Song Leader; Ronald Murphey, Council Member, and Mr. and Mrs. Joe Pelzl, Community Leaders.

Sue and Don Hellar gave project talks "Serving" and "Pigs," and Sherril Hutchison discussed "Safety First In Driving."

George Kampling led the group in the game, "My Grandmother Doesn't Like Tea," after which Mrs. Lloyd Murphey and Ronald served refreshments to 17 members, six leaders, Mr. and Mrs. Pelzl, Mrs. Floren Rose, Mrs. Bill Boyd, Mrs. Albert McGovney, and Dan Cusenbary, and one guest, Mary Kampling.

Coach Joe Battles says his 23-man high school football squad is fast rounding into shape for their opening football game here tomorrow night (Friday) against St. Teresa's High School of Hutchinson.

Expected to start in the game, or see a lot of action are backfield players Roger Krug, Bobby Meyers, and Eugene Huston, and linemen Kenneth Spade, Jerry Strickland, Norman Ellis, Lynn Fitzsimmons, Marshall Swander, David Amick, and Syl Lindemann Jr. Coach Battles says his team is short on beef, maybe the smallest in the Ninnescah League, but should have fair speed from Krug, Meyers, and Huston. Huston scored 36 points last year as a sophomore fullback. Cunningham's offense will rely on passing a lot this year, according to Coach Battles.

The coach expects Alden, Fairfield North, Partridge, and Sylvia to field tough teams in Ninnescah League play this year, with Cunningham being able to "hold their own" against Preston and Fairfield South. The game with Alden is next Friday night at Alden, and Coach Battles lists it as the toughest game of the season. Alden and Cunningham shared the league's football championship last year, each going through the season undefeated and playing each other to a 14-14 tie.

Coach Battles credits the squad with lots of hustle and spirit, but said minor injuries hindered practice during the past week, with Marshall Swander spraining his ankle and Lynn Fitzsimmons spraining a back muscle. Missing from this year's squad is letterman lineman Gene Mertens, out for the season with a leg injury.

The Community YWCA met Monday evening with a covered dish supper In the City Park. The Kayettes and their mothers and the wives of the new teachers were special guests for the evening.

President Mrs. Bill Bradley presided at a brief business meeting, after which Mrs. Merrel Folsum gave the devotions. Mrs. Bradley concluded the meeting with a short resume of the purpose of the YWCA, and invited all women of the community to join the local group, or to attend any of the regular meetings held the second Monday evening of each month at 7:30 o'clock.

1966

September 15- The Cunningham Wildcats will tangle with the Nashville-Zenda Thunderbirds in the opening football game for both teams tomorrow night (Friday).

The game will be played on the Zenda gridiron, and will start at 7:30 o'clock.

A nice crowd attended the "soap scrimmage" of the Wildcats at the football field last Saturday night, when Coach Jim Webster and Assistant Coach Larry Nolte put the 1966 edition of the football Wildcats through the paces.

Coach Webster says his tentative starting lineup includes last year's all-league selection Danny Meyers at quarterback, flanked by running backs Duane Schnittker (all-league choice at end last year) and speedster Jim McCune. The line is anchored by center big Wayne Jarmer, with Frank McClellan and Harold Stark at guards, and Dennis Theis and Tom Schnittker at ends. Coach Webster expects to use the services of Larry Lubbers, Charles Ridge, and John McCune.

It has been reported that Dr. T. L. Waylan and Mrs. Waylan plan to close the hospital portion of the Nashville Hospital, October 1.

Lack of nursing help is reported as driving the decision to close the hospital, but Dr. Waylan intends to continue his regular practice in the hospital building.

The Cunningham Girl Scout Troop held their regular meeting last Wednesday afternoon after school.

New officers were elected for the coming year. The new Cadet Patrol officers are Rogene Cooley, Patrol Leader, and Kathy McCune, Assistant Patrol Leader. The new Junior Patrol officers are Elaine Webster, Patrol Leader, and LeAnn DeWeese, Assistant Patrol Leader.

Vickie Spade was elected Troop Scribe, and Carol Raney was chosen as Troop Treasurer.

Zenda Grade School Coach Fred Garten appears to have another winning softball team this year.

Mr. Garten's Zenda boy's team edged the Willowdale boy's team, 4 to 3, in a game played at Willowdale last Friday afternoon. The victory kept intact the record of Coach Garten of never losing a boy's softball game during the three years he has been teaching and coaching a Zenda.

Zenda's girls team, undefeated and county champions last year, has six starters back this year, and had little trouble with the Willowdale girls in their game, winning by a 19-2 score.

Zenda plays at Cunningham tomorrow afternoon (Friday).

The Cooley and Shelman families gathered in the City Park, Sunday evening, where they enjoyed a picnic supper, and an old-fashioned "song-fest."

Those present were Mr. and Mrs. Sam Henderson of Bay City, Mich.; Mr. and Mrs. Darrell Cooley of Hutchinson; Mr. and Mrs. Ora Anderson, Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Jones, Mrs. Marjorie Evans, and Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Steffen, Becky and Nancy, all of Pratt; Mr. and Mrs. Dale DeWeese of Kingman; Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Freund and daughters, and Mr. and Mrs. Roy Swander of Wichita, and Mr. and Mrs. Waldo Graves, Mr. and Mrs. Everett Swander, Mr. and Mrs. Orville Shelman, Mr. and Mrs. Loren Cooley, Mr. and Mrs. Emil Dostal, Mrs. Ethel Cooper, Roy Cooley, Mr. and Mrs. Waldo Shelman, Mrs. Jim Wilson, Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Cooley and Rodney, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Theis, Dennis, Danny, and David, Bob Cooley, and Mrs. Ruth Cooley, all of Cunningham.

1971

September 9-St. Leo's Circle, Daughters of Isabella, held their regular monthly meeting at the Sacred Heart Hall in Cunningham, Monday evening, Sept. 6. Twenty-one members and one guest, Fr. Eugene Robl, were present.

A film of the Holy Land was presented by Kathy Capell of Pratt.

Refreshments of doughnuts, iced tea, and coffee were served by Mrs. Ed Hageman, Mrs. George Thimmesch, and Mrs. Al Joe Sterneker.

The next meeting will be held at St. Leo, Monday evening, Oct. 4.—Loretta Baker, Scribe.

Enrollment figures in Unified School District No. 332 were released last week by the office of Supt. R. H. Turner, and show a total district enrollment of 570 students.

There are 190 pupils attending the two high schools- Cunningham has 100 students and Nashville-Zenda 90.

Cunningham Grade Schools topped the five elementary attendance centers with 160 pupils- Zenda has 71, St. Leo 59, Willowdale 54, and Nashville 36-for a total of 380 elementary pupils.

The Cunningham boys and Turon girls won championships in the Turon Invitational Grade School Softball Tournament at Turon last Saturday evening.

The Turon girls defeated Abbyville in the finals, 10 to 8 after whipping Arlington in the semi-finals, 16 to 5. Plevna snared third in the girls competition with a 19-9 win over Arlington after losing to Abbyville in the semi-finals, 17 to 7.

The Cunningham boys defeated Arlington in the finals by a 9-1 score after blanking St. Leo in the semi-finals, 17-0. Turon won third place, taking a 13-10 decision from St. Leo in the consolation game. Turon lost to Arlington in the semi-finals, 4-3.

Coach Kenneth Webster will put the 1966 Cunningham High School Wildcats football team on display in an exhibition-practice at the football field, Saturday evening, Sept. 10, at 7:30 o'clock. The public is cordially invited to attend this typical practice to see the team and meet the coaches. Admission is a bar of soap.

Coach Webster reports that 19 boys are out for football this year, and they are practicing hard for their opening game with Nashville-Zenda High School at Zenda next Friday night, Sept. 16. Cunningham will play their first home game against Sharon, Friday night, Sept. 23.

Seven lettermen are on the squad, including two all-league choices from last year's Ninnescah League play, quarterback Danny Meyers and end Duane Schnittker. Other lettermen returning include Charles Ridge, Jim McCune, Frank McClellan, Wayne Jarmer, and Larry Lubbers. Other boys out are Harold Stark, Danny Theis, Monte Rose, Tom Schnittker, John McCune, Charles Lackey, Paul Sallee, Harold Bayer, Curtis Kitson, Eddie Panek, Kenny Reif, and Mike Cunningham.

Come out to see the Wildcats practice on Saturday night, and plan to follow the team through their 1966 season.

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Wildcats Trap Rolla Cougars

Friday Night Lights shined through gray skies and sprinkles for the CHS football opener against the visiting Rolla Pirates. Last year's exciting opener fresh in their minds, this year we started strong, finished stronger and never let them in the game. Luke McGuire returned the opening kickoff back to mid field behind great blocking. Luke then had a 26 yard run to set up a 9 yard touchdown strike from Trey DeWeese to Lane Halderson. Dagim Reed tacked on an extra point field goal which is worth 2 points in 6-man for an 8 to 0 lead. The ensuing kickoff by Dagim was like a golf shot that hit and died inside the 5 yard line. Jack Ruckle made a solo tackle to pin the Pirates deep in their own territory. The defensive possession was all about the Cats. Lane and Jack tag-teamed a tackle behind the line of scrimmage. Trey stopped a ball carrier for next to nothing 2 plays in a row. Then Isaiah Reed tackled the punter on 4th down on the 1 yard line. Dagim ran the next play in from the 1. The PAT was no good but the Wildcats were up 14 to 0.

The next series was similar to the last. Dagim kicked it deep. Lane got a tackle for loss. We stopped them on downs in good field position. On the offensive side of the ball Trey completed a pass to Isaiah for 31 yards but was just short of a touchdown. Dagim got the honors of a one yard run and the PAT to put the Cats up 22-0.

Unfortunately for the Pirates it could get worse. Dagim intercepted a pass the next possession which put the Cats offense back on the field quickly. Dagim's 33 yard run and Luke's 17 yard run set up Dagim's 3rd touchdown of the evening from 3 yards out. Dagim collected another PAT to put the Cats up 30-0.

The last few plays of the 1st quarter looked like the rest. Kickoff pins the visitors deep. Cats play defense on the other side of the ball. Trey, Lane, and Dagim tackling for losses. The offense is set up again. This time the offense struck with Luke completing a 23 yard pass to Isaiah. The PAT was good which stretched the lead to 38 to 0.

As a coach I am not bored when the Cats repeated the process AGAIN! The kickoff pinned them deep. Trent and Isaiah tag-teamed a tackle behind the line of scrimmage. Jack just missed a sack. Then the Pirates under pressure put the ball on the ground which was scooped up by Trey and run in for a ten yard defensive touchdown. Rick ran the PAT in for a 45-0 lead.

The next few series were back and forth. The Cats were more physical offensively by pounding the ball but defense on both sides had the highlights. Trent and Carlos were all over the opponent's backfield. Scott had a good punt return but we failed to convert a touchdown. Carlos recovered a fumble; however, the next round of defense and the pounding paid off in Rick running a 22 yard TD and a PAT over the goal line right before half. Cats up 52-8. The game was all but over when a few missed tackles in the last minute of the first half gave the Pirates their best drive of the evening. They capped off the half with a 20 yard TD and kicked PAT to extend the game to the 3rd quarter. Jack Ruckle took the second half into his own hands by returning the opening kickoff 43 yards. After a few short runs up the middle by the Wildcats, Jack scored from 22yards out to finish the game.

The Wildcats found plenty to work on in film. However, they won the turnover battle and absolutely owned the line of scrimmage the whole night.

Stats were very spread out. On defense, Trent lead the team with 4 tackles. Lane, Dagim, Leo all chipped in three. Dagim, Trey, Carlos all collected turnovers with Trey's ending in a score. On offense, 7 different wildcats had a hand in scoring. And those that did not score made some great blocks to secure the touchdowns and extra points. The Wildcat TEAM was in full force against an overmatched Rolla squad.

Coach Lance McGuire

Wildcats

#4 Luke McGuire
#11 Trey DeWeese
#12 Dagim Reed
#14 Lane Halderson
#22 Rick King
#23 Isaiah Reed
#24 Leo Hageman
#30 Payton King
#32 Lucas Hageman
#34 Jack Ruckle
#55 Scott Wyatt
#66 Carlos Hurtado
#77 Trent Schnittker

Courier Photos

Jr High Wildcats Out-Claw Cougars

The Cunningham Jr. High football team opened its 2021 season on Thursday, September 2 in Hutchinson against the Central Christian Cougars and came away with a weather shortened victory of 44-12, the game was called with 4:28 to go in the fourth quarter due to lightning in the area. The Wildcats led 22-0 after the first quarter and led 22-6 at halftime. Cunningham would extend their lead to 30-6 in the third quarter before the final three plays of the night would result in touchdowns two by Cunningham and one by Central Christian, the last two TD's were by way of a kickoff return before the weather got too close and the game was ended. Dylan Halderson led the way for the Wildcats as he rushed for three touchdowns, threw for one TD to Kendall Rogers, Dylan also added one two-point conversion run and threw a pass for a two-point conversion to Logan Kinsler. Stephen Kerschen scored a rushing touchdown and added two two-point conversions runs. Skyler Thimesch finished up the scoring with a kick-off return for a touchdown. The Wildcats will be back in action on Thursday 9/9 vs. Fairfield/ Stafford at home. *Coach Bart Ricke*

#4 Layne Green
#7 Blake Swope
#10 Kendall Rogers
#12 Andrew Schultz
#13 Dylan Halderson
#14 Logan Kinsler
#15 Skyler Thimesch
#21 Stephen Kerschen
#32 Cole Ruckle
#40 Kollin Fischer

Molly Morgan Photos

CHS Volleyball Team Impresses New Coach

On Tuesday, August 31st, Cunningham High School volleyball team got to experience a match as college would. With Otis-Bison having to cancel coming due to Covid-19, Stafford and Cunningham decided varsity would play best out of 5. Cunningham won it in 4 sets with scores of 25-20, 21-25, 25-21,25-20.

Overall I feel that the girls did a great job. Coming back from having a rough start at Inman the Saturday before, to having a great practice on Monday. I was most impressed with our net play. We had some great blocks and many touches where our defense could get under to set it back up. I was also impressed with our hitting. We had many kills and some great assists made by the setters. Along with improving on our net play, our serving was better overall. As important as volleyball is to me, I believe that one of my favorites from Tuesday night was one of the girls telling me they believe more in themselves and are loving the game of volleyball. I want the girls to learn and grow in the game, but also as young ladies. Our young hitters are hard workers and want to get better every day. They are always wanting to stay after practice and hit more and practice getting more reps in. That helps the team, because everyone wants everyone to succeed.

Well, playing in our gym on a daily basis and in the heat definitely gives us a little advantage. When we go to some gyms, the girls inform me they are always freezing! Honestly, I feel Tuesday night was a pretty decent night in our gym! I also believe that the atmosphere helped the girls as well. We were all excited to play at home and show the community how hard we have been working. I'm so proud of these girls and have loved every minute of the time we have spent together!
Ariel Haskin

Coach Ariel Haskin

Ellie McGuire

Taylor Schultz

Hannah Ellis

Shanelle Romine

Alice Huelskamp

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Photo Highlights from CJH Volleyball Team vs. Central Christian

Clockwise from left:
Macy Neufeld sets,
Grace Hageman covers.

Grace Hageman

Kyra Morgan

Emily Ogg

Kourtni Fischer

Molly Morgan Photos

Pratt County Commission Meeting

August 30th, 2021

The Pratt County commissioners met regular session, Monday, August 30, 2021 at 2:00 pm In the commissioner room, 1st floor of the courthouse. The following members were present: Rick N. Shriver, Thomas W. Jones III, Dwight Adams, Tyson Eisenhauer, county counselor, Lori Voss, county clerk and Mark Graber, IT director.

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

Heather Morgan, COVID federal fund and economic development consultant, updated the commission on the status of the federal COVID CRF funds report due August 31 and stated that Swindoll was still waiting on some information from Varney and Associates, the Pratt County auditor to finish revenue loss calculations. She clarified that the small cities in Pratt County (titled neu's by the federal government) did not have to submit reports until October 31, as some were confused about when reports were due. She highlighted new federal COVID grants which are available to arts organizations, the REAP program which can help pay for 25% of agricultural producers energy efficiency investments, the Kansas emergency rental assistance program (to assist tenants and landlords who have experienced income loss related to COVID), and a new program being started by the state of Kansas which is similar to the rental assistance program but for people who own their own home. She also presented on the census data which was released last week and Pratt County lost 499 peoples over the last ten years. She mentioned how the census data will impact the re-districting process for the Kansas congressional, house, senate, and state board of education races. She showed a graphic recently released that showed Pratt County in a positive spot compared to many other Kansas counties related to childcare availability. However, even though Pratt County looks good in comparison there are still challenges which must be addressed because Pratt has about ten children on a waiting list for each open child care slot. She mentioned that Pratt Energy will be having a town hall about their Co2 sequestration project and its impact on the Pratt County economy. She also encouraged commissioners to discuss how land they own but have no use for may be able to be sold to interested parties for future development.

Commissioner Adams amended his motion from August 23, 2021, to pay premium pay on September 22, 2021, it was stated in the earlier motion it would be the first pay period in September. Commissioner Jones seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Heather stated the tower by Belvidere might qualify for the ARP funds. Chairman Shriver stated there are other counties that need to provide funding. She stated Tim Branscom was working with the other counties. She proposed the county needs to have projects in mind that could be covered by the ARP funds.

Commissioner Jones made a motion to approve the minutes from August 23, 2021 as presented. Commissioner Adams seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Darcie Vander Vyver, health director, gave a COVID update. Fifty-two active cases as of today, those numbers are not including the home COVID tests. Schools are not testing yet. Flu shots are in for private pay and will be charged. Working on having flu clinics.

It is possible they might be having covid pods for the third shot booster. They would like to have COVID shots one day and flu shots on another day. Community center is almost finished, bathrooms, painting, with a few things left to do.

Robert Torres, noxious weed/environmental services supervisor, discussed the job description and ad to fill the director position. It will be put on the Pratt County web site and published in the Pratt Tribune, September 8th, 2021 taking applications until September 17, 2021. Position open until filled. Commissioners asked Robert to sit in and help with questions during interviews.

Tyson Eisenhauer, county counselor, gave an update on the American Tower contract. He should have something next week. He gave an update on the KDOT cost share on road, cost assessment/right away, he had questions for Kirkham Michael on the KDOT cost share on the road, cost assessment and right away, most questions have been answered.

He explained any county owned property with a value over $50,000 has to be sold through a bid process and any bid can be rejected. He stated they could get the two parcels of land appraised, so any interested parties will know the value of the property.

Attending the KAC conference was discussed.

Doug Freund, road supervisor, nothing to report.

Commissioner Jones made a motion to approve payment vouchers for August 30, 2021. Chairman Shriver seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Jones made a motion to adjourn at 3:15 pm. Commissioner Adams Seconded. Motion carried 3-0. Meeting adjourned at 3:15 pm.

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The Pratt County commissioners met for the RNR/budget hearing meeting, Monday, August 30, 2021, at 10:00 a.m. in the commissioner room, 1st floor of the courthouse. The following members were present: Rick N. Shriver, Thomas W. Jones III, Dwight Adams, Tyson Eisenhauer, county counselor, Lori Voss, county clerk and Mark Graber, IT director.

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

The purpose of today's combined revenue neutral rate and budget hearing is to allow the county commissioners to hear objections of taxpayers relating to the revenue neutral rate and the amount of ad valorem tax and the proposed use of all funds.

Tyson Eisenhauer, county counselor, stated we will start with the revenue neutral rate. Pratt County's revenue neutral rate for budget year 2022 is 50.527 mills. Pratt County intends to exceed the revenue neutral rate and will consider adopting a resolution to do so upon conclusion of public comment relating to the revenue neutral rate. As noted in the published notice of this hearing, Pratt County originally intended to exceed the revenue neutral rate with an estimated tax rate of 53.520 mills.

However, the county commissioners have worked diligently with department heads to lower the estimated tax rate to 52.404 mills. Public comment relating to revenue neutral rate shall be opened by the chairman.

Chairman Shriver opened the meeting up to public comments relating to the revenue neutral rate. It was noted there was no one present in person or on Zoom. Chairman Shriver closed the public open comment at 10:10 a.m.

Tyson Eisenhauer, county counselor read resolution no. 08-30-2021, a resolution of Pratt County, Kansas, to exceed the revenue neutral rate in its property tax levy for the tax year of 2022. Commissioner Adams made a motion to adopt resolution no. 08-30-2021. Commissioner Jones seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Tyson Eisenhauer stated we will now continue with the amount of ad valorem tax and Proposed use of all funds for the 2022 budget. Upon conclusion of public comment, the commission will consider adopting the budget for 2022. As noted in the published notice of this hearing, Pratt County originally intended budget authority for expenditures of $20,466,667 and ad valorem tax of $9,588,342. However, the county commissioners have worked diligently with department heads to lower the budget authority for expenditures to $20,268,853 and ad valorem tax of $9,388,352. Public comment relating to the 2022 budget shall be opened by the chairman.

Chairman Shriver opened the meeting for public comments related to the 2022 budget hearing. It was noted there was no one present in person or on Zoom. Chairman Shriver closed public comment at 10:20 a.m.

Commissioner Jones made a motion to adopt the 2022 budget as presented. Commissioner Adams seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Jones made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:25 am. Commissioner Adams seconded. Motion carried 3-0. Meeting adjourned at 10:25 a.m.

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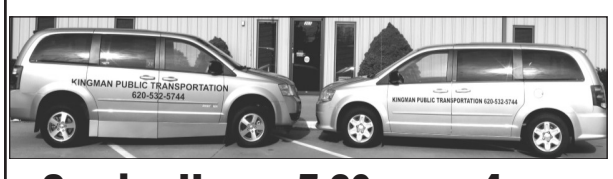

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Manhattan Kansas, August 30, 2021 – Intermediary lenders can now apply for loans through the new Heirs' Property Relending Program (HPRP). The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) is accepting applications today through October 29, 2021, and cooperatives, credit unions and nonprofit organizations are encouraged to apply for these competitive loans, which ultimately will help agricultural producers and landowners resolve heirs' land ownership and succession issues.

"Heirs' property issues have long been a barrier for many producers and landowners to access USDA programs and services, and this relending program provides access to capital to help producers find a resolution to these issues," said Charles, Pettijohn, Acting State Executive Director, Farm Service Agency (FSA). "USDA is committed to revising policies to be more equitable and removing barriers faced by heirs' property owners is part of that effort."

Through HPRP, FSA loans up to $5 million at a 1% interest rate to eligible lenders. Then, those eligible lenders will reloan funds to heirs to help resolve title issues by financing the purchase or consolidation of property interests and financing costs associated with a succession plan.

How to Apply

Intermediary lenders should apply by the October 29, 2021 deadline using the HPRP application form (FSA-2637), which can be submitted to FSA by mail:

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Loan Making Division
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Washington, DC 20250

Additionally, FSA will host a webinar on September 15 at 2 p.m. ET for interested lenders, who can register or learn more on the FSA Outreach and Education webpage.

Eligible Lenders

Intermediary lenders must:

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- have at least 10 years or more of experience with socially disadvantaged farmers; and
- are located in states that have adopted a statute consisting of enactment or adoption of the Uniform Partition of Heirs Property Act (UPHPA). A list of these states is available at farmers.gov/heirs/relending.

More Information

Frequently asked questions (including those in Spanish, Thai and Chinese), the August 3, 2021 overview webinar, and other resources can be found on farmers.gov/heirs/relending.

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KINGMAN COUNTY, STATE OF KANSAS

CITY/SCHOOL GENERAL ELECTION NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to K.S.A. 25-2108a General Election of certain board members in Unified School District #331, Unified School District #332, Unified School District #268 At Large and city officials of Incorporated Cities, Kingman County, State of Kansas, will be conducted on the 2nd day of November, 2021.

The names of the candidates and the positions for which each is a candidate are as follows:

Board Member District #1 USD 331:

DIANE ONTIVEROS, Kingman

Board Member District #5 USD 331:

K. TAB TURNER, Norwich

Board Member District #6 USD 331:

JEFF SAMUELSON, Norwich

Board Member District 332-At-Large Positions:

MEGAN GREEN, Nashville

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BEN HENNING, Cunningham

VICKI OLDHAM, Cunningham

ERIKA THIMESCH, Spivey

Board Member USD 268 At Large Position:

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CODY AST, Cheney

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NOTICE OF SPECIAL QUESTION ELECTION

TO ALL THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF THE CITY OF SPIVEY, KANSAS:

Notice is hereby given by the Governing Body of the City of Spivey and the county election officer of Kingman County, Kansas, that there will be an election in the City of Spivey on the 2nd day of November, 2021, for the purpose of voting on the question of levying a city retailers' sales tax in the amount of one-half percent (0.5%) on retail sales consummated within the City of Spivey, Kansas, for the purpose of providing additional revenue for general fund purposes and aiding the mill levy tax burden on property owners within the City of Spivey in accordance with the provisions of K.S.A. 12-187 et seq., and amendments thereto. If approved by a majority of the electors voting thereon, such tax will take effect on the 1st day of April, 2022. Said tax shall be collected by the state department of revenue, and the revenue therefrom returned to the City of Spivey.

Notice is further given that the polls will be opened for voting between 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. on said date at the following places: Zenda Community Center.

The proposition shall appear on the ballot as follows:

Shall the following be adopted?

Shall a retailers' sales tax in the amount of one-half percent (0.5%) be levied in the City of Spivey, Kansas, for the purpose of providing additional revenue for general fund purposes and aiding the mill levy tax burden on property owners within the City of Spivey, to take effect on April 1, 2022?

⬭ Yes

⬭ No

To vote in favor of any question submitted upon this ballot, darken the oval to the left of the word "Yes" to vote against it, darken the oval to the left of the word "No."

VOTING FOR THIS GENERAL ELECTION WILL BE AS FOLLOWS: Please check your polling location for this election.

VOTING PLACES

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Kingman Activity Center (North Room):

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All of Union Township in USD 331 Position #1 & USD 332

Cunningham City

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All of Evan Township

All of Dale Township

All of Vinita Township

Zenda Community Center:

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Persons living in Kingman County in the 268 School District will vote at the Murdock Methodist Church, Murdock, KS.

Persons living in Kingman County in the 311 School District will vote in Pretty Prairie.

Persons living in Kingman County in the 361 School District will vote in Harper County.

The Officer conducting the School Board General Election and Cities General Election is the election officer of Kingman County, Kansas and the election headquarters for this election will be located at the County Clerk's Office, Kingman County Courthouse, 130 N Spruce St., Kingman, Kansas 67068.

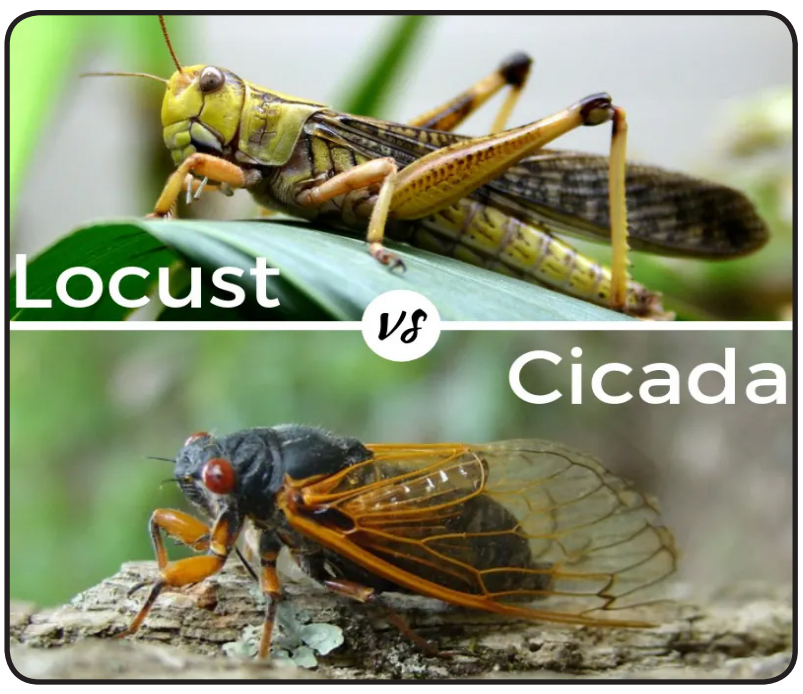
Witness my hand and official seal this 25th day of August, 2021.

Carol D Noblit

Kingman County Election Officer

This photo of a cicada was sent in by one of our readers. (Name withheld to protect the guilty.)

As kids we always called them 'locusts'. They are not locusts. When I went to do a bit of research on cicadas, I found this little hint on dengarden.com:



So, now, I not only hate grasshoppers, I hate locusts as well. My cats, though love a good, noisy cicada chase.

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Kansas Profile – Now That's Rural: Bob Delk, Musician

By Ron Wilson, director of the Huck Boyd National Institute for Rural Development at Kansas State University

"Music helps to keep you happy." If that's the case, the person who said it has been happy for a long time.

Today we'll meet a rural Kansas man who has turned 99 years old and is still playing music. Thanks to Marilyn Jones for this story idea and to writer Julie Govert Walter and the North Central Flint Hills Area Agency on Aging for their related article.

Bob Delk turned 99 years old in August 2021. He grew up north of Peabody where he attended country school at the unincorporated community of Aulne, which today has a population of perhaps 50 people. Now, that's rural.

After graduating from Peabody High School and getting married, he moved two miles north and two miles west of the place where he grew up and started farming with his wife's family. "I did mechanic work, all the things a farmer has to do," he said. He lived on that farm until 2016 when he moved to a house in Hillsboro.

Bob grew up in a musical family. "I idolized my dad," Bob said. "He played violin and guitar. When I was 12, I decided I would like to play too. My dad showed me a few chords on a ukulele."

The year was 1934. Eighty-seven years later, Bob is still playing.

In the early years, the Delk family had their own music group. Bob learned to play four string banjo and guitar. Father John played guitar and violin.

"My sister Betty played the piano and my mother Lydia played the flat guitar which is now called the dobro," Bob said. They played at churches, schoolhouses, and community events in the region. Bob's favorite musical group growing up was Bob Wills and the Texas Playboys.

In 1943, Bob was invited to play with a group called the Peabody

Plainsmen. That group, with various members, played together for some 60 years. Bob's sister Betty would later marry one of the founders of the Peabody Plainsmen.

The group's first gig was at the Marion County Fair in 1943. They performed at many communities across Kansas, including the Kansas State Fair. The group became widely known in central Kansas – so well known, in fact, that they attracted the attention of a namesake group in Texas.

"There was another group called the Plainsmen Quartet," Bob said. "They wanted to sue us for taking their name but then they found out we had the name before they did, so we never heard any more about it."

Later, Bob formed his own group called Bob and the Boys which lasted for some 25 years.

In 1976, Bob bought a Gibson Les Paul guitar that he still plays. Now he joins in jam sessions at the Hillsboro Senior Center and has played at the farmer's market in Peabody.

Guitar is his instrument of choice. He plays songs from various genres such as gospel, big band, and country-western. He is not a singer but an instrumentalist. "I've always been part of a group," he said. He has traveled with various groups throughout the central U.S, among them the Singspirationals and the Menno Brass Ensemble.

Bob and Aldene farmed and raised four children. In 1999, after 54 years of marriage, Aldene was killed in a tragic auto accident near Herington.

Bob later married Dorothy. They would travel to various festivals and events all over the U.S. and beyond. Before she succumbed to cancer in 2017, Dorothy would travel with Bob to south Texas in the winter where he would jam several times a day with musicians there. Bob now lives in his own home at Hillsboro and continues to drive.

The family musical tradition continues. "Some of my grandsons and great-grandsons play guitar and other instruments and sing, and my nephew plays keyboard and trumpet," Bob said. "I love music, I love people and I love to visit."

"Music helps to keep you happy," Bob said. We commend Bob Delk and his family for making a difference with his musical talents. He's been playing music and making people happy for a lifetime.

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Kansas' Total Tax Revenues $85.5 Million Over Last August

~August total tax collections net $629.0 million as KDOR monitors implications of online sales tax legislation. ~

TOPEKA – Kansas' August total tax revenues were $629.0 million. Those collections are $113.6 million, or 22.0%, more than the estimate. The August total tax collections performed $85.5 million, or 15.7%, better than the same month of last fiscal year.

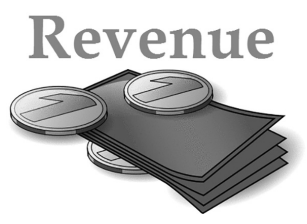
"While these revenue numbers continue to outpace estimates, we must continue using responsible policies to protect our fiscal health long-term," Governor Kelly said.

Individual income tax collections were $302.3 million. That is an $82.3 million, or 37.4%, gain for the month. That is also $31.4 million, or 11.6%, more than last August. Corporate income tax collections were $17.2 million, which is $7.2 million, or 71.8%, more than the month's estimate. Those collections are also $9.8 million, or 133.8%, better than the same month of last fiscal year.

August retail sales tax collections were $16.5 million, or 7.9%, greater than the estimate with $226.5 million collected. That is a $19.4 million, or 9.4%, improvement over August 2020. Compensating use tax collections were $58.5 million, which is $6.5 million, or 12.4%, better than the estimate. Those August collections are $13.1 million, or 28.9%, more than the same month the previous fiscal year.

"The Department is closely monitoring compensating use tax receipts to determine whether such receipts are beginning to reflect payments from online sales now required of marketplace facilitators under legislation passed during the 2021 legislative session," Kansas Department of Revenue Secretary Mark Burghart said.

It is estimated that $3.5 to $4.0 million would be collected monthly under 2021 S.B. 50, the new marketplace facilitator rules, which apply to remote sales on and after July 1, 2021.



Governor Encourages Kansans to get a Flu Shot

TOPEKA – Governor Laura Kelly this week, after receiving her flu shot, emphasized the importance of all Kansans getting a flu shot to stay healthy and reduce the strain on Kansas hospitals.

"Increased flu-related visits to the hospital would increase strain on our hospitals, many of which are at critical capacity, or close to it," Governor Kelly said. "I encourage all Kansans to get a flu shot to protect themselves and their communities from illness."

Flu Facts:

The COVID-19 vaccine does not protect against the flu. Getting both vaccines is important to be fully vaccinated against both viruses.

The COVID-19 vaccine and the flu vaccine can be administered together.

Flu vaccinations should be received by the end of October, if possible. However, as long as flu viruses are circulating and unexpired flu vaccine is available, flu vaccinations should be given.

The flu vaccine has been shown to reduce flu related illnesses, and the risk of serious flu complications that can result in hospitalization or death.

The same public health practices that mitigate the spread of COVID-19: mask wearing, physical distancing, avoiding crowds, and washing hands often.

"Last year we learned that the mitigation measures like social distancing, wearing masks and washing your hands helped stop the spread of influenza," said Lee Norman, M.D., Secretary of the Kansas Department of Health and Environment. "Kansans should get the flu vaccine and take mitigation measures to protect themselves and their families."

"The common-sense mitigation efforts are proven to prevent the spread of illness," Governor Kelly said. "If we all pull together, get vaccinated, and take these practical steps to stay healthy, we can protect the health and safety of our communities and our economy."

For information on flu prevention and where to find a flu vaccination site near you, visit the Kansas Department of Health and Environment website at www.kdheks.gov/flu.

"Smiling is infectious, you catch it like the flu, When someone smiled at me today, I started smiling too." — Karen McLendon-Laumann

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NOTICE OF INTENT TO ISSUE REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS

Unified School District No. 332 – West Kingman County

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West Kingman County Unified School District 332 intends to issue a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) to interested General Contractors for Construction Manager at Risk (CMAR) services for the project(s) that would result from a successful bond issue campaign in the spring of 2022. The projects would include new construction addition(s) to the current facility and renovations to same.

A formal RFQ will be available on September 16th, 2021. Firms interested in receiving a copy of the RFQ shall submit a written request by the close of business on September 22nd, 2021 to: Sarah Sipe, Landmark Architects, 1020 N. Main St. Hutchinson, Kansas 67501, sarah@landmarkarchitects.net. Responses to the RFQ will be due on or before 5:00 p.m., September 27th, 2021 to be eligible for further consideration.

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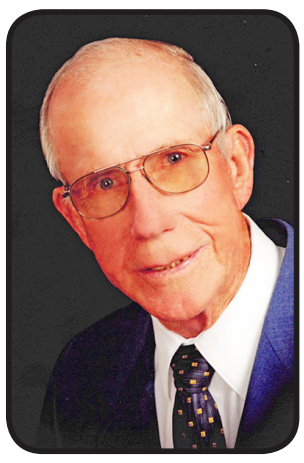

Ronald (Ron) A. Adelhardt, 87, of Partridge, died September 5, 2021, in Quinter. He was born March 15, 1934, in rural Cunningham to John and Emma (Simon) Adelhardt.

Ron married Patricia R. Landwehr on Aug. 20, 1960, at St. Boniface Catholic Church in Sharon, commencing nearly 57 more trips around the sun with her.

He was a graduate of St. Leo Catholic School, Cunningham High School ('54), Garden City Community College, and Idaho State University. At a time when high school was optional, he was encouraged by a friend to use his tall stature to help the local basketball team. Ron's first walk through the gym doors would impact his career choice and many students and athletes in the Partridge and Haven school districts.

Ron attended college on basketball scholarships, helping both the GCCC Broncbusters and the ISU Bengals reach the NJCAA and NCAA tournaments, accomplishments that you only learned if you inquired.

In 1960, Ron and Pat moved to Partridge where he began coaching and teaching 7-8 math and science and 1-8 physical education at Partridge Grade School. He held high expectations for his students and players, though not higher than those he held for himself. In 1999, Ron retired from teaching for the Partridge Rural School District and USD 312 after 35 years, and in 2012 he retired from driving a school bus after 53 years.

While Ron highly valued his profession, it was surpassed by his love for Pat, his kids and grandkids, his large extended family, his farm upbringing on the Kansas prairie near St. Leo, and his Catholic faith. With a ready smile, Ron enjoyed conversing with people, always finding a way to turn the topic to them versus himself. A child of the Great Depression, he took care of what he had, repairing most things to last well beyond their projected years. Ron was a realist, but even during difficult times, he found the good in people and the world. To those who knew and loved him, he was a giant among men, both literally and figuratively.

Survivors include: daughters, Cindy Hertel (Joe) of Ellis and Ronna Schultz (Doug) of Grainfield; son, Danny Adelhardt (Debi) of Wichita; daughter-in-law, Jackie Adelhardt of Nickerson; grandchildren, Sara Britton (Kelly), Katie Closs (Evan), Abby Power (Keller), Larry (Jenifer), John, Joseph, and Laurissa Adelhardt; Seri (Olivia) and Drew (Megan) Hertel; Cas (Ashley), Ty, and Tyra Schultz; and Reed Adelhardt; nine great-grandchildren; two step-great-grandchildren; brother, John (Linda) of Nashville; sister, Rita of Cunningham; brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law; and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents; son, Larry Adelhardt; granddaughter, Rachel Adelhardt; grandson, Dal Schultz; sisters, Marcella Ford and Eleanor Zogelman; brothers, Alois, Eugene, Frederick, and Elmer; and seven grandchildren named by God.

Mass of Christian Burial will be at 10 a.m., Thursday, Sept. 9, 2021, preceded by a family rosary at 9:30 a.m., at Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church. Burial will follow in Partridge Cemetery, Partridge. Due to COVID, masks are highly encouraged.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church or Gove County Long Term Care, in care of Elliott Mortuary, 1219 N. Main, Hutchinson, KS 67501.

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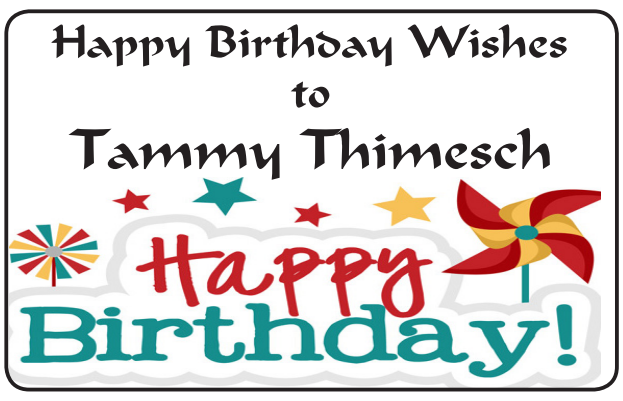
A Shelman family reunion was held over Labor Day weekend.

Many folks traveled from near and far to celebrate the event at the Cunningham Community Center

Alan Albers took some photos at the Cunningham Historical Museum of some of Saturday's visitors.

Front row left to right: Alice Elsey, George Elsey, Emily Elsey, Annalee Helmers, Jack Helmers, Garrett Helmers, and Tyler Helmers. Back row: Grant Helmers, Brian Elsey, Holly Elsey, Vera Helmers, Wade Helmers, Brooke Helmers, Blake Helmers, and Tim Helmers.



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