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Minutes from the August BOE Meeting

The West Kingman County Board of Education meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, August 18, 2025, by President Brent Miller.

President Brent Miller; Vice-President, Bjorn Halderson; Members, Travis Thimesch, Megan Green, Jason Osner, Abby Bock; Superintendent, Dr. Arnberger; Principal, Cody Dunlap; Clerk, Stacy Webster; and Guests, Roberta Kobbe, Bart Ricke, and Lance McGuire.

Motion made by Jason Osner, seconded by Abby Bock, to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried 6-0.

President Miller welcomed the guests.

Motion made by Jason Osner, sec-

onded by Bjorn Halderson, to approve the minutes of the July 14, 202 regular meeting and retreat meeting. YMotion carried 6-0.

Motion made by Bjorn Halderson, seconded by Megan Green, to approve the payment of bills and the financial reports as presented. Motion carried 6-0.

Superintendent Arnberger talked about Open House and the first day of school, transportation and budget items. He also presented the strategic plan booklet.

Principal Dunlap reported on pre-service activities and Teacher schedules.

Special Education report: Jason Osner reported that officers were elected, categorical aid cuts and negotiations were discussed.

Dr. Arnberger gave out hand outs and further discussion of our budget and capital outlay finances was had. Discussion how to finance, if we are

able to, and the next steps if we were to build a 2nd gym and update locker rooms was included.

Dr. Arnberger requested a break at 8:10 p.m. until 8:15 p.m. At that time the board returned.

Guest Roberta Kobbe left the meeting at 8:10 p.m.

Superintendent Arnberger turned the meeting over to Bart and Lance to discuss football classification. Cody presented survey data from parents and students. All present parties of the discussion shared their thoughts on the future of CHS football. Consensus was to see how the Jamboree goes and make the difficult decision afterward. Deadline for decision is September 15th.

Dr. Arnberger requested a break at 9:35 p.m. until 9:40 p.m. At that time the board returned.

Guests Bart Ricke and Lance McGuire left the meeting at 9:35 p.m.

Motion made by Bjorn Halderson, seconded by Jason Osner, to go into executive session with Superintendent Arnberger and Principal Dunlap at 9:40 p.m. to discuss personnel for the non-elected exception under KOMA and will return to open session at 9:45 p.m. in the board room. Motion carried 6-0.

President Miller declared the meeting in open session at 9:45 p.m.

Motion made Jason Osner, seconded by Abby Bock, to approve Christine Milford as part time ELA teacher for 2025-2026. Motion carried 6-0.

Motion made by Travis Thimesch, seconded by Megan Green, to adjourn the meeting at 9:52 p.m. Motion carried 6-0.



Minutes from the Kingman County Commission

Chairwoman Lyon called the Board of County Commissioners meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. August 25, 2025 in the County Commissioners room at the Kingman County Courthouse. Present: Julie Lyon, Chairwoman; Jack Thimesch, Commissioner; Pat Elpers, Commissioner; Carol Noblit, County Clerk

Brandon Ritcha, County Counselor
Visitors: Bob Morris, Kingman Leader-Courier; Dale Enyart; Shae Brooks, Kingman Fire Chief

Online Visitors: AS; Caller 01; hd; Chrissy Bartel; C Bartel; Kay Heikes; Lucy; Leonardo; HK; JF; Jamie Smith

Staff: Jamie Smith, Treasurer; LaDawn Stegman, Financial Officer; Tiffany Aumiller, Benefits Administrator; Mendy Frampton, Expo Center Director; Rob Frampton, Expo Center; Sheriff Wood; Undersheriff Sowers; Matthew Ricke, County Attorney and Charles Arensdorf, Public Work Director.

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

Commissioner Thimesch would like to add review of an email received from Barton County.

MOTION: Commissioner Elpers moved to approve the agenda with an Executive session. Commissioner Thimesch seconded the motion. The motion was approved with a unanimous vote 3-0.

Jamie Smith, County Treasurer was in to discuss the delinquent list that was placed in the paper. The cost is around \$8900.00.

Ms. Smith discussed having a department head meeting with the

Commissioners to discuss the HVAC.

Ms. Smith discussed having the last day of business for the year to be December 30th as the 31st of December will be a ½ day.

Ms. Smith submitted the tax sale list of properties that has been updated.

Chairwoman Lyon read a letter received from the State that the Appraiser Office is in compliance.

LaDawn Stegman, Financial Officer and Tiffany Aumiller, Benefits Administrator was in to discuss the stipend for Health Insurance and if the Commissioners want to continue to offer the stipend.

Commissioners would like to continue it for this year as it has been budgeted so they will look at it for next year.

Commissioners discussed the information received from Oleg Alba wanting to contract with Kingman County for consulting services.

Mendy Frampton, Expo Center Director and Robert Frampton were in to discuss quotes received from the following:

White Star T595 T4 V2 Bobcat Compact Tract Loader 74hp after trade in \$44,891.36

Praireland Partners JD 317 P-Tier Compact Tract Loader 61hp after trade in \$49,625.00

MOTION: Commissioner Elpers moved to approve the purchase of the White Star T595 Bobcat not to exceed \$44891.36 with Pilot money. Chairwoman Lyon seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Ms. Frampton presented the commissioners with quotes received on a new shipping container from the following:

Sturdi-Bilt

Slate Gray 40' \$5650 delivered

Ivory 40' \$5600.00

Simply Shipping Containers

Slate Gray 40' \$5400.00 plus \$350 delivery charge

Ivory 40' \$4900.00

Commissioners tabled the Shipping containers at this time.

Sheriff Wood, Undersheriff Sowers and Fred Simon were in to discuss the Emergency Management position.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to go into executive session at 9:45 a.m. with Sheriff Wood, Undersheriff Sowers, Fred Simon and Brandon Ritcha, County Counselor to discuss potential employee and Employers negotiations pursuant to 75-4319 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 10:00 a.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to go into executive session at 10:02 a.m. with Sheriff Wood, Undersheriff Sowers and Brandon Ritcha, County Counselor to discuss potential employee and Employers negotiations pursuant to 75-4319 (b)(3) the exception under the Kansas Open Meetings Act, and they will return to open session in the Board meeting room at 10:22 a.m. Commissioner Lyon seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners 3-0.

County Commissioners returned to regular session at 10:12 a.m. with no action taken.

Undersheriff Sowers discussed that having the Emergency Manager with their own budget and department would need to remain a separate department so that the certifications would then only include the Emergency Manager.

Commissioners discussed that the Emergency Manager position will have an office in the Sheriff's Department but it would have their own budget.

Brandon Ritcha, County Counselor discussed Flat Ridge 4 & 5 decommissioning agreement as they have sold the windfarms to Public Service Company of Oklahoma.

Matt Ricke, County Attorney was in with a department update for the County Commissioners.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Commissioner Elpers moved to go into executive session at 10:36 a.m. with Matthew Ricke, County Attorney to discuss non-elected personnel pursuant to the exception under the Kansas Open Meetings Act, and they will return to open session in the Board meeting room at 10:41 a.m. Commissioner Thimesch seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners 3-0.

Commissioners returned to regular session at 10:41 a.m. with no action taken

MOTION: Commissioner Elpers moved to approve the changes in employee status by the County Attorney. Commissioner Thimesch seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners 3-0.

Carol Noblit, County Clerk submitted August 18th, 2025, Commission meeting minutes for approval.

MOTION: Commissioner Elpers moved to approve August 18th, 2025,

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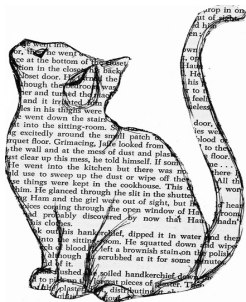
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Meanderings

It is late Tuesday evening (10:30) and the paper is almost done. The newspaper creating yesterday was trying. Had a bit of a glitch in the electricity during the storm that came through in the afternoon.

When the power popped back on I was without internet. And trust me, one cannot put together a newspaper without internet service. I spent quite a bit of time on the phone with a tech person in Wichita. About five, we finally decided that I should just wait to see if it would come up later, if not, I'd call back the next day.

About 10 minutes later Tammy returned my call, and she had her supervisor on the line with her.

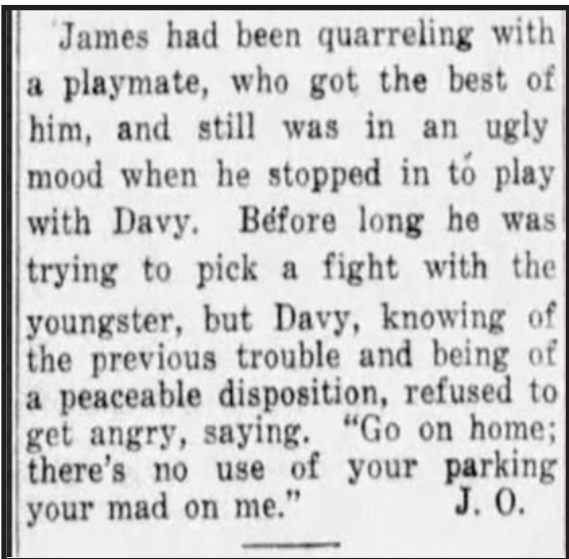
It wasn't long and I had service. I asked what had transpired that got me up and going.

He gave some reason along the lines of "dark magic learned from Lord Sauron" which made me laugh out loud. Tammy didn't get it.

He must of explained a bit to her, because she said, "Lord of the Rings? Really?"

I appreciated his comments... I do love Tolkien's Lord of the Rings series. High fantasy doesn't get any better than that.

As you can't miss, I squeezed in some filler stories that came acorss Newspaper.com's Facebook feed, so I didn't have to fill up this entire bit of white space after



(Taken from The Daytona Daily News 1948)

yesterday's trials, I don't feel too wordy. Well, I feel wordy, just not with appropriate words.

Old newspapers are chockful of interesting and varied information and stories and anecdotes. I love looking through them. Until my eyes start bothering me. I have to wonder how did folks read such small print?

I had a great evening Thursday last at the Vernon Filley Art Festival.

It was an unbelievably beautiful evening. Especially after that darn Kansas wind died down a bit. I visited with so many interesting folks. I sold out of Halloween cards and cards for little girls and my hanky cards. So I got busy last week-



(Taken from The Nevada State Journal 1948)

end and started making more!

I plan on being at Kingman's Cessna Fest Craft Fair on the 20th.

I have a lot of work to do before then....

Put it on your calendar, and venture over to

Kingman on the morning or early afternoon of the 20th. I'd love to see you.

Always reading, and currently reading, "Fire Sale" by Sara Paretsky, Roberta

Tallgrass and
Tumbleweeds
by Gaille Pike

Dear Readers,

Officially autumn does not arrive around these parts until September 22nd but there are signs of late it has decided to come earlier. For example my lawn is lush and green and growing and usually at this time of year it is brown and short and stagnant. And after this long hot summer I prefer it that way. I did not budget for this in my typical mowing calendar.

I did not expect dealing with more belts, more gas and more sharpening of blades at this time of year. But I guess it is a fair trade considering the lawn looks like a golf course instead of like a prairie dog colony.

Other signs of autumn are that I am already seeing ads for Halloween and pumpkin spice. I am not opposed to either but couldn't we wait another month before we dive into all that? Halloween candy, decorations and costume displays are already going up in some stores. Again, all well and good, but September

just landed and it seems we are already leap-frogging it into October. And I wonder why that is. Is October just a more fun month than September? Is September just a steppingstone between summer and fall?

After all September is just chock-a-block with national observances. We've got Labor Day, Patriot Day and Rosh Hashanah. National Recovery Month and National Suicide Prevention Month are worthy acknowledgements. It is also National Preparedness Month and I will admit I am a bit

confused about that. Are we preparing for the first frost or the Zombie Apocalypse? Maybe we are just preparing for, well, autumn.

The word "autumn" is derived from the Latin "autumnus." Which means "the passing of the year." And the term "fall" comes from the Old English "feallan," or to "drop from a height." That's pretty obvious considering everything that is dropped is more than likely dropped from a height. I can't recall ever dropping anything from a depth. In any case, even though the grass

is still greener and the leaves on the trees are hanging on stubbornly, it is just a matter of time before the rakes and leaf blowers are hauled out of the shed.

I do have a leaf blower but since I live in the country I have never used it to blow leaves. Nature handles that task for me and I'm glad I do not live in a neighborhood where everyone is blowing their leaves onto everyone else's lawns, thus prompting everyone else to do the same. It is a vicious cycle and civil wars have started over less. You wouldn't

dump your grass clippings next door but those leaf blower enthusiasts don't think twice about blasting their own fallen foliage all over the place. I use my leaf blower to "sweep" the porch and work sheds. They also make great bellows out at the fire pit. Lazy of me? Yes. But after having to mow more than twice as much as I usually do this year, I deserve a break.

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

Happy
Here!



Poems about small town life

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Every town has something that
Another town ain't got...
A special store,
Cafe, bar, or
An interesting spot.

Water tower, maple tree,
The steeple of a church.
Three tallest things
A small town springs.
There's rarely higher perch.

Want to get a little taste
Of how things used to be?
Just go to where
There's space to spare
And roads are gravelly.

Poetry From Daily Life

edited by
David L. Harrison,
Missouri's Poet Laureate

Poetry from Daily Life: Know a child struggling to learn to read? Poetry can help

By Laura Robb

This week's guest is Laura Robb, who lives in Winchester, Virginia. A longtime teacher and author, Laura's first book was published in 1994. She is widely known for her educational books about reading and writing. Two that she especially liked working on were "Teaching Reading

in Middle School," Scholastic, 2010; and "Promote Reading Gains With Differentiated Instruction," Shell Education, 2023. A unique fact about Laura Robb is that she's always at work on a 1,000-piece jigsaw puzzle. ~ David L. Harrison

The power of poetry and learning to read

In his blog, "The Power of Patterns in teaching," published in The Robb Review, Oct.

4, 2022, Dr. Timothy Rasinski explains that English has many word-patterns that can be used to teach reading. In primary grades, teachers can use phonemic word families to support children's decoding. If a child can read "teach," then the "-each" in teach can help them say beach, reach, peach, breach and longer more complex words such as preacher, teacher, reachable, and teachable. Most poetry and songs for young students rhyme and have strong rhythm which helps students say and remember the words. Teachers can collaborate with the school's librarian to find poems and songs that link to the phonemic word family their students are practicing.

Besides improved decoding, Dr. Rasinski's research at Kent State University's reading clinic also shows that when young students practice reading poems, they can develop fluency and expressive reading. After four to five days of practice, children begin to read their poem fluently, and they're ready to volunteer to perform it for their reading group, the entire class, and/or their family. Dr. Rasinski's research also shows that practice and performance

increases comprehension of the poem, enlarges vocabulary, and boosts students' self-confidence. A knowledge of his research enabled me to support my granddaughter who was a delayed reader.

An urgent telephone call

I picked up the ringing telephone and heard, "Can you help me read better, grandma?" These words from my granddaughter, who recently completed first grade, startled me, but also gave me hope. Hope, because I believed that by wanting help, Lani would work hard. Neither her parents nor I were surprised that she struggled with reading, as Lani arrived in this world three weeks early and spent two weeks in an incubator. Even though her mom and dad read aloud to her several times a day, learning to read remained a challenge.

During the summer, Lani came to my house four days a week and when second grade started, Monday through Thursday she rode the bus to my house and stayed for one hour. I read poems to her, we choral read poems and worked on word families. Lani enjoyed printing words in

the same family on long strips of paper. We hung them on the walls of my office, and Lani chose two to three lists to reread during each lesson. Once her reading of a word list was automatic, she took it home and hung it on her bedroom walls.

For practice and performance, Lani selected a poem each week from a folder I filled with poems by Shel Silverstein, Karla Kuskin, David Harrison, Eve Merriam, and David McCord. As her reading improved, I added longer poems, and she looked forward to performing them for her parents and brother, who celebrated her progress.

Once a week I gathered old favorites and new poems to create a trail of poems that started in the kitchen, continued through the living room, and up the stairs to my office. "Are these for me to read?" she asked. I smiled and nodded. Slowly, we made our way to the office, Lani stopping to read each poem. To this day, she recalls that weekly experience with smiles and pleasure!

Halfway through fourth grade, Lani called me and told me that she was in the next-to-top reading group! "The poems did it!" she said. Yes!

Poetry brought Lani into the reading life! Now a high school senior, entering college in the fall to study psychology, poetry continues to be an important part of her life. "Poetry saved me in second and third grades," she said. "I still read poems and have a collection of my favorite poets on my bookshelf: Emily Dickinson, Robert Frost, Mary Oliver, Langston Hughes, Rui Kaur, and Natalie Diaz!" Not only did poetry save Lani, but it continues to be an important part of her adult reading life!

Laura Robb has taught and coached teachers for more than 45 years! She continues to teach and coach, present webinars, and is presently learning with a seventh-grade English teacher. Author of more than 40 books on literacy, Robb received NCTE's Richard Halle Award for excellence in middle school education, Scholastic's Hero Award for outstanding support of teachers, and the Literacy Leader award from Nassau County Reading Council. Her most recent book, co-authored with David L. Harrison and Dr. Timothy Rasinski, is "Promote Reading Gains with Differentiated Instruction" (Shell 2023).

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Community Bulletin Board

Thursday, September 11 JH VB at HOME vs Fairfield and Stafford *** JH FB at HOME vs Farfield/Stafford	Wednesday, September 17 Greenhand Conference *** 6:00 p.m. Shop Guild
Friday, September 12 HS FB at Peabody-Burns	Thursday, September 18 9:00 a.m. HS/JH Corss Country at St. John *** 4:00 p.m. JH VB at Skyline *** 6:00 p.m. JH FB at Skyline ***
Saturday, September 13 HS VB United Tournament at Sylvan/Lucas *** JH/HS Cross Country at Skyline	Friday, September 19 6:00 p.m. HS VB at Norwich with Belle Plaine
Monday, September 15 HS JV FB vs Tescott at HOME	Saturday, September 20 HS VB at Sares Tournament in Sterling
Tuesday, September 16 HS VB vs South Barber and Norwich at HOME *** VB Senior Night *** Lions Club	

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Minutes from the Kingman County Commission

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Commission meeting minutes. Commissioner Thimesch seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners 3-0.
Commissioners signed abatements.
Charles Arensdorf, Public Works Director was in with information from Josh Beckman, Kirkham Michael on U.0-19.7 Bridge.
MOTION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to have construction design and construction engineering done for U.0-19.7 Bridge to be paid with the ¾ % sales tax. Commissioner Elpers seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners 3-0.
Mr. Arensdorf gave an update on HMO north of Cunningham and that road repairs are planned for Wednesday and Thursday this week if weather allows it to be done.
MOTION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to take the week of Labor Day off with no Commission meeting. Commissioner Elpers seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners 3-0.
Commissioners discussed the HVAC system and that they would like for all Departments to receive the information received from Barton County and have a special meeting on September 8th, 2025 at 1:00 p.m. with Department Heads.
MOTION: Commissioner Elpers moved to adjourn the regular board meeting at 11:23. Commissioner Thimesch seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners 3-0.

Senate Candidate, Christy Davis Visits Kingman

I will be finishing Weinschenk next week.
As I told my students when I was teaching history in middle school their history is important also. I feel that I need to take a break from telling the history of our county and Willowdale area and tell the history that is being made today.

Sunday, September 7th, was a historical day in Kingman, Kansas. The last Democratic U.S. Senator elected in Kansas was George McGill who left office in 1939, and a Kansan who plans to break that string visited Kingman Sunday night.
Ms. Christy Davis was hosted by the Kingman County Democrats at The Hanger venue on Main Street Kingman. Former elected Democrats and locals from the rural area, plus out of area people welcomed her.
Ms. Davis is a Democrat who is running against Sen. Roger Marshall in the 2026 election. Ms. Davis told of her vast experience in serving Kansans through her position in Rural Development in the Federal Government She has helped businesses in all parts of Kansas as well as Kingman and Kingman County to get grants and acquire local financial support. Ms. Davis lives in Cottonwood Falls and grew up on a farm in Harvey County. Christy’s motivation to run against Sen. Marshal stems from the news that he is no longer living in Kansas, plus his lack of support for the needs of Kansans. Harm done to the Kansas farmers through the DOGE cuts to farm service and soil conservation were also motivating factors. She plans to be at the Kansas State Fair this week. You can find more about Christy on her website online: <https://www.christydavisforkansas.com/>
I will go back to my Weinschenk story next week. --Alan Albers

Upcoming Auctions

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September 17
6:00 p.m.

Cooking for a Cause

Mama Judy will be cooking her full menu she prepares for all the artists that perform at the theatre. Big John Murray will be the guest speaker. The event will be at The Hangar with only 100 tickets available for ADVANCED PURCHASE ONLY through our box office or by calling 620-532-1253. There will not be free sponsor tickets for this event. Seating will be tables of 8. You may buy as a group or we can sit you with other friends of the theatre. ON SALE NOW!!
A portion of the meal proceeds will be gifted to The Kingman Health Coalition for Mental Health Awareness and Suicide Prevention.

Kingman Historic Theatre

September 20
6:30 p.m.

Concert for a Cause

Tickets Available at 620-532-1253 or Online:
A CONCERT FOR A CAUSE featuring JERROD NIEMANN, JAELEN JOHNSTON, KATIE ZIEGLER, THE FAIRCHILDS, AND BIG JOHN MURRAY Tickets Sep 20, 2025, 6:30 PM | OUTHOUSE <https://share.google/RGNhdVbSjfj10cqbm>
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Jerrod Niemann, Jaelen Johnston, John Murray, The Fairchilds, and Katie Ziegler.
We will be accepting donations during the concert and all will be gifted to The Kingman Health Coalition for Mental Health AwarenessThere will be resource tables and free items to take with you at each event

Kingman Historic Theatre

Free Movie

September 12
Teenage Mutuant Ninja Turtles (1990 version)

Rated PG
7:30 p.m.

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September 13
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7:30 p.m.

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1940

September 13, 1940 – September 13, 1940 – An infantile paralysis scare has delayed the opening of schools throughout the state. There are about 200 active cases of the dread disease in Kansas, with 36 new cases reported within the past week.

1950

September 9, 1950 – The doors of the Cunningham Rural High School opened Monday morning with an enrollment of 66 students.

Following is the enrollment by classes: Freshmen: 18; Sophomores, 25; Juniors, 11, and Seniors, 12.

166 grade school pupils started the current term at the Cunningham Grade School, Tuesday morning.

The enrollment by grades is as follows: first 24; second, 18; third, 21; fourth, 19; fifth, 23; sixth, 20; seventh, 19, and eighth, 22.

For Sale; Nice frying chickens. Mrs. L. C. Smith, Cunningham, Kansas

For Sale: We have in stock, Maple Leaf Binder Twine, \$13.00 per bale. Bowersock Mills and Power Company, Cunningham, Kansas.

For sale: Five room house in Haviland; 1937 Chevrolet two-door sedan; Twin-size bed with mattress and box springs; Chifforobe with hat section and four drawers, mirror doors; Table with four chairs; Hostess chair; New Tappan gas range; New Oakland heating stove; Majestic portable radio, battery, AC and DC -Duane Tucker, Cunningham, Kansas

For sale: 7-room frame house with shingle roof. REA wired and modern. To be moved of torn down by January 1, 1951. Electric and plumbing fixtures to be sold with house. Loren Cooley, phone 49F03, Cunningham, Kansas

For Sale: Small henhouse, washhouse, and garage, cheap. Used flooring and dimensional lumber. G. C. Huhman, phone 53, Cunningham, Ks.

For sale: Magnetic Jig Saw, Roll-A-Way Bed, and two scoop shovels. Also 7-month-old German Shepherd Dog. Phone 21J Cunningham, Kansas.

For sale: Certifited Early Triumph, Pawnee, and Wichita Seed Wheat. Mike Schnittker, phone Nashville 27F03.

1955

September 8, 1955 – Two hundred and sixty-seven students enrolled in the three Cunningham schools, starting the 1955-1956 school term this week.

One hundred and thirty-nine pupils are attending Cunningham Grade School; ninety-six students are enrolled in Cunningham Rural High School, and thirty-two pupils are attending Sacred Heart Parochial School.

Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Phillips and family moved to their new residence in Attica, Saturday, where Mr. Phillips will be a gauger for the Skelly Oil Company.

KTVH Hutchinson Channel 12: Friday, September 9: 7:00 p.m. Playhouse of the Stars; 8:00 Undercurrent; 8:30 Person to Person; 9:00 Man Behind the Badge; 9:30 Greatest Fights.

1960

September 8, 1960 – A total of 109 students are enrolled in Cunningham Grade School for the 1960-1961 school year. This is a decrease of 16 from last year’s enrollment. The seventh grade boasts the largest individual class enrollment, 21 pupils.

Boys far outnumber the girls 37 to 21, in enrollment figures as Sacred Heart Parochial School began the 1960-1961 term of school last week with 38 pupils, up 13 from last year. The first grade leads all other grades in enrollment with 14 beginners. There are 3 in the second grade, 7 in the third grade, 6 in the fourth grade, 7 in the fifth grade, 7 in the sixth grade, 6 in the seventh grade, and 8 in the eighth grade.

A total of 94 students are enrolled at Cunningham Rural High School for the 1960-1961 school term, down 17 form last years total enrollment.

Seventy-five of the students have Cunningham addresses, with one student from Turon, 11 from Penalosa, three from Nashville, and four from Pratt.

Adv: Wanted – Woman for work at Twin Gables Nursing Home. Phone AXtel 8-3635, Cunningham, Kans.

1965

September 9, 1965 – Richard Cain, four-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Ivan Cain, suffered a broken arm while at play at home, Sunday. He was taken to Nashville Hospital, where the fracture was set, and he was able to be brought home Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Cain of Cunningham, announce the birth of a son, Sunday, August 26, at the Nashville Hospital. He weighed nine pounds and has been named Billy Lee. Paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Frank Cain, Sr. of Penalosa.

The Cunningham Merchants closed their 1965 slo-pitch softball season in highly successful fashion over the weekend, winning the Kingman County Slo-Pitch Softball Tournament for the second straight year.

The large over-size bat, emblematic of the country

tournament championship, returned to Cunningham for another year. The bat trophy must be won three times to acquire permanent possession.

Manager Jack Meyers reports the team finished the season, winning 58 games while losing only vie, and captured fifth place in the state tournament.

Mrs. Frank Allbritten, 78, a life-time resident of the Cunningham and Cairo communities, passed away at her home here early last Saturday morning following an extended illness, the past three years of which she had been bedfast at her home.

Mrs. Allbritten was born at Cairo, October 9, 1886, the daughter of W.B. and Annette Grier. She grew up in the Cairo community and, following her marriage to Frank F. Allbritten, December 16, 1908, moved to Cunningham where the family has since resided.

Weekend and Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Fitzsimmons and Kathy were Mr. and Mrs. Preston Smith of Yates Center, and Mr. and Mrs. Gary Fitzsimmons and Paula.

Mr. and Mrs. Evan Thornhill visited the Dallas Thornhill home in Hutchinson last Thursday. Their granddaughter, Bonita, returned home with them to spend until Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Huhman and sons, Kirk and Scott, of Lyons, were Sunday guests of his mother, Mrs. Fern Huhman.

Mr. and Mrs. Larry Ruckle and family moved into the Athol Chase property in the south part of town over the Labor Day weekend. Mr. and Ms. Chase and family moved to Plains last week, where they will make their new home.

1970

Sept. 10, 1970- A reception for the teachers will be held in the school gym-auditorium, Wednesday evening, Sept. 16, at 8:00 o’clock, sponsored by the Cunningham churches and the Cunningham Lions Club. The public is invited to attend.

The Community YWCA will hold their first meeting of the new year, Monday evening, Sept. 14 at 6:30 o’clock, in the United Methodist Church undercroft. The meeting is a salad supper, and each member is urged to bring a guest. All interested ladies of the community are invited to attend.

Mrs. Donald Becker and Cindy visited the First Grade Friday afternoon. The merry-go-round mobile has six ponies. Each pupil made a pipe cleaner child. Some the children are riding double.

The First Grade has 10 pupils: Michael Fischer, Bryan Jones, Todd Rohr, Mark Thimesch, Dawn Alley, Vickie Becker, Andrea Graves, Donice Kitson, Dana Murphey, and Heather Routh.

YEARS AGO IN

The Cunningham Clipper

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Reporter: Marie Ann Mantooth

1975

September 11, 1975 – The Cunningham Christian Church had a homecoming service and dinner Sunday, Sept. 7. The occasion was for the 70th Anniversary of the church building and a dedication of the new church entrance built this past year and memorial furnishings given to the church.

Mrs. Flora Patton was hostess for a Labor Day cookout. Those attending were Mr. and MRs. W.G. Patton of Santa Ana, California, Mr. and Mrs. George McClellan, Cunningham, Mr. and Mrs. Frank McClellan, Pretty Prairie, Mrs. Amy McClellan, Cunningham and Mr. and Mrs. Pete Krehbiel of Kingman.

The Wildcat Den will be open following the football games on September 12 and the 19 for a high school students dance.

Mrs. Rita Bennett returned to her home at Smith Center Sunday after spending last week at the home of her daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Kerschen, Julie and Ryan, where she visited and helped care for the new baby, Ryan.

Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Krug of Great Bend and Mrs. Wm. Krug of Pratt spent last Wednesday visiting Mr. and Mrs. Dick Krug.

Sunday dinner guests of Mrs. Wm. Krug of Pratt were Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Krug and son of Derby and Mr. and Mrs. Dick Krug.

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(Volunteers Needed at the museum)

Frances M. Meyers, 66, died Saturday evening, September 5, 1975, at her home. She was born at Ellinwood January 16, 1909, and married August e. Meyers October 12, 1933 there. She lived at Cunningham all her married life. She was a member of the Sacred Heart Church, Cunningham.

YEARS AGO IN

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1980

September 11, 1980 – Cunningham Schools are off to a good start with an enrollment of 197 in both schools. Cunningham High School has 74 students enrolled as follows: seniors, 19; juniors, 19; sophomores, 18; and freshmen, 18.

The 123 students in grade school are divided as follows: 8th grade, 10; 7th grade, 14; 6th grade, 11; 5th grade 18; 4th grade, 21; third grade, 13; second grade, 11; first grade, 9; and kindergarten, 16.

School menu: Monday: Hamburger-Rice Casserole, mixed fruit salad; sliced beets; hot rolls and butter; cookies and milk. Tuesday: Lil Smokies, cauliflower and cheese sauce, hot-rolls and butter, Jello, milk.

The Cunningham High School STUCO will hold an ice cream social next Sunday, Sept. 14. It will be held in either the City Park or in the United Methodist Church basement, depending on the weather. Donations will be accepted for ice cream and cake.

Come down at 2 p.m. and enjoy ice cream and cake while supporting your high school STUCO.

The 1980 football season gets underway this Friday, Sept. 12 at 7:30 p.m. The Wildcats will be traveling to Norwich.

This encounter is very important to both squads. Norwich defending GGPL champions from last year are again rated by both the Wichita and Hutchinson papers. Norwich was also voted by the League to repeat as champions, with stiff opposition coming from Skyline, Bucklin, Haviland and Cunningham.

Hilltop: Friday we were treated to an evening of square dancing. Caller Charles Ridgeway his wife Betty and daughter Charlene of Pratt were here. The square dancers were Dale and Helen Keimig of Nashville, Dick and Jo Strohl of Nashville, Vernon and Velma Thomas and another from Pratt. Little Charlene Ridgeway entertained the residents between squares with her dancing. She even talked Daddy, Charles into dancing with her.

1985

September 12, 1985 – Sister Cassian will celebrate her 50th anniversary on Sunday, Sept. 22, 1985, at the ten o’clock Mass at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Cunningham.

Sister Cassian (Margaret) is the daughter of Anna Geris Ebenkamp and the late Ben Ebenkamp. She was received into the Congregation of the Sisters of St. Joseph of Wichita, in 1935, and pronounced her vows in 1940. Through the years she has served in the Kansas towns of Iola, Arkansas City, Coffeyville, Parsons, Ulysses, Dodge City and Wichita.

On Sunday, Sept. 8, the people of St. Leo Parish welcomed the School Staff at the school after the 10 o’clock Mass. Many supporters of the school came to extend a welcome and best wishes for a successful school year to the teachers. Rolls and coffee were served.

Sister Hermina Oeding teaches grades 4-5. Sister Crestenia Peschla is the primary teacher – grades 1, 2, and 3. The principal and teacher of grades 6, 7, and 8 is Sister Mary Rose Engel. Sister Monica Staudinger works as the School Librarian.

Over 100 fans turned out on Friday evening, Sept. 6, for the pre-season football scrimmage at the Cunningham football field. Coach Warren Meireis put his squad of 27 candidates (four were unable to play because of illness) through the paces in an exhibition of skill and daring.

Although all phases of the strategy showed great strength, it was the skill of the defenders that brought the most satisfaction to the spectators.

Quarterbacks Matt Oller and Scott DeWeese showed good throwing and operating tactics. Sophomore Tom Theis showed great promise as a receiver. Outstanding running was achieved by Ryan Ruckle.

We wish to thank everyone who shared in making our 35th wedding anniversary celebration a delightful day. Thanks for all the cards, flowers, gifts and time Sunday afternoon to make it a Highlight of our life. We give special thanks to our children for all their work in making this Our Day to remember. Bob and Helen Long



Jr. High Football Cruises Past Central Christian

On Thursday, September 4, 2025, the Cunningham junior high football team traveled to Hutchinson to take on league foe Central Christian and came away with a 38-16 win.

The Wildcats led 38-0 at halftime and were able to play the reserves in the second half. The Wildcats led 16-0 after the first quarter on a 36-yard run by Landon Green and a 24-yard run by Brody Halderson, Halderson and Casyn Miller added the two, two-point conversions.

Cunningham went to the air to start the scoring in the second quarter when Miller connected with Green on a 12-yard touchdown pass, PAT failed.

Green would add another touchdown on the Wildcats next possession, Miller added the PAT to stretch the lead to 30-0.

On Central Christian's next possession, Halderson would pickup a Cougar fumble and take it in from 20 yards out, Miller's PAT made the score 38-0.

In the second half Central Christian was able to score twice to bring the final to 38-16. The Wildcats start the season 1-0 with the win and will look to go to 2-0 at home in their next game.

-Coach Bart Ricke



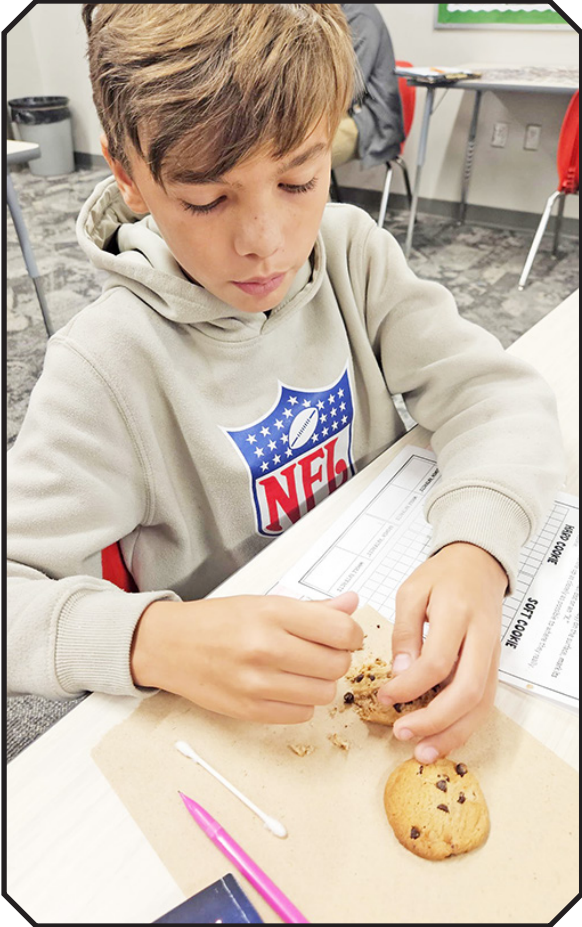
Learning Those Life Skills



As part of their unit on workplace skills, Mr. Dunlap assisted the Intro to FACS class with a lesson on how to tie a tie.



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While digging out chocolate chip artifacts from the cookie soil, sixth graders decided archeologists must have incredible patience and a gentle hand as they study past human life by examining things people left behind.



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Comfortably Dumb

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Cross County Completes First Meet



Sean
Kostner



Kane Reid



Will Halderson



Larry Heatherman



Blake Swope

The cross-country team competed in their first meet of the year at Pretty Prairie on September 4th. They all ran hard and gave great effort. I look forward to seeing what they can do at Skyline on Saturday the 13th. Races start at 10:00 a.m.

7th grade mile
Colton Zwierzchowski 17th 8:07

4K
Hank Adams 11th 18:28
Kane Reid 16th 26:05

5K
Will Halderson 12th 21:04
Newt Heatherman 19th 21:59
Blake Swope 20th 22:07
Sean Kostner 23rd 23:33
Larry Heatherman 26th 24:36



photos and information
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Coach Ingrid Rieck

High School Sports Snapshots



Kyra Morgan and Grace Hageman



photos by Molly Morgan



Emily Ogg, Gracie Symth and Kyra Morgan



Logan Kinsler



Skyler Thimesch

As Tradition: CHS Marches in State Fair Parade



Cunningham High School Band marched at the State Fair this morning before the clouds opened up and rained. Their playing was fantastic in the arena, and they received a Superior+ (1+) rating and an outstanding (2) rating for marching! It only sprinkled on us when we were marching, but then it downpoured on us the rest of the day! Besides being wet and cold, I think they had a good time. I'm so proud of them!! There were definitely memories made in the pouring rain.

--Mrs. Kerschen

photos by Molly Morgan

Sunday, August 31	
Traffic Stops	2
Animal Complaint	9200 Blk E Hwy 42, Norwich
Check Welfare	15000 Blk E Hay 54, Cheney
Traffic Complaint	10000 Blk E Hwy 54, Murdock
Traffic Complaint	3700 Blk E Hwy 54, Kingman
Non-Injury Accident	SW 40 St & SW 90 Ave, Kingman
Miscellaneous	120 N Spruce St, Kingman
Accidental 911 Dial	5200 Blk NE 110 Ave, Pretty Prairie
Miscellaneous	700 Blk W D ave, Kingman
Check Welfare	4100 Blk W Hwy 54, Kingman
Agency Assist / KMPD	500 Blk W A Ave, Kingman
Monday, September 1	
Traffic Stops	4
Civil Paper Service	7
Animal Complaint	SE 60 Ave & SE 50 St, Kingman
Animal Complaint	NE 40 Ave & NE 35 St, Kingman
Agency Assist / KHP	6000 Blk E Hwy 54, Kingman
Suspicious Vehicle	200 Blk S Elliott St, Cunningham
Agency Assist / KHP	16000 Blk E Hwy 54, Cheney
Traffic Complaint	1100 Blk NE 20 St, Kingman
Abandoned Vehicle	SW 80 Ave & W Hwy 54, Kingman
Agency Assist / Medical	300 Blk S Somerset St, Norwich
Tuesday, September 2	
Traffic Stops	2
Transport Prisoner	120 N Spruce St, Kingman
Miscellaneous	100 Blk W 4th St, Cunningham
Follow Up	300 Blk N Main St, Kingman
Transport Prisoner	120 N Spruce St, Kingman
Miscellaneous	600 Blk N Spruce St, Kingman
Animal Complaint	SW 170 Ave & W Hwy 42, Nashville
Miscellaneous	2000 Blk SE Viney Ave, Murdock
Check Welfare	S Hwy 14 & SE 50 St, Kingman
Follow Up	800 Blk E D Ave, Kingman
Court / Inmate	130 N Spruce St, Kingman
Miscellaneous	300 Blk S Somerset St, Norwich
Animal Complaint	SE 60 St & SE 100 Ave, Murdock

Animal Complaint	NW 20 St & NW 70 Ave, Kingman
Miscellaneous	6900 Blk NE 50 St, Kingman
Disabled Vehicle	7700 Blk E Hwy 54, Kingman
Suspicious Person	1200 Blk E Hwy 54, Kingman
Wednesday, September 3	
Traffic Stops	1
Civil Paper Service	7
Miscellaneous	200 Blk S Parkway St, Norwich
Animal Complaint	8000 W Hwy 54, Kingman
Miscellaneous / 2 Arrest	200 Blk N Valley St, Cunningham
Disturbance / Jail	120 N Spruce St, Kingman
Court / Inmate	130 N Spruce St, Kingman
Fire / Vehicle	4600 Blk SE 100 St, Kingman
Court / Inmate	130 N Spruce St, Kingman
Non-Injury Accident	14000 Blk SE 70 Ave, Rago
Thursday, September 4	
Traffic Stops	6
Civil Paper Service	3
Transport Prisoner	120 N Spruce St, Kingman
Court / Inmate	130 N Spruce St, Kingman
Disabled Vehicle	NE 40 St & N Hwy 14, Pretty Prairie
Non-Injury Accident	11000 Blk NE 50 St, Murdock
Non-Injury Accident	11000 Blk SE 60 St, Murdock
Friday, September 5	
Civil Paper Service	3
Non-Injury Accident	SE 40 St & SE 100 Ave, Murdock
Suspicious Vehicle	100 Blk E Burns Ave, Norwich
Miscellaneous	5200 Blk SW 80 St, Kingman
Animal Complaint	E Hwy 42 & SE 40 Ave, Rago
Agency Assist	18000 W Hwy 54, Cunningham
Saturday, September 6	
Traffic Stops	1
Civil Paper Service	5
Agency Assist / Pratt Co SO	18000 Blk W Hwy 54, Cunningham
Miscellaneous	K2 & K42, Norwich
Abandoned Vehicle	2800 Blk N Berry Ave, Kingman
Check Welfare	9000 Blk W Hwy 54, Cunningham
Agency Assist / KMPD	1000 Blk N Cedar St, Kingman





*Glenn Brunkow,
Pottawatomie County
farmer and rancher*

Jennifer and I sell lamb at the farmers market in Manhattan. Yes, it is a great way for us to sell our lamb, but what I enjoy the most is interacting with the consumers who buy our lamb. I take considerable pride in the meat we produce and in sharing it with the end user.

As good as that all is, this is also a chance for me to advocate for agriculture and, in some small way, to help dispel some of the myths about how we produce food. It's not always easy, and I am not always successful, but it is important to

A couple of weeks ago a gentleman stopped at our booth and expressed interest in purchasing lamb, but first he had a question. He asked if we used pesticides on our farm. I told him we do, and they are a valuable tool in our toolbox.

He then told me he was not interested in buying any meat because it would have pesticide on it. I explained we follow all safety precautions including re-entry and grazing exclusion times. That was not good enough for him, and I could not convince him our meat was free of pesticide residue no matter what evidence I presented to him.

In the end I chalked my interaction up to the old adage of “you can’t win them all.” However, that does not mean you should not try. In the end we had a very civil discussion, but he would not be swayed by the evi-

dence. Thankfully, there are many other customers who do believe me.

I also had a customer ask me if my meat was free of hormones and antibiotics. I told them, first, that there are no added hormones I could give sheep so that is not a concern. Moreover, I told them that we are in regular contact with our veterinarian and follow the label guidelines on the antibiotics we do give our lambs.

I told the customer we use as few antibiotics as possible, but when my sheep are sick, I want to treat them with the best possible medicine. The health and wellbeing of our sheep is one of the top concerns on our farm. I also said that we are very conscious of proper use of antibiotics because we want them to remain effective for our sheep as well as ourselves.

In this instance I was successful and made

the sale. As farmers and ranchers, we need to make sure we take our time and explain to consumers what we do and why we do it. Farmers and ranchers are among the most trusted professionals, and we need to make sure we use this trust to dispel bad information that consumers are constantly bombarded with.

We may not always be successful but that does not mean we should not keep trying to tell our story every chance we get. We're not going to win every conversation, but I believe we can win most of them. Each consumer we do educate is one more friend of agriculture — and we need every friend we can get.

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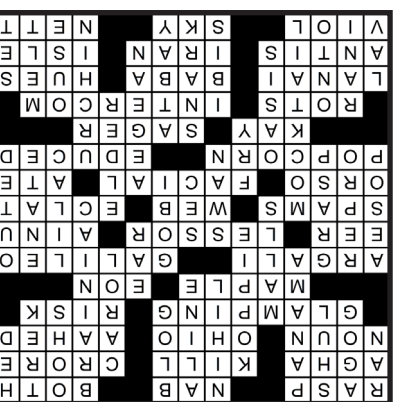
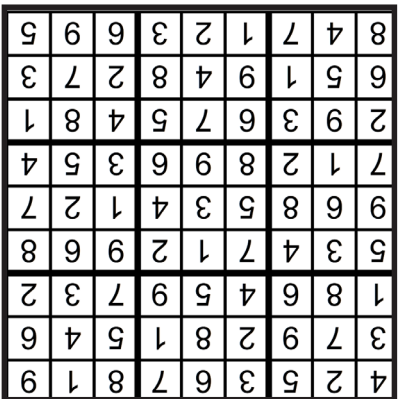
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14. Ten million, in India
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16. Kent State state
17. Oohed partner
18. *Sleeping in a very fancy tent
20. Board game of diplomacy
21. Canada's favorite tree?
22. Long time
23. Asian wild sheep
26. Galilei's first name
30. Ever, to a poet
31. Lease giver
34. Hokkaido native
35. Sends unwanted emails
37. Charlotte's creation
38. "Bravo! Bravo!"
39. Roughly (2 words)
40. Common spa treatment
42. Gobbled up
43. *Movie theater snack
45. Infer using data
47. Entrepreneur Mary Ash's middle name
48. Wiser
50. Decomposes
52. *Communication device
55. Veranda, in Honolulu
56. Rum-soaked cake
57. Shades of color
59. Those against
60. Tehran location

61. Small island
62. Violin's Renaissance
predecessor
63. Cloud's domain
64. Left after deductions, in U.K.

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1. Escaped
2. Bug-eyed
3. Synagogue
4. Wide-brimmed straw hat
5. Nothing, in Latin
6. Skirt shape
7. *Online journal
8. *Exceptionally intelligent one
9. Aahs' partners
10. Hiker's journey
11. He had
13. Small hill rising up from veld
14. Classic TV's "lovely lady"
19. Pall ____ and ____ of America
22. ENT's first concern?
23. "The Fox and the Grapes" storyteller
24. Copy, slangily
25. Get the picture
26. Desert in China and Mongolia
27. Jasmine's kin
28. Related on mother's side
29. Revealed
32. Zeus in disguise
33. Not min or hr
36. *Nonalcoholic drink
38. LDS missionary
40. Cook in a skillet
41. Sea in the Mediterranean
44. Desert mirage

46. Prickly marine invertebrate
48. *Scornful remark
49. Keep someone _____, or
away from causing harm
50. Indian princess
51. On top of
52. Wading bird
53. Yorkshire river
54. Patty follower
55. Abbreviation on a bathroom
door
58. Part of tennis match





2nd Grade Learn About Plants



2nd grade has been learning all about plants, plant parts, and the job of each part. Today we planted corn seeds so we can prove plants need sunlight and water to grow and survive.

submitted by Ingrid Ricke





Homemade Ranch Dressing – Best on Earth!

“I don’t believe in bottled salad dressing... why should you have it bottled? It’s so easy to make. And they never use very good oil.”

Julia Child

Ranch dressing is uniquely American. In a 2017 poll to determine our favorite salad dressing (sponsored by the Association for Dressing and Sauces) it received 40% of the vote nationwide (followed by Italian in second place with just 10%). Since 1992 ranch dressing has been the best-selling salad dressing in the United States. Ranch is good stuff. And if you enjoy ranch dressing as much as I do, then this column is for you.

In search of healthy salad dressing options, hoping to avoid unhealthy seed oils, I recently fell down the rabbit hole of online food tutorials. What I discovered is thrilling – healthy homemade ranch dressing that is unbelievably good! This may be the best ranch dressing on planet Earth!

Ranch dressing has an interesting history. In Texas, recipes for buttermilk dressing date back to the 1930s. It is believed that since buttermilk was more available than vegetable oils out on ranches, it became a popular base and ranch dressing was born.

However, a cowboy from Nebraska named Steve Henson is credited with creating ranch dressing in 1949.

While working as a contract plumber in Alaska and cooking for his coworkers, Mr. Henson perfected his buttermilk dressing recipe. In 1954 he and his wife bought a ranch near Santa Barbara, California. They called their new home Hidden Valley Ranch and began serving their buttermilk dressing to guests. Their dressing was so popular they were soon selling it to ranch visitors and local supermarkets. In 1972 the couple sold their name and recipe to Clorox (yes, the bleach people) for \$8 million and retired. Today ranch dressing is popular not only for salads, but it is a favorite for dipping everything from French fries to pizza and more.

As Americans, we love ranch dressing.

For the health conscious, the only problem with commercial ranch dressing is that it is made using harmful seed oils. Ranch dressing that you buy in the store is made with Soybean and/ or Canola oil (both are toxic seed oils linked to cancer, heart disease, and more – do your own research on this). Along with seed oils, store-bought ranch is full of chemical preservatives. The good news is that you can easily and quickly make your own homemade ranch dressing that is free from bad seed oils and harmful preservatives. Your family will love this stuff.

Health concerns aside, perhaps the best reason for making your own homemade ranch dressing is because of the amazing taste difference. Your homemade dressing will taste a hundred times better than anything you buy. The primary reason for this I believe is simply that you can make it fresh. Like freshly baked bread, fresh roasted coffee, or garden tomatoes fresh out of the sun, fresh tastes better. Your freshly made dressing will delight and amaze your family and friends. Here is the recipe that I have been using. Note – you can add to or alter this recipe in any way. Consider this a basic recipe and adjust as you like.

Ingredients needed:

- *1 cup mayonnaise (I use mayo made with avocado oil – Primal Kitchen brand is best tasting and has no bad seed oils - regular mayo is made with soybean or canola oil – read labels).
- *1/2 cup buttermilk (amount may vary - add this last and make dressing as thick or thin as you like).
- *1/2 cup sour cream

(I like the Daisy brand – pure and natural with no additives).

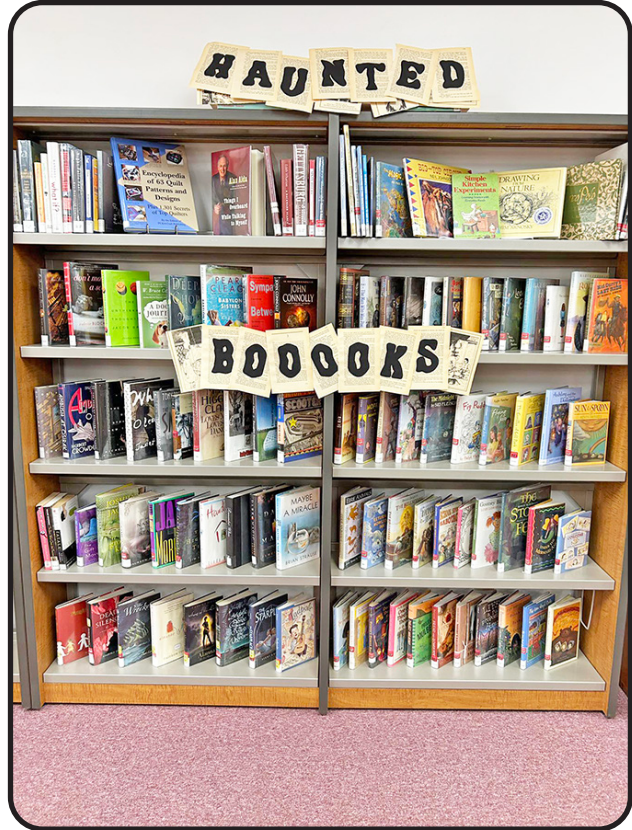
- *2 tsp. lemon juice (fresh)
- *2 tsp. dried parsley
- *1 tsp. dried chives
- *1 tsp. dried dill
- *1/2 tsp. garlic powder
- *1/2 tsp. onion powder
- *1/2 tsp. sea salt
- *1/4 tsp. black pepper

optional - Worcestershire sauce (few dashes – try with/without)

Whisk all ingredients in a large bowl. As I mentioned before, it is best to add buttermilk last to make dressing as thick or thin as you like. Dressing can be used immediately, or chill in fridge for 3-4 hours (keep refrigerated).

Now enjoy your homemade ranch dressing. Bon Appétit!

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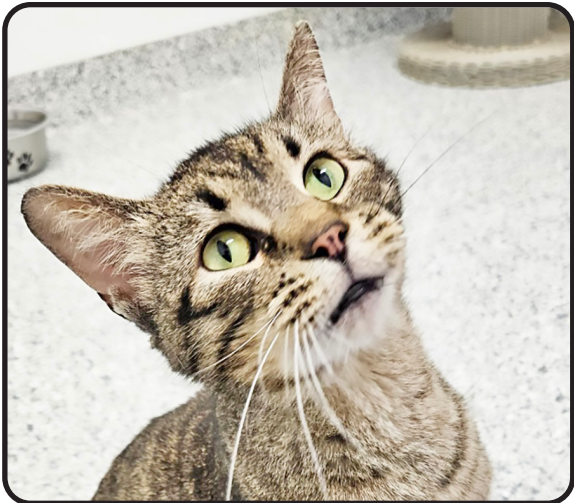
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Ruggles, with those cute ears, needs a fun and friendly and active home. He likes kids and cats and other dogs. He is a mixed breed or ‘black mouth cur’ as listed on his description. He is only about 8 months old and weighs about 25 pounds.

He’s been at the shelter since August 5, and can be adopted for \$200.00.

“This happy, young pup is just waiting for someone to show him the ropes. He’s super friendly and eager to learn. And he might even teach you a thing or two along the way. He’s just at the perfect age to start his new journey. He loves adventure so let’s get started!”



This handsome gentleman would love to live in a home where the people will pay him rightly deserved homage for being such a wonderful feline. Zephyr is about 4 years old, weighs less than 10 pounds and can be adopted for \$40.00.

But hurry, he’s only been at the shelter since August 29, and someone is bound to grab this nice looking kitty up.

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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
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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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IN THE THIRTIETH JUDICIAL DISTRICT

DISTRICT COURT OF KINGMAN COUNTY, KANSAS

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF:
JEANNE E. HOLLIDAY, Deceased.
CASE NO. KM-2025-PR-36
(Pursuant to K.S.A. Chapter 59)

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:

You are hereby notified that on August 22, 2025, a petition was filed in this Court by Melissa Tetrick, Executrix named in the "Last Will and Testament of Jeanne E. Holliday," deceased, dated March 11, 2022, praying the will filed with the petition be admitted to probate and record; Petitioner be appointed as Executrix, without bond; and Petitioner be granted Letters Testamentary.

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

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

Melissa Tetrick, Petitioner
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Donna DeWeese

Donna DeWeese was born at home on September 10, 1931 in Union Township near Cunningham, in Kingman County to Oliver Franklin and Leona K. McMichael DeWeese.

She worked in the Cunningham soda shop, and as a telephone switchboard operator before moving to Wichita to work as a bookkeeper for Wallingford Grain Corporation.

On January 14, 1961, she married Vincent John Theis at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Cunningham. They had five children while living in Wichita, KS, moving their family in 1970 to Austin, Texas.

Between 1970 and 1979, Donna volunteered to work in school libraries and volunteered extensively at the Texas School for the Deaf, including running the sports concession stands while her son, Timothy, played basketball and football. As her children got older, she worked in the Montgomery Wards catalogue department, and then began working for the State of Texas Attorney General's Office for Crime Victims Compensation. She divorced in 1987, and later in 2003, she moved to Manor, TX. After processing medical expense reimbursements to crime victims for two decades, she retired from the state.

Donna is preceded in death by her son Timothy, her parents, aunts and uncles, her sister Anna, her brother Billy, several cousins, including Martha and Marilyn with whom she was particularly close, niece Renee and nephew Greg. She is survived by her children, Teresa, Tama and Thomas of Pflugerville, TX, and Ted of Manor, TX, and by a sister-in-law, Beverly DeWeese of Cunningham. She also leaves eight grandchildren, three step-grandchildren, many cousins, and numerous nieces and nephews, whom she greatly loved.



Etta Mae Frampton

Etta Mae Frampton, loving wife and mother passed Sept. 7, 2025.

Her passion was her family especially her great-grandchildren and watching old westerns.

Besides being a farm wife she had been a cook at Turon Grade School and Fairfield High School then at Mennonite Manor Nursing Home. She taught Sunday School and served as a 4-H leader.

On April 10, 1960, she married Ronald Eugene Frampton at Monett, Missouri; he died in 2022. She is survived by a son Robert and his wife Mendy; daughter Dianna Smith and her husband Craig; three grandsons Cody (Carolynne) Frampton, Chance Frampton (Ashley Matthews), and Wyatt (Kassidy) Smith; great-grandchildren Wyatt Grilliot, Coy Frampton, Gemma Holland and Briar Smith; brother Tom Balmas and his wife Sue; and many nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her husband Ronald; parents Eli and Lola Balmas; sister Norma Bowman; and brothers Charles Balmas and Jim Balmas.

Funeral services will be 2:00 p.m., Thursday, Sept. 11, 2025, at the Livingston Funeral Home, Kingman. The family will receive friends prior to services on Thursday at the funeral home. Burial will be in the Lerado Cemetery.

Memorials may be made with the Kingman Healthcare Center or Wheatlands Health Care Center, both in care of Livingston Funeral Home, 1830 N. Main, Kingman KS 67068.



Blake Reese

Blake Lyman Reese, 16, died Sept. 2, 2025 in rural Kingman County, Kansas.

He was born June 30, 2009, in Wichita to Rachel Sparks Childers and Jason Reese.

Blake enjoyed driving the tractor and working with cattle for the 4-H Fair and being out with his friends and family.

He was a member of the First Christian Church, Kingman; and was a member of JAG and FFA at Kingman High School; and served several offices with the Hawk 4-H Club.

Blake is survived by his parents Rachel Childers; and Jason and Clarissa Reese; his siblings Scotty Sparks, Harlie Reese, Jase Reese and Dylan Reese; grandparents Scott and Karlene Sparks, and Kent and Julie Reese. He was preceded in death by his grandmother Andi Reese.

Funeral services were held on Saturday, Sept. 6, 2025, at the Kingman Christian Church. Burial was in the Hunt Cemetery near Rago.

A memorial has been established with the Kingman Christian Church and may be sent to the Livingston Funeral Home, 1830 N. Main, Kingman, KS 67068.



Tom Frank

Thomas "Tom" G. Frank, 77, passed away Sunday, September 7, 2025 at his home. He was born on October 14, 1947 in Hutchinson to G. Gerald and M. Eileen (Hazen) Frank. Tom married Vickie Lynn (Keller) Frank on April 3, 1971 in Ulysses. She preceded him in death on May 9, 2024.

Tom graduated from Fairfield High School in 1965 and went on to attend Salt City Business College for 2 years. He started his working career at the Preston Co-op in 1968. He then began farming with his dad and in the winter would help build houses. He then started working for the US Postal Service as a substitute mail carrier in 1980 and went full time in 1984 until his retirement in 2014. He was a member of Turon Community Church and was a District 7 volunteer firefighter for 13 years where he served as the Chief for 4 of those years. He enjoyed doing woodworking and helping his children and grandchildren with projects.

He is survived by his daughters, Heather Frank, Debra (Jason) Evans and Janelle (Kenneth Hacking) Frank; grandchildren, Jaden (Adalina Fountain) Evans, Trent (Daisy Raburn) Evans and Ava Evans all of Turon.

Tom is preceded in death by his parents; wife, Vickie Frank; and son, Brian Frank.

Visitation will be Friday, September 12, 2025 from 9:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m. with family receiving friends from 5-7 at Larrison Mortuary, 300 Country Club Road, Pratt. Funeral service will be held at 10:00 a.m., Saturday, September 13, 2025 at Turon Community Church with Pastor Steve Gill presiding. Burial will follow at Turon Cemetery, Turon.

Memorials may be made to District 7 Fire Department or Gentiva Hospice.



Bob Kimminau

Robert Herman Kimminau - 94 - died September 2, 2025 at Midland Hospice House in Topeka, KS.

Bob was born June 1, 1931, to William and Catherine Clouse Kimminau at Nashville, KS.

He was a retired equipment operator with Hamm Construction.

Bob served in the U.S. Navy aboard the U.S.S. Helena during the Korean War.

He was a childhood member of the St. Peter's Catholic Church of Willowdale, later attending Most Pure Heart of Mary Catholic Church once he settled in Topeka.

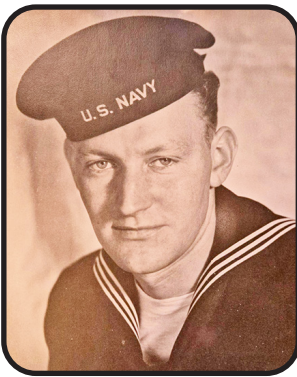
Bob cherished the time he spent as a member of the VFW and American Legion.

He is survived by one son: Robert O. Kimminau. Grandchildren: Robert M. and Michelle Kimminau, Curtis Kimminau, Bryan Kimminau, and Katelyn and Luke Hague. Brother: Raymond Kimminau. Sisters: Marie Taylor, and Joan Kanngiesser. Great-Grandchildren: Nicholas, Jacey, Jagger, Marley, Nolan, Henry, and Jack. As well as many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by a brother Jack, sisters Doris Conrardy, Alice Henning, and Mary Ellen Albanesi, daughter-in-law Christina Kimminau, and a great-grandson Jaxon Kimminau.

The family will receive friends at 9:00 a.m., Saturday, Sept. 13, 2025 at the St. Peter Catholic Church, Willowdale. Rosary will be at 10:00 a.m., that Saturday at St. Peter Catholic Church followed by Mass of Christian Church at 10:30 a.m. Burial will be in the St. Peter Catholic Cemetery.

A memorial has been established with the St. Peter Catholic Church Building Renovation Fund and may be sent to Livingston Funeral Home, 1830 N. Main, Kingman KS 67068.



Karen Lafferty

Karen Sue Lafferty, 80, passed away Tuesday, September 2, 2025, at Hilltop Manor. She was born on July 25, 1945, in Great Bend to Jim and Kathryn (Stieber) Fischer. Karen married Roger Lafferty on November 11, 1967, in Isabel. He preceded her in death on January 3, 2007.

She enjoyed sewing, embroidery, doing crosswords and word puzzles, and reading the Hutch News.

She is survived by her daughters, Krista Patrick and Kathryn Cowger; sister, Lanora Perry; and brother, Jim Fischer.

Karen is preceded in death by her parents; husband, Roger Lafferty; brothers, Ronald Fischer and Ken Fischer; and good friend, Terry Schaefer.

Cremation has taken place. Inurnment will follow at Greenlawn Cemetery, Pratt.

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