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photo by Josh Theis

## Wildcats Win 6-Man Sub-State Title

Saturday, October 23rd brought the Northern Valley Huskies to town for a highly anticipated semi-final round of 6-man football playoffs. The Huskies fell to the Wildcats last year in the opening round. Both teams returned the bulk of their roster. Everyone was excited with the chance to play for the championship next week, and what seemed like the majority of south-central Kansas lined the two blocks around the football field for the event.

Both teams gave up the ball on downs without scoring to start the game, but the Huskies looked like they were in the driver's seat in the battle for field position. The Wildcats stalled out and lost the ball on downs a second time in a row around mid-field. Our defense stepped up big with a sack by Trent Schnittker. Lane Halderson picked off a pass two plays later to set up the first short field of the night for the Cats. We got into a rhythm with Luke and Trey completing passes to several Wildcats and Trey cashing in with a touchdown pass to Lane for a 3-yard score. Luke ran in the extra point for a 7-0 lead. The Huskies were plagued by two penalties mostly because Trey and Jack were hustling. After going backwards a few plays they punted the ball to the Wildcats in what the Ad Astra radio announcer claimed was their first punt of the season. The

Cats were quick to score on just two plays on a pass from Luke to Lane for a 35-yard touchdown, and the two-point kick gave the home team a 15 to 0 lead.

The Huskies were determined to answer with a score of their own and marched down to the 3-yard line in just six plays. In 6-man that is usually as good as a score because there is simply too much grass to cover. Not so with our boys. Not today! Northern Valley had four cracks at the Wildcat defense inside the 3. They were inches from a score twice. In what one visiting 6-man enthusiast said was the best defensive stand he had ever seen; our defense went all in with tackles and assists to **HOLD THE LINE!**

The only thing that would be worse for the Huskies at this point in the game is if the Cats could drive the ball 79 yards 2 feet and 10 inches for a score. It only took the Cats 5 plays to accomplish that feat to add insult to injury. We got some small gains the first few plays and then ripped off a 55-yard run by Luke. Dagim got the 2-point kick and the lead stretched to 23. Lane boxed out the visiting kickoff return team to jump on an onside kick for an extra possession. With time running out in the first half the Cats moved the ball deep into Huskie territory with two receptions by Lane; one thrown by Luke and one by

Trey. The Wildcat Field Goal attempt was not good, and the half ended.

The opening onside kick by Trey bounced off Lane and a Husky and was pounced on by Luke. Just the start the Cats were hoping for! We went to work with a short field. One of the highlights of the drive was a 20-yard pass from Trey to Isaiah. The drive was capped by a 9-yard pass from Luke to Lane. The two-point kick was good to push the lead to 31-0.

Northern Valley finally got some momentum with a few missed tackles and a quick score late in the third quarter. The Wildcats answered with a quick score of their own in fine 6-man fashion. Luke hit Isaiah on a 16-yard pass for a score. Cats were up 37 to 8. It took no time for the Huskies to answer back with a touchdown run. Wildcats up 37 to 14. The Wildcats stalled out and had to punt. It was the first time we didn't answer a score with a score. The defense stepped up again with an interception by Trey. That turnover seemed to zap some energy from the visitors. The Cats were not about to let up, though. Luke completed an 18-yard pass to Trey on the ensuing drive. It ended with a 1-yard touchdown toss from Luke to Jack who seemed to be all over the field. The Huskies found a little life in their next drive, but they paid for every

yard. The Wildcats were in constant pressure mode feeding off the energy of the crowd. The front group of Jack, Trent, and Carlos were in the backfield on nearly every down. They wrecked timing and continuity. When the ball was thrown or the runner squirted out Isaiah, Trey and Luke hammered the ball carrier. The drive ended with no score. After trading penalties Luke got loose for a 24-yard run and was just short of the goal line. After a few offensive plays Luke scrambled in on a pass play to lengthen the lead again. Cats up 51 to 14. The Huskies answered with a score of their own, so the lead was 51 to 22.

The Wildcats worked their way down the field methodically, using the clock to wind down what felt like a 5 hours long 4th quarter. Luke had a couple of runs over 10 yards to set up the exclamation point on the night - a 25-yard reception by Trent from Luke. The hometown faithful were electric all night but they took the cheering to a new level with that touchdown! The celebration was on! Cats win 57-22 and will play in the 6-Man Championship game at 7PM on Saturday, October 30 in Dodge City at the Wild West Bowl.

by Coach Lance McGuire

(Photos of event and more football stories on pages 6 & 7)

## TakeAways from Monday Night City Council Meeting

Here is information I gleaned from the council meeting Monday night (along with plenty of editorial comments.)

1. Concern has been voiced about the lights not working at the playground in the park. Electrical lines were severed when the new bathrooms were built, and the lights haven't worked since. Mesa will work on getting them lighting again.

2. Lights for the stadiums were back on the agenda. This will, no doubt, continue to be discussed until money can be found to replace them.

3. Divots and the uneven ground on the football field need to be addressed.

Jason Ruckle suggested that no vehicles be driven on the field; not even when putting up and taking down the fencing between ball seasons.

4. Recreation Board received a \$1,000 grant to use toward upgrading the announcers' stand at the baseball field.

5. The city has not found a chairperson for the planning and zoning commission. (Editor's note: If you are willing to volunteer for this position, please contact Molly or Aaron.)

6. Citizens of the city who own dogs need to get them registered. A.S.A.P. Notices will be going out reminding you to get those beasts registered; fines will be levied for those folks who don't register their dogs. (Editor's note: Don't fuss, don't complain, just pay the 2 or 4 bucks and let the city know you have a

dog or dogs...just in case there is ever an issue if it escapes)

7. Two complaints have been filed against dogs in the community. (Editor's note: Dogs are required to be under the supervision of owners at all times in public places. Under supervision means on a leash.)

8. Water well #2 needs work. The concrete floor needs to be removed and a new floor poured. Mesa will get bids soon, as it needs to be taken care of before the end of the year.

9. The new water well (#3) has been vandalized. Discussion was held how to better protect this well. (Editor's note: Please preach to your children the ramifications of messing with this equipment. Had the damage been much worse, the Environmental Protection Agency and the FBI would have needed

to be contacted.)

10. The burn pit is close to being covered and a new one will need to be dug.

11. The city needs more garage space for its equipment. Several suggestions were thrown out without any decision being made.

12. The old unusable air compressor will be offered to Ken Neufeld.

13. A new leaf blower will be purchased.

14. Some discussion was held about the swimming pool. Some parts will need to be replaced so a better understanding of the leak situation can be found.

Official minutes will be published after next month's meeting on November 29th. Last month's minutes are located on page 2.



## November 2nd is Election Day. Vote! Vote! Vote!

Election Day has come early in November this year, but it's still important you get out and vote.

Current school board members are: Scott DeWeese, Joyce Gridley, Brent Hansen, Brent Miller, Vicki Oldham, and Travis Thimesch.

Kurt Preisser resigned last April, as it was found that he does not quite live within the boundaries of our district. Joyce Gridley has chosen not to run for

re-election. The only incumbent running is Vicki Oldham.

On the ballot are five candidates running in three at-large positions. Running for those positions are: Megan Green, Bjorn Halderson, Ben Henning, Vicki Oldham, Erika Thimesch.

Choose the three you feel would best represent you, the voter, the school, and the community.

Four positions on the city council are open. The mayor's position had no one registered to run. Voters can choose to write in for that position.

Three city council positions also had no registrants. Those whose terms are up are Bart Ricke, Carl Vierthaler, and Craig Woodard. Voters can, again, choose to write in for those positions.

There are many, many folks in our community who are qualified and capable and knowledgeable and caring enough to fill these positions.

Get out and vote. Check the public notice on page 10 for more information on elections being held in Kingman County.

-the editor

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Minutes from City Council September Meeting

September 29, 2021 The Cunningham City Council met in regular session on Wednesday, September 29, 2021 at City Hall, 119 N. Main. (Emergency postponement from Monday, September 27, 2021 due to the passing of Mayor Murphy's father.)

Present were Council Members: Bart Ricke, Tim Schultz, and Karl Vierthaler; Mayor, Aaron Murphy; City Clerk, Molly Morgan; and Fire Chief, Harold Stark.

Guests: Roberta Kobbe.

Mr. Murphy called the meeting to order when a quorum was present at

6:33 p.m.

Agenda - Motion by Vierthaler, second by Schultz, to approve the agenda as written. Motion carried, 3/0.

Minutes - Motion by Ricke, second by Vierthaler, to approve the minutes of the August 30, 2021 regular meeting as written. Motion carried, 3/0.

No public comments.

Fire Department - Chief Stark reported the fire department responded to a structure fire in Penalosa on September 14th. Eleven firefighters from the department responded to the attic fire. Chief Stark demonstrated the thermal imaging camera which was used to locate the fire in the attic. The camera was acquired from the Pretty Prairie Fire Department at no charge.

Chief Stark also reported that helmet lights and hydrant tools have been purchased with a grant from Southern Pioneer in the amount of \$1500.

Home Rule - Motion by Ricke, second by Vierthaler to proclaim October 11, 2021, "Home Rule Day" in the City of Cunningham. Motion carried, 3/0.

Clerk Report - City Clerk updated the Council on upcoming educational opportunities within the clerk community. The consensus of the Council is for the City Clerk to continue with all learning opportunities.

CBK, Inc. Receivables Management - Motion by Schultz, second by Ricke, to approve the contract with CBK, Inc. as presented. Motion carried, 3/0.

Maintenance Report

The maintenance report was given by the City Clerk. The discussion included the following items: cleaning the ductless a/c system, possible discontinuation of Verizon service for tablet used for reading meters, the need to purchase a leaf blower before next mowing season, Duke's Root Control service quote, and Mesa's completed test for Water Supply Systems Operator. Mesa is now a Certified Water Operator with certificate on file and displayed.

Executive Session - Motion by Ricke, second by Vierthaler, for the governing body to meet in executive session with the City Clerk to discuss personnel matters of nonelected personnel in order to protect the privacy interests of the person(s) to be discussed,

Community Calendar has been moved to page 3... we'll see how that works for us.

the justification being the non-elected personnel matter exception [K.S.A. 75-4319(b)(1)], with the Council meeting to resume in open session in City Hall in five (5) minutes. Motion carried, 3/0.

The above met in executive session from 6:53 to 6:58 p.m., at which time the meeting resumed in open session and Mayor Murphy stated that no action had been taken during the executive session.

Motion by Schultz, second by Ricke, to approve a raise of

\$1 per hour for City Superintendent, Mesa Sallee. Motion carried, 3/0.

Financial Report and Payment of Bills - Motion by Vierthaler, second by Ricke, to pay the bills as presented. Motion carried, 3/0.

Adjournment - Motion by Ricke, second by Vierthaler, to adjourn. Motion carried, 3/0.

Mayor Murphy adjourned the meeting at 7:11 pm.



Meanderings

Several years ago, while I am still teaching, I was driving to work, listening to KMUW (89.1) on the radio. Tanya Tandoc, a Wichita chef, musician, book lover, restaurateur, dancer, and artist, told a story on the airwaves. I'd heard Tanya's stories and comments and kitchen advice several times before, and I enjoyed listening to her. She wrote well and spoke to her audience in a caring and enthusiastic voice. You could hear her smile.

I can't remember the whole bit of this particular story, but I can remember her talking about visiting her grandmother.

During the story of her visit, she talked about her breakfasts they ate together. She described the making of avocado toast, and the flavor and the texture of that memory. It was obviously a memory she treasured. I suppose she tied in food to our memories, but I can't really remember. I'd like to hear this bit again. I'll search for it sometime; it might still be out there in internet land somewhere.

I'm not a huge avocado fan, so the thought of spreading what sounded like guacamole on slices of bread was rather a turn-off; but when shopping at the grocery, seeing avocados, always brought that story to mind.

Isn't it odd, though,

that I remember this one story from all that I listened to?

Possibly because a few weeks later, Ms. Tandoc was brutally murdered in the basement of her home by a friend she was helping out by letting him stay there.

So, recently, in my email inbox came a message from the KU Medical Center: "Researchers find that older adults who are regular avocado consumers have better cognitive abilities". I thought to myself, "I really should eat more avocados, they are purportedly good for us in many ways, and I need to keep my 'cognition' in good working order." And the only way I could think of that sounded simple and easy to fix avocados was... yep, you guessed it, Tanya's avocado toast.

I bought a couple of

avocados. And not really sure about the toast part, I bought English muffins to use. I thought those might be better with avocados. I guess bread would be okay... but I need to take this slow.

One morning last week, I sliced around the fruit, gave it a small twist and pulled it apart. I've never been able to get the seed out very well, but I do manage. (I did a bit of internet searching and found a tool online that you can use to grip the seed and pull it out. I am thinking about purchasing said tool) I didn't have that, so I just dug it out the best I could. Then I peeled the avocado. I sliced it into a bowl, and I added a bit of sea salt and a bit of pepper, a bit of olive oil and mashed it.

I toasted the English muffin and spread the avocado mixture on it. I was

quite surprised how tasty it was. Tasty enough, I ate it again the next morning.

But I upgraded a bit and added some home-grown tomatoes (thanks to Debbie and Donna). That was even tastier. I sure wished I'd have bought a couple of more. Well, they are my list for the next trip to the grocery.

\*\*\*\* My reading time this week has taken a definitive hit. I usually read 4 or 5 books in a week. I've read two. BECAUSE... I got the new dog.

It's been quite a learning experience with this one. She's a pip. I suspect she has a bit of outlaw in her, and I've tossed around a few 'outlaw' names. I am seriously thinking her name is Belle Starr.

I thought about Bonnie Parker, but I know too

many Bonnies. I thought about Ma Barker, but calling her 'Ma' would be weird.

I do believe it will be Belle.

I'll write about her in next week's column. I'll probably like her better after she's calmed down a bit.

Always reading, and currently reading, "Glass Houses" by Louise Penny, Roberta

"avocado—score it, spritz with lemon or olive oil, sprinkle with salt and cumin, and eat it like a grapefruit."

— Frank Lipman, The New Health Rules: Simple Changes to Achieve Whole-Body Wellness

"Whoever said you can't buy Happiness forgot little puppies."

— Gene Hill



My Breast Cancer Experience Part 10

By Beth Blasi 2021 (Editor's Note: I missed this! This was to run last week, and I jumped ahead and published #11. Pretend you didn't see that episode, and enjoy this one in Beth's story! Then you can go back and read last week's again!)

DEXA and PET scans - The week after surgery meant we could do the DEXA and PET scans ordered by the oncologist. These

were both done at the oncologist's cancer facility. The DEXA scan (for bone density) was easy - no dye, laid on my back, they positioned my feet to spread the pelvis, arms above the head, and it only scanned the pelvis area. For the PET scan (looking for areas that have fast growing cells), I had to eat a high protein diet (no sugar) the day before, nothing day of except drinking lots of water two hours before. More bloodwork was drawn before the scan. I was then taken to an isolated room to wait in a nice lounge chair. Radioactive dye was then injected in my arm (they brought it in a radioactive container). I waited in that comfy lounge chair for about an hour (with a nice blanket). Then I went to the scan - again

with arms above my head and laying on my back being very still. This scan was to be from head to thigh. I was a little disappointed I didn't pee blue when I was finished and didn't set off any Geiger counters.

I was also able to get my right drain removed by the end of the week in the surgeon's office but the left one had to stay as the color of the drainage was still pretty red (they just pull it out right there in the office!). The nurse also suggested I keep wrapping some as there was still a little bruising. Some of the steri-strips had fallen off, but many were still very stubborn.

Surgery Follow-up - Two weeks after surgery was my follow-up with the surgeon. The left drain was removed (still some stubborn steri-strips!). The surgeon was very happy with the surgery, clean margins, negative lymph nodes, appeared to be healing well. I should continue wrapping a little since there was still some bruising. She felt I would probably not need Chemo. They provided info for several shops that sold prosthesis supplies and the "prescription" I needed to get the protheses.

Oh, BTW -the surgery pathology of my right breast made no mention

about those 3 "areas of concern" that led to the bi-lateral mastectomy. Guess that's actually a good thing but I sure had a lot of stress over those "areas of concern".

I was then passed on to my oncologist. I had an appointment already set up, but my Oncotype DX (recurrence) score test results were not back yet so that appointment was rescheduled for 3 weeks later to insure the test was back and the oncologist was back from vacation. So, more waiting.....

2021 June-Finally! May had been a long and busy month. Now having 3 weeks before I knew if I was done or would need chemo, I decided to put fun colors in my hair (which is pretty out of character for me). I figured that if I had to do chemo, it would fall out and I wouldn't have to deal with it if I didn't like it. No chemo - well, it'll be an experience and it could always be colored over. Little did I know that fun colors are quite the process (and expensive!). It took 4 hours! First you have to "lift" the color from your hair and then you actually put the colors in. I had 4 colors that were layered - aqua, gold, red, purple - and then my regular brown color on top (my niece, the hairdresser, was pret-

ty excited about doing this!). It's pretty fun as the colors can be pretty much hidden, but then when it is pulled back in different ways, the various colors are exposed. However, unbeknownst to me at the time, June was "Gay Pride" month so there were several jokes about having these colors put in for the occasion (sigh). Not that I have anything against that group, I just don't need to advertise for them (sigh). We attended a cousin's wedding so it was fun to show off my hair. I actually received several positive comments about the hair - it was also a distraction from my flat chest. Clothing was definitely fitting and looking different.

Not so fun! My mother-in-law passed away. So now we are also dealing with a funeral in the midst of everything else. I played the organ for the funeral. They actually had a difficult time finding a priest. The local priest was able to provide last rites but was then leaving for vacation/conference. Most of the other local priests were also vacationing/conferences. The fill-in priests were quite busy. Finally found a relative of a friend that was just ordained in the previous month so he was a very new priest.

He did fine and all went well. Both of our girls and grand-daughter were able to come and attend the funeral and spend a few days.

Surgeon-Quick follow-up with surgeon. The steri-strips finally all came off but I was concerned about potential fluid. As it turns out, the area I was concerned about was not fluid but maybe some tissue left, but a saggy part under the arm actually had some fluid that she drained. I'm hoping that saggy part will eventually go away. If not, I'll be requesting some tucking to be done so it looks more like the slim, trim other side of my chest. Gotta get that full symmetrical look. Especially if I think I should become a body-builder - I have the non-chest for that now - lol!

Prostheses-Went to one of the places and was fitted with silicone prostheses and 4 bras. It is a little bit of a process as there really are choices in how they look. Not sure when/where I'll wear these, but at least I have them. Can't believe how expensive the fake boobs are! Insurance pays for these but you gotta have that prescription.

Next week - Setting the Date #12

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<p><b>Friday, October 29th</b> HS VB State Playoffs ****</p> <p>KAY Halloween Party for K - 5 ****</p> <p>2:00 p.m. Downtown Trick-or-Treat Street</p> <p><b>Saturday, October 30th</b> 9:00 - 11:30 a.m. Library Open House &amp; Raffle Drawing ****</p> <p>11:45 a.m. Football Send off to State Tournament</p> <p><b>Sunday, October 31st</b> Halloween ****</p> <p>4 - 6 p.m. Family Fall Fest at the Christian Church parking lot</p> <p><b>Monday, November 1st</b> NHS Blood Drive ****</p> <p>7:00 Christian Church Fellowship Hall Main Street Singers Concert</p>	<p><b>Tuesday, November 2nd</b> VOTE!!!! Just VOTE!!! ****</p> <p>Senior Class Research Trip ****</p> <p>Lions' Club</p> <p><b>Wednesday, November 3rd</b> 7:00 p.m. Book Club</p> <p><b>Thursday, November 4th</b> Parents' Meeting for Winter Sports</p> <p><b>Friday, November 5th</b> 5:30 - 7:30 FFA Soup Supper/Silent Auction</p> <p><b>Monday, November 8th</b> JH BB at Macksville</p> <p><b>Tuesday, November 9th</b> HOPL Mass Choir at Cunningham</p>
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## Library Open House is Saturday Morning

By Kerri Steffen, Librarian

Please join us on Saturday, October 30, from 9:00 to 11:30 a.m., for our Library Open House. Enjoy home-baked refreshments and fall displays as you visit with friends, browse the shelves, and learn what services your local library provides. Saturday's forecast shows 70 degrees and sunny skies, so we should be able to visit both inside and outside on the patio.

### Special incentive to come early!

The first 10 people to arrive may take home a new board book for their favorite preschooler. The book is Grumpy Bird by Jeremy Tankard and is this year's "Kansas Reads to Preschoolers" book. Kansas Reads to Preschoolers is an annual event that promotes reading to all Kansas children from birth through age five. Through the statewide program, parents, librarians and caregivers are encouraged to read the chosen title during the month of November. On Saturday you can enjoy the Library's Open House Fundraiser and support early childhood literacy.

### Drawings at 11:00 a.m.

At 11:00 we'll draw for the winner of the Fall Sampler Basket prepared by Rogene Jarmer. The basket includes a variety of home-baked cookies, bread and muffins, herbal tea, cocoa mix, and a mug. To enter the drawing, purchase raffle tickets at the library now or during the Open House on Saturday. You may also get tickets from board members, Mary Stackhouse, Ingrid Ricke, Jane Meyers, Tricia Ruckle, Linda Kerschen, Angela Glascock or Rogene Jarmer.

### But wait, there's more!

If you don't win the Fall Sampler Basket, you could still take home a basket of goodies! West Café on the Go has donated a basket of cocoa bombs, a T-shirt, and a mug.

### Fundraising proceeds will help with building maintenance, furniture

The Fall Sampler Basket / Open House is the library's first attempt at fundraising since the beginning of the pandemic. We're off to a great start in raffle ticket sales, but we're hoping to fill the drawing jar by Saturday. Some of the projects this fundraiser may help support include new gutters, furniture, or an efficient HVAC system to replace the one installed in the 90's.

Hope to see you Saturday morning. Thanks for supporting your local library!

## Spend Monday Evening with the Main Street Singers

The Cunningham Women's Club would like to invite folks, far and wide, to a concert showcasing the Main Street Singers, directed by Nicole Kerschen.

Please come and join us on Monday, November 1st at the Cunningham Christian Fellowship Hall. Refreshments will be served.



### FOOD! at Zenda

Go to the Lumber Yard in Zenda on Sunday, November 2 and enjoy a hearty Sunday dinner.

The Zenda United Methodist Church will host a chicken and noodle supper from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Cinnamon rolls, as well, will be available. They can even be purchased at the Zenda Senior Center from 7:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. on Sunday morning.



## Trick or Treat Street

is Friday, October 29th at 2:00 pm.

The costume parade will begin at City Hall. Kids will walk south to Skyland Grain office and then cross to Ninnescah Valley Bank before making their way back on the east side of Main Street. All businesses are invited to participate (Your business does not have to be on Main Street to participate. Time is limited for the school children, so the route is shortened.)

All children are welcome! Those who would like to watch the costume parade are welcome to park on Main Street between First St. and Second St!! The kids will parade on the sidewalks.

Call Molly at 620-298-3077 for more information.



## Don't Forget Fun and Frolic!



The Cunningham Christian Church Junior and Senior High Youth Groups are sponsoring a Family Fall Fest. Wear your costumes. Trick or Treat. Play games. Decorate Pumpkins. Eat Hotdogs.

Join them on Sunday, October 31st from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. in the Christian Church parking lot.

To reserve the Cunningham Community Center, contact Ruth Shelman, (620) 770-9153 or 318-6042

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"And that's when I realized, when you're a kid you don't need a costume, you ARE superman."  
— Jerry Seinfeld, Halloween

## 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  
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Wed.: 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.  
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### SCCF Awards Over \$19,000 to Kingman County Organizations

South Central Community Foundation (SCCF) was excited to award over \$19,000 in community, children's health, and teacher's grants to the communities of Kingman County this fall.

Covering seven counties, SCCF's goal is to reach many different sectors of each community, hopefully making a large impact with limited funding. Overall, SCCF awarded nearly \$150,000 this year, im-

parting over 120 non-profits and Teacher's in South Central Kansas.

"This is one of our favorite seasons of the year," said Holly Rooks, SCCF Executive Director. "It's such an incredible feeling seeing this impact grow each year thanks to the skilled planning from our Foundation's Founders and SCCF Board Members."

Holding a Grant Ceremony in each county to celebrate the 2021 Grant Recipients, SCCF is proud to announce the following Kingman County Recipients:

2021 SCCF \$5,000 Children's Health Grant Recipient:

City of Kingman: Broadway Park

Renovations 2021 SCCF Community Grant Recipients: Cunningham

Elementary School: STEM Lab. \$607 Kingman EMS: Emergency Child Restraints \$2,000

Horizons Mental Health Center: Group Room Supplies \$500 Youth Core Ministries: Core Community Workshops & Materials \$1,263

Norwich United Methodist Church: Norwich Community Bread Basket \$1,500

Kingman Area Ministries, Inc.: Food Pantry Supplies \$1,500

Kingman Community Christmas Fund: Angel

Gifts & Food \$1,500 Kingman Carnegie Library: Youth Services STEM Projects \$1,000

Cunningham Community Recreation: Announcer's Box Repairs \$1,000

Kingman Community Theatre Association: Marquee Repair \$1,500

Kansas Honor Flights: Veterans Trip (for use in multiple counties) \$1,700

2021 SCCF \$100 Teacher's Grant Recipients:

Norwich Elementary School: Writing Corner Brandi Schroeder Cunningham

Elementary School: Learning Apps & Math Manipulatives Sheena Albers

### The Farmer's Daughter and Her Father: Riley and Jacob Holcomb



This is a photo that Samantha (Holcomb) took during corn harvest. I thought that your readers might be interested in seeing it. Isn't there an old saying about a picture being worth a thousand words? You don't need to know to whom the hands belong to to see and feel the bond between the two. Yet, the contrasts are stark. Riley's almost angelic small white hand clings to Jake's rough, dirty, calloused hand for comfort and protection. She is completely dependent on that hand of his and you know that he would fight to the death to protect her.

Were our country more like the picture. We seem to be driven by a lust for power and self importance and have forgotten what made us. The secret of our success as a nation is not at all in the partisan divisions that seem to grow worse by the day. Rather - well, it's in the picture.

Time to get off my soapbox. It has had a profound effect on me, and not just because I know and love the participants. -- Chuck Holcomb (Grandpa)



courtesy photo

Front Row: Vicki Smith, Sharon James, Holly Rooks (SCCF Executive Director), April Lord, Skyler Thimesch, & Sage Thimesch  
 Middle Row: Mary Pearce (YMAD Representative), Morgan Freund (YMAD Representative), Susan Floyd, Leesa Beam, Nelda Slider, Betty Boese, Jenny Clouse, Amy Durr, Brandi Schroeder, & Carrie Vahsholtz  
 Back Row: Lance Dixon (SCCF Board Member), Josh Beck, & Dakota Fischer

### Oopsie!



Molly took this photo of Hayes Thimesch at a recent football game.

"never ask the tight-rope walker how he keeps his balance. if he stops to think about it, he falls off"  
 — Terry Pratchett, A Hat Full of Sky

Free Bread & Baked Goods at the Cunningham Methodist Church 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Tuesdays



#### 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- 886-3397 Sunday School & Bible Class 9:15 a.m. Worship Service 10:30 a.m.
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Our worship service is found on the YouTube channel at:  
<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCCrenCH1219nmpcojCFyYLA>

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.
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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

"I would rather sit on a pumpkin, and have it all to myself, than be crowded on a velvet cushion."  
 — Henry David Thoreau



Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday, from 8:00 - 5:30 (except during lunch 12-1) on Wed., from 8:00 - 12:00 Call for Saturday hours.  
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### Cunningham Hands of Hope, Inc.

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

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

**What:** Food

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

**Where:** 117 N Main (Old School Board Office)

**Why:** To provide food assistance to those in need.

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

Do you need assistance outside distribution hours?

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

### Fundraisers & Charitable Opportunities in our Community

- Cunningham Public Library
- 4C Day Care Shop [smile.amazon.com](http://smile.amazon.com) or contact Kathy Albers 620-298-2725 or 620-388-0774
- West Kingman County Education Foundation  
Use your Dillon's Card! Shop [smile.amazon.com](http://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)

YEARS AGO IN  
**The Cunningham Clipper**

W. A. BRADLEY, EDITOR



**1931**

**October 30-** The Junior class has been divided into two groups, the army and navy, object of the game is to make touchdowns by selling subscriptions to magazines.

Waldo Shelman is captain of the army team, and Doris Franks is captain of the navy team. John Baber is commander-in-chief. Monday the score was 6 to 37 in favor of the navy. Tuesday the score was 24 to 37 in favor of the navy.

The Cunningham Golf Club expects to stage a fall golf tournament in the very near future. A canvas of the business houses of the city revealed that through their generosity they would be glad to donate a number of mighty fine prizes and this has brought forth about twenty golfers who are anxious to win one or more of the prizes.

**1936**

**October 30-** The hole was being baled Sunday on the J. M. Ratcliff No. 8 in the Kingman county Cunningham field preparatory to drilling out the plug. The Ratcliff has been standardized after finding a good core near the top of the Lansing. They are working on the well now.

The F. C. Miles No. 6 location was staked in the Cunningham field by Skelly last week in the SW-SW-NE of section 30-27-10 and work will commence on it as soon as the Ratcliff No. 8 is completed. Although no other locations have been staked in the field, in the near future another one or two will be made, since the north offset of the Krehbiel lease to the Maxedon No. 3 has never been staked.

**1941**

**October 31-** Cunningham high school ended a most successful baseball season with a 13 to 1 victory over Isabel high school Tuesday afternoon. It was the locals eighth straight win without a defeat.

Tuesday's game was shortened to five innings on account of cold weather as Austin Luce chalked up his eighth win, and the fourth no-hit game of his career. Isabel scored an unearned run in the fourth inning on two Cunningham errors.

Luce, besides pitching no-hit ball, hit safely 4 times in 4 times at bat and thusly ended his high school baseball career with a perfect day.

Coach Seidel named the following boys to receive baseball letters for the past season: Alvin Krug, Deem "Flash" Crow, Charles Cooley, Austin Luce, Jack Bradley, Junior Neagle, Bob Crow, Grimey Pearson, Carlos Schwartz, Don Schnittker, John Schnittker, Joe Theis, Paul McGeorge and Leo Zrubek Jr.

**1946**

**November 1-**Mr. Kenneth (Red) Thornhill has purchased the Miller Grocery and Café, from Mr. Douglas Miller.

Mr. and Mrs. Miller formerly operated a café and grocery across the street from their present location approximately twelve years ago and have been in the grocery and café business for about the past eight years.

Mr. and Mrs. Thornhill will operate the store and the café will open at a later date.

The Clipper, Cunningham and its trade territory extend their best wishes to Mr. Thornhill for success in his new business venture.

At a special assembly, Friday, cheer leaders for the coming basketball season were chosen by a vote of the student body. Previously two candidates had been nominated from each class. The cheer-leaders chosen were: Virginia Nan Bradley, Martha Gillen, and Eugene Spade.

**1951**

**November 2-** The vocal and instrumental departments of the Cunningham schools will give a music program at the Cunningham schools will give a music program at the Cunningham Rural High School Auditorium Tuesday evening, November 6, at 7:45 o'clock.

Assisting with this program will be Dr. Donald E. Thompson, clarinetist, Mrs. Jeanne Greenlee, flutist, and pianists, Mrs. Iona Shafer and Mrs. Arlene Bradley.

Five boys from Cunningham and community will leave Monday for Kansas City, Missouri, with fifteen other Kingman County youth, for an armed forces physical examination. The local boys are William J. Becker, Jr., Daniel C. Weber, Eugene J. Adelhardt, Darrel Dean Dyche, Richard L. Benson and John H.

Detmer.

**1956**

November 1- The cast has been chosen for the Junior Class Play, "Susan Steps Out," to be presented next Friday evening, November 9, in the High School Gym-Auditorium at 8:00 o'clock.

Including in the cast are Linda Shaffer, Tommy Pennock, Jerry Hazlett, Juanita Crosley, Marsha Thompson, Deanna Vermillion, Bobby Zrubek, Judy Huffman, Dale Boswell, Pat Becker, Janie Theis, and John Alley. Between acts entertainment will feature an instrumental solo by Dale Boswell, and a majorette routine by five Junior Class girls, Karen Rose, Linda Singleton, Linda Shaffer, Deanna Vermillion, and Juanita Crosley. Other class members, Donald Becker, Jerry Reffner, Raymond Lawson, Doyle Buntmeyer, and Terry Winters will help with stage properties, sound effects, etc.

The change-over to the dial telephone system for Cunningham is expected to take place sometime during November, according to representatives of the Reno Telephone Association, Inc.

The switch to the dial system was originally scheduled for November 1, but a shortage of some switch-board equipment has forced the delay.

**Hauser's Market**

- Frozen Strawberries 10 Ounce Package 25¢
- Dressed Fryers Pound 37¢
- Ice Milk ½ Gallon Carton 49¢
- Elmdale Peanut Butter Full Quart Jar 59¢
- Vegetable Shortening 3 Pound Can 82¢
- Shurfine Catsup 14 Ounce Bottle 19¢
- Idaho Potatoes 10 Pound Mesh Bag 49¢

**1961**

**November 2-**The Cunningham Boy Scout Troop, parents, and families gave a farewell party for Scoutmaster Virgil Dellinger, Mrs. Dellinger and family, with a weiner roast at Cooley's Grove last Thursday evening. The Scouts presented Mr. Dellinger a gift in appreciation of his Scoutmaster service during the past several years. The Dellinger family moved to Lyons last weekend, where Mr. Dellinger will be assistant manager of the J. B. Houston and Son Lumber Co., Inc., after managing the company's yard here for the last five years.

Activity in the new Dresden Oil Field, six miles northeast of town, has dropped to one well, following the completion of three new oil wells last week. The new wells are the No. 2 and No. 3 Cannon and the No. 6 Bick. Operators expect to complete the No. 5 Cannon this week. The Dresden Oil Field has been grabbing oil news headlines all year with its drilling activity and high average of good oil well completions.

Every player, plus Coach Joe Battles, went to the showers with their clothes on following Cunningham's 20-7 victory over Partridge. This was the final game of the 1961 season for Cunningham, giving the Wildcats a 7-1 record, and assuring them of a tie for the football championship of the Ninescah League for the second year in a row.

**1966**

**November 3-** Floren W. Rose, Cunningham City Fire Chief, was presented a gold pin at the City Council Meeting, Monday evening, for 29 years of service as a volunteer fireman.

The award was made by the League of Kansas Municipalities.

The Cunningham Wildcats won the last two football games of their 1966 schedule during the past week, completing the team's first undefeated and untied season since 1918--48 years ago, and in the process captured the Ninescah League championship for this year.

Last Friday night at the annual homecoming game, the Wildcats rolled over Partridge, 63-7. Danny Meyers, Duane Schnittker, and Ned Albers each scored two touchdowns; Meyers scored on a 16 yard run, and on a 24 yard pass play from McClellan; Schnittker scored on a one yard plunge, and on a 37 yard pass play from Meyers, and Albers scored on a five yard run, and on a 32 yard pass play from Monte Rose. Frank McClellan, Jim McCune, and Charles Lackey each scored a touchdown; McClellan's coming on a 19 yard pass play from Meyers; McCune scored on a two yard line buck, and Lackey scored on a two yard line plunge.

Virginia Ellis, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Ellis, was crowned Football Queen of 1966 by Duane Schnittker, Football King of 1966, during the half-time ceremonies. The queen's attendants were Donna

Lacy and Shirley Park, and their escorts were Danny Meyers and Charles Ridge.

Cunningham closed out their season here, Tuesday night, when they walloped Alden by a 57 to 19 score.

Meyers, Schnittker, McClellan, and Lubbers each scored twice for the Wildcats; Meyers on a one yard plunge, and on a 41 yard run; Schnittker on a two yard line buck, and on a five yard pass play from Meyers; McClellan on a seven yard run, and on a six yard pass play from Meyers, and Lubbers on two pass plays from Meyers and Jim McCune, one covered 32 yards, and the other 38 yards. McCune scored also on a 34 yard run.

The team ceremoniously carried Coaches Jim Webster and Larry Nolte off the field following the triumph and undefeated season, escorting them to the dressing rooms where they unceremoniously dumped them in the showers.

**1971**

**October 28-** When Phil Theis purchased the Eaton Barber Shop in Cunningham this week, he joins his three brothers in the barber business.

The Theis "chain of shops" stretches in almost a straight line from Turon to Kiowa.

Kenny has the barber shop in Turon; Frankie is Sharon's tonsorial artist, and Sam has a shop in Kiowa. Every Monday night, one of the Theis boys barbers at the St. Leo Grocery and Supply in St. Leo.

The Kingman County Historical Society held their annual meeting at their museum in Kingman last Thursday evening.

President Dale Clayton of Murdock, conducted the meeting. Several new members were present.

New officers were elected for the coming year. They are Charley Shoemake of Kingman, President; Bob Hoover of Kingman, Vice-President; Betty Amick of Cunningham, Secretary; Ed Robinson of Kingman, Treasurer; Sadie Journey of Kingman, Mr. Shoemake, and Mr. Robinson, Trustees (three years); Sam Gardner of Murdock, Lucille Orme of Murdock, and Mr. Hoover, Trustees (two years), and Bill Bradley of Cunningham, Martha Ellis of Kingman, and Mr. Clayton, Trustees (one year).

Floyd Soulders of Cheney, Past President of the Kansas State Historical Society, and presently a member of the society's executive committee, spoke to the group, stating that there seems to be a growing interest in historical societies over the state and nation, with a special interest from the younger people in preserving our national heritage.

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**Lady Wildcats at Sub-State Tournament**



The volleyball team with Alice Huelskamp's cut out photo.



Barb Schultz Photos

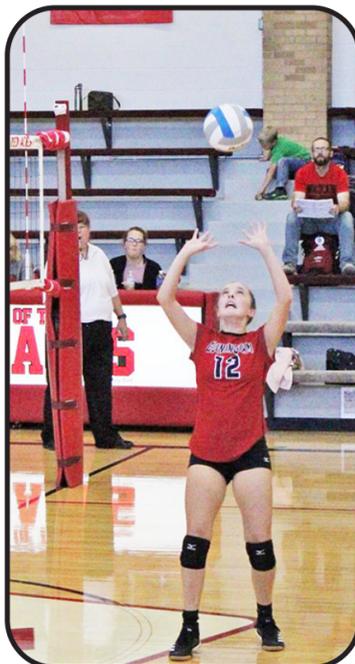
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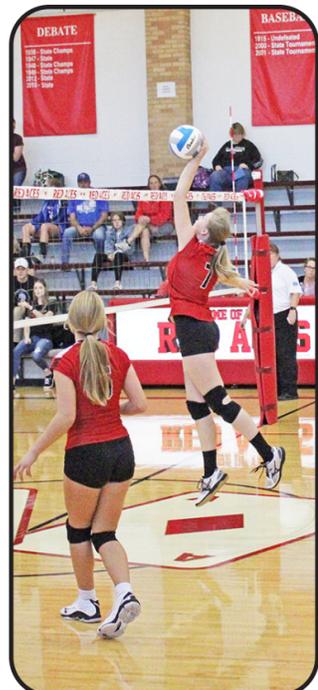
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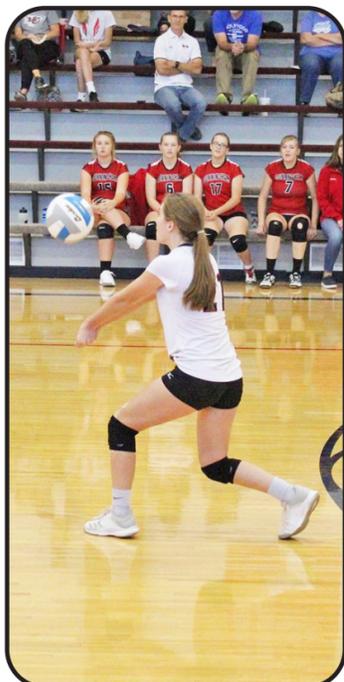
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Hannah Ellis



Shanelle Romine



Taylor Schultz



A devoted fan section: Jessica Dittmer, Ty Schultz, and Maverick Schultz

**Actions Shots from Football Sub-State Tournament**



Lane Halderson scores a touchdown



Trent Schnitter



Luke McGuire

"Talent wins games, but teamwork and intelligence wins championships."  
— Michael Jordan



"To be a great champion you must believe you are the best. If you're not, pretend you are."  
— Muhammad Ali



**IT'S A WILDCAT SEND-OFF TO DODGE CITY!!**  
**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 30TH AT 11:45 A.M.**  
**IN FRONT OF THE SCHOOL.**

**Cats End Regular Season**

The Wildcats hosted the last game of the regular season on Thursday, Oct 14th against the Pawnee Heights Tigers. The Cats prepared like it was playoff time valuing the importance of hitting their stride for the competition to come in next few weeks. We had already secured the number one seed in the south and Pawnee Heights had landed in the four seed.

The Wildcats won the toss, and Carlos Hurtado landed on the opening on-side kick, giving the Cats good field position to start

the game. We marched half the length of the field in 5 plays to score. If you were late getting to the game you missed one of the highlights in that opening drive when Lane Halderson hauled in a 15 yard pass from Luke McGuire that would not have been caught by many. Luke threw it where no one could get to it. Lane landed with his feet in bounds and nothing else as he laid out for it; a great sign the Cats were locked in for the game. The drive ended a few plays later on a 6 yard pass from Trey DeWeese to Dagim Reed. Dagim kicked the

extra points. Cats up 8-0. After stopping the Tigers on 3 straight downs the opposing team punted the ball back to the Cats. Dagim started the drive by hitting a huge hole for an 18 yard gain. The Cats scored on the 4th play of the drive on a pass from Trey DeWeese to Lane Halderson for 32 yards. Dagim put in the kick for a 16-0 lead. The defense was stout again the next series. Pawnee Heights struggled to run the ball so they tried a long pass. Luke intercepted and ran it back to the opponent's 16 yard line. It took the Wildcats 5 plays to score on a pass from Luke to

Lane that upped the score to 22-0.

The Cats defense stopped the visitors on downs and set up another scoring drive for the offense. Trey completed a pass to Isaiah for 32 yards and then hit him again for a 10 yard touchdown. Cats up 28 to 0. The Wildcats shut down the visitors again on downs but gave up the ball on a turnover. The Tigers were unable to capitalize and gave up the ball again on downs. The Cats scored in just one play on a 40 yard pass from Luke to Lane. The extra points kick made it 36 to 0.

The Tigers scored on their next offensive play when the aggressive home defense collided leaving a Pawnee Heights receiver upright to go for their only touchdown of the night. The next onside kick by the Tigers was collected by Trey, who wasted no time and took it 40yds for the score. That score seemed to take some steam out of the Tigers. Isaiah stopped their next drive on the first play with an interception that really zapped their energy for battle. Luke scored on the first play of the Cats offensive series on a 27 yard run. Dagim ran in the

extra point for a 51-6 lead. After a 4 and out by Pawnee Heights the Cats scored quickly again on a Dagim 20 yard run. No points were awarded on the extra point attempt. The final score was 51-6 over the 4 seed Pawnee Heights Tigers just before half. The Cats will gear up for the playoffs which start on Tuesday October the 19th against last year's 6-Man state champion, the Cheylin Cougars.

*by Coach Lance McGuire*

**Momentum Drives Wildcats to Win**

The 2021 6-man playoffs opened up with last year's Champion Cheylin Cougars coming to town to take on the Cunningham Wildcats on Tuesday, October 19, in a win or go home situation.

Cheylin has been known for its spread offense in the past, but the Wildcat defense was up to the task, holding the Cougars to just 15 points the entire game. Both defenses ruled in the opening drives forcing the offenses to go 4 and out. The Cats had the

advantage of field position forcing the Cougars to play deep in their own territory. On their second drive they were bailed out by a Cunningham penalty but the Cat defense still forced a punt after getting 4 free downs. The Cats got on the board their second offensive series going to the air. Trey completed a 10 yard pass to Lane and then followed that up with a 31 yard TD strike to Isaiah. Dagim kicked in the extra points for an eight point lead. Our defense got the first take away when Jack Ruckle pressured the QB into an interception at midfield by Luke.

Starting the second

quarter the Wildcats picked up some momentum. Luke completed a 19 yard pass to Trey. On a fourth down and long, Trey found Jack Ruckle who refused all tacklers and got a crucial first down. After 9 plays Luke got a 1 yard touchdown run and Dagim tacked on the 2-point kick for a 16-0 lead. Holding the visitors to a four down and out, the Wildcats got an 11 yard run by Luke and an 11 yard touchdown pass from Trey to Dagim to quickly bump the lead to 22-0. The defense held the Cougars again to a 4 and out. Luke got a 15 yard run on the next drive. The play of

the game, however, (outside of Jack's catch and run) was Lane's 25-yard touchdown grab from Luke. It could have been a pick, but Lane ripped the ball from Cheylin's best player just inside the touchdown pylon for a score. It was an incredible play and put the Cats up 28 to 0. Not bad vs the defending state champs!

The third quarter was opened with a 12 play scoring drive by the Wildcats. Luke found Trey 3 times in a row for a total of 38 yards. Trey tossed a 1 yard pass to Dagim to finish the drive, and Dagim kicked in the extra points for a 36-0 lead. Cheylin answered

with a 12 play drive of their own to get on the board which cut the lead to 36-7. The Cats got another 12 play drive together highlighted by a Luke to Isaiah pass for 20 yards and a 12 yard pass from Trey to Lane. The Cats didn't convert the rare field goal attempt. The defense made quick work of a Cougar 4 and out. Trey found Lucas on a one play drive with a 6 yard pass which was a stark contrast to the two bruising drives that preceded this one. The Cougars scored again even though Carlos logged a sack on the opposing quarterback. Score 42-15. The

last few drives were desperation from Cheylin and clock running by the Cats. Lane found some running room getting a few 10 yard runs. Dagim got a nice interception to cap off the final few minutes of play. Wildcats play on, looking forward to a semi-final matchup with Northern Valley. Winner goes to state! by *Coach Lance McGuire*



*Molly caught this series of photos as Carlos Hurtado tackled a Cheylin Cougar.*



*Jack Ruckle*



*Trey DeWeese*



*Isaiah Reed*



*Dagim Reed*



*"Ability is what you're capable of doing. Motivation determines what you do. Attitude determines how well you do it."*  
 — Lou Holtz

*"So is football a sports science? I think it is probably a human science and not a sports science."*  
 — Mike Carson, *The Manager: Inside the Minds of Football's Leaders*

*Molly Morgan Photos*

## Kingman County Commission Minutes for October 18th, 2021

The Board of Kingman County Commissioners met in the Commission Room of the County Courthouse, Kingman, Kansas on October 18<sup>th</sup>, 2021. Those present: Jerry Henning, Chairman; Jack Thimesch, Commissioner; Fred Foley, Commissioner; Carol Noblit, County Clerk; John Caton, County Counselor

Visitors: Bob Morris, Kingman Leader-Courier; Kingman County Carnival Inc. Board Members; Strong's Insurance.

Staff: Linda Langley, Internal Auditor; Becky Luntsford, County Treasurer; Stan Goetz, HR/Planning/Zoning/Wastewater Director; Amber Hartley, Appraiser; Sheriff Hill; David Hillman, Undersheriff; Richard Schott, Emergency Manager and Charles Arensdorf, Public Works Director.

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

Chairman Henning asked if there were any additions to the agenda. MOTION: Commissioner Foley moved to approve the agenda. Commissioner Thimesch seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the majority vote of the County Commissioners.

Chairman Henning asked if there was any public comment.

Kingman County Carnival Inc. were in and read a letter to request a \$5,000.00 appropriation for 2022 to help purchase two new rides.

MOTION: Commissioner Foley moved to give the Kingman County Carnival Inc. \$10,000.00 this year. Commissioner Thimesch seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Linda Langley, Internal Auditor was in to review the department budget reports with the County Commissioners. Ms. Langley let the Commissioners know that all departments are doing good.

Ms. Langley let the Commissioners know that tax collections delinquencies are lower than expected.

Ms. Langley went over the cash carry over for the year.

Chairman Henning asked questions about the benefits carry over.

Ms. Langley went over the Capital Reserve funds and there is still funds in the Expo Capital Reserve and she would like to know if they would like to move it to General Capital Reserve fund.

Commissioners discussed the Counties reserve funds and what can be done with the funds.

Ms. Langley went

over the Road & Bridge report on projects and possible reimbursements. Also, Ms. Langley presented a sample of totals to pay off the bond debt.

Commissioners discussed the report with Ms. Langley.

Luntsford, County Treasurer was in to let the Commissioners know that they went with Master's Touch LLC for the tax statements in the amount of \$6391.20 and would need to send a payment of \$3139.00 for postage.

MOTION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to approve the \$3139.00 for the postage for tax statements. Commissioner Foley seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

MOTION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to approve going with The Masters Touch LLC for tax statements in the amount of \$6,391.20. Commissioner Foley seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

MOTION: Commissioner Foley moved to approve the purchase of a desktop computer from Iconic IT for Linda Langley in the amount of \$1309.18. Commissioner Thimesch seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Ms. Luntsford went over the bank 2021 interest income summary all quarters.

Amber Hartley, Appraiser was in to request purchasing a desktop computer for her office from Iconic IT in the amount of \$1680.85.

MOTION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to approve the quote from Iconic IT in the amount of \$1680.85. Commissioner Foley seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Jason Bryant, Kansas Division of Emergency Management was on the go to meeting to discuss the 800 system and what could be done to set it up.

Mr. Bryant let the Commissioners know that he will help in any way he can help.

Commissioner Thimesch would like Mr. Bryant to explain what he can provide for Kingman County.

Sheriff Hill discussed that the radios they have currently are several years old.

The state can help by bringing in equipment for the Sheriff to borrow and test where coverage would be needed.

Sheriff Hill discussed the options with the Commissioners.

Mr. Bryant said that there is no cost for him to come in and set up and test where coverage is needed.

Sheriff Hill discussed the radios and that he talked with fire departments and asked them to think about what they need.

Sheriff Hill would like to have someone come in to help let them know what they would need for coverage.

Richard Schott, Emergency Manager said if this is a route they would like to take it would be good to let the Cities know this before they spend their ARPA funds.

Commissioners let Mr. Schott know that the 800 system is needed.

Sheriff Hill let the Commissioners know that he will get numbers on how many radios are needed.

Charles Arensdorf, Public Works Director was in with the contracts for the FAS #13 bridge project with Reece Construction to be signed.

Mr. Arensdorf submitted the September financial reports for the Commissioners review.

Mr. Arensdorf gave an update on the October 13<sup>th</sup> FLAP field check.

Mr. Arensdorf let the Commissioners know that the monitoring well field sampling has been completed at the landfill.

Stan Goetz, HR/Planning/Zoning/Wastewater Director was in to let the Commissioners know that NextEra will be in to see them next week on solar power.

Mr. Goetz submitted the September 27<sup>th</sup>, 2021 planning/zoning meeting minutes for the Commissioners to review and let them know that Greg and Tammy

Beat requested a re-zone from Agricultural to light industrial.

The planning/zoning board approved unanimously the re-zone request for Greg & Tammy Beat.

MOTION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to approve the re-zone for Greg & Tammy Beat from Agricultural to light industrial with RESOLUTION 2021-R16, A RESOLUTION CHANGING THE ZONING DISTRICT CLASSIFICATION OF CERTAIN PROPERTY LOCATED IN THE UNINCORPORATED AREA OF KINGMAN COUNTY, KANSAS, UNDER THE AUTHORITY GRANTED BY THE ZONING REGULATIONS OF THE COUNTY AS ORIGINALLY APPROVED BY RESOLUTION NO. 2007-38. Commissioner Foley seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners. Mr. Goetz submitted the Department head meeting minutes for the Commissioners review.

Mr. Goetz submitted the following building permits:

Chris Olmstead for grain bins in Section 9, Township 28, Range 05W.

Paul & Janice Fellingham for a machine shed in Section 22, Township 30, Range 09W.

Jeremy & Kari Adams for a house in Section 1, Township 30, Range 06W.

MOTION: Commissioner Foley moved to approve the Gilmore & Bell Disclosure compliance services proposal. Commissioner Thimesch seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

The County Clerk submitted the minutes of the October 4<sup>th</sup>, 2021 Commission meeting for approval.

MOTION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to approve the October 4<sup>th</sup>, 2021 Commission

meeting minutes. Commissioner Foley seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Commissioners discussed vendors showing interest in the steps repair and the storage building.

Commissioners approved the September 2021 Transfers & Corrections in the amount of \$9225.41.

MOTION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to adjourn the regular board meeting at 12:13 p.m. Commissioner Foley seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

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## Public Notice

IN THE THIRTIETH JUDICIAL DISTRICT DISTRICT COURT, KINGMAN COUNTY, KANSAS CIVIL DEPARTMENT

BLB OIL LLC., a Florida limited liability company;

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

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

Plaintiffs,

v.

BAYSHORE ENERGY KS LLC;

JEWELL DARLENE KLINE;

JAN LEE STEWART, deceased;

LISA M. MCCORMICK;

JENNIFER L. PEARSON;

KENTON S. STEWART REVOCABLE TRUST dated January 23, 1995

JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, as successor by merger to the Valley National Bank of Arizona, trustee of

THE PAUL K. BOYER TRUST;

CIT BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION;

WASHINGTON FEDERAL BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION;

and

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

Defendants.

Pursuant to K.S.A. Chapter 60 Case No. 2021-CV-000017 TITLE TO REAL ESTATE INVOLVED

NOTICE OF SUIT

To Bayshore Energy KS LLC,

Jewell Darlene Kline, Jan Lee Stewart (deceased), Lisa M. McCormick, Jennifer L. Pearson, Kenton S. Stewart Revocable Trust dated January 23, 1995, JPMorgan Chase Bank, National Association, as successor by merger to the Valley National Bank of Arizona, trustee of The Paul K. Boyer Trust, CIT Bank, National Association, individually and as successor by merger to Mutual of Omaha Bank, and Washington Federal Bank, National Association, and the unknown heirs, executors, administrators, devisees, trustees, creditors and assigns of above-captioned persons alleged to be deceased, unknown spouses of any above-captioned individual, unknown officers, successors, trustees, creditor or creditors and assigns of an above-named individual or entity that is an existing, dissolved or dormant corporation, unknown executors, administrators, devisees, trustees, creditors, successors and assigns of any above-named individual or entity that is or was in partnership, and unknown guardians, conservators and trustees of an above-named individual that is a minor or is under any legal disability, and all other concerned persons:

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

a. "Banta A Lease": Oil and Gas Lease dated August 17, 1953, between L. D. Banta, et ux., as lessors, and Magnolia Petroleum Company, as lessee, recorded in Book 66, at page 329, insofar as it covers the Southwest Quarter of the Southwest Quarter of Section 34, Township 30 South, 8 West, Kingman County, Kansas;

b. "Banta E Lease": Oil and Gas Lease dated August 17, 1953, between L. D. Banta, et ux., as lessors, and Magnolia Petroleum

Company, as lessee, recorded in Book 66, at page 329, insofar as it covers the North Half of the Southwest Quarter and the Southeast Quarter of the Southwest Quarter of Section 34, Township 30 South, 8 West, Kingman County, Kansas;

c. "Smith BA Lease": Oil and Gas Lease dated January 1, 1953, between Ethel Starr, a widow, as lessor, and Everett A. Miller, as lessee, recorded in Book 33, at page 504, covering the Northeast Quarter of Section 8, Township 31 South, Range 8 West, Harper County, Kansas;

d. "Banta C Lease": Oil and Gas Lease dated January 5, 1953, between L. D. Banta, et ux., as lessors, and David Jackman, Jr., as lessee, recorded in Book 32, at page 333, insofar as it covers the West Half of the Northeast Quarter of Section 4, Township 31 South, Range 8 West, Harper County, Kansas;

e. "Boyle N Lease": Oil and Gas Lease dated May 4, 1945, between J. C. Boyle et ux, as lessors, and Earl W. Strong, as lessee, covering the North Half of the Northeast Quarter of Section 34, and the Northwest Quarter of the Northwest Quarter of Section 35, all in Township 30 South, Range 8 West, Kingman County, Kansas.

You are hereby required to plead to the Petition on or before November 24, 2021, in the court at the Kingman County Courthouse, 130 N. Spruce Street, Kingman, Kansas 67068. If you fail to plead, judgment will be entered upon the Petition.

Respectfully submitted,  
MORRIS, LAING, EVANS, BROCK & KENNEDY, CHARTERED

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## Comfortably Dumb by Bruce Quast



"It looks like last time we did an eight on top and a four on the arms and shoulders."

**4-H Met in September**

This month the Cunningham 4-H met at the Community Center at 6 p.m. on September 12th. They had discussed on the record books were due by the 27th. The ribbons and money from the fair was handed back to everyone.

Discussion on where to go for 4-H Sunday was decided. After voting members decided to attend the Cunningham Methodist Church. The 48 hours of 4-H was planned on what to do, and they gave information about the museum, the Hands of Hope, and the Cunningham library.

The achievement celebration was announced that it would be hosted by Norwich and is up in the air if it's going to happen.

The county-wide 4-H fundraiser was to sell salsa and was handed out to everyone and the packets were due by Monday, October 18th to the office. 4-H camp now has open attendance this next year. The attendance is flexible to everyone.

Project talks were given and the meeting was adjourned. Next 4-H meeting is set for October 10th, which is everyone's favorite meeting -- the bonfire.

*Brianna Dittmer*



**4-H October Meeting**

The Cunningham 4-H meeting was held on October 17th, it was also our annual bonfire meeting. We started off eating supper followed by making s'mores. Yummy!!

After all were done eating it was time to start the meeting. We started off by the elections of officers and the initiation of new officers for the new year.

Our new officers are:

President- Alice Huelskamp,  
Vice President- Taylor Schultz,  
Secretary- Ava Bock,  
Treasurer- Ada Adams,  
Reporter- Brianna Dittmer,  
Historian- Emily Ogg,  
4-H Council- Nate Steneker and Taylor Schultz.

The salsa fundraiser was discussed. We could turn the packets into Judy that night or at the school office Monday, the 18th.

We voted on a fair theme idea that would be brought to the next 4-H council meeting.

We found out due to Covid, the Achievement Celebration was cancelled for this year.

If anyone wants to apply for the Ambassadors you have until November 19th to do so.

We were reminded enrollment for the new year is due by December 1st. Meeting was then adjourned. Next meeting is set to happen November

7th at the Cunningham Community Building.  
*Brianna Dittmer*



*Marianne Dittmer photos*



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Molly caught this little squirrel viewing the football game from atop a lightpole. No doubt he was trying to avoid paying an entry fee at the gate.

**Kingman County Sheriff's Report**

<b>Sunday, October 17</b>	
Traffic / Check Tag	16000 Blk W Hwy 54, Cunningham
Traffic / Disabled Vehicle	15000 Blk W Hwy 54, Cunningham
Traffic / Check Tag	2000 Blk W Hsy 54, Kingman
Suspicious Vehicle	400 Blk N Main St, Zenda
<b>Monday, October 18</b>	
Traffic Stop	1
Animal Complaint	8000 Blk W Hwy 54, Cunningham
Traffic / Disabled Vehicle	E Hwy 54 & NE 150 Ave, Cheney
Check Welfare	6000 Blk SE 60 St, Mudock
Traffic Complaint	1800 W Hwy 42, Spivey
Accident / Non-Injury	3000 Blk S Hwy 14, Kingman
Accident / Non-Injury	W Hwy 54 & NW 10 Ave, Kingman
911ACC / Hang Up	9000 Blk W Hwy 54, Cunningham
<b>Tuesday, October 19</b>	
Traffic Stop	2
Traffic Complaint	SW 90 Ave & W Hwy 54, Cunningham
Suspicious Vehicle	300 Blk N Douglas St, Cunningham
Trespassing	2000 Blk NW 50 Ave, Kingman
<b>Wednesday, October 20</b>	
Animal Complaint	8000 Blk SE 100 St, Kingman
Traffic Complaint	700 Blk NW 10 Ave, Kingman
Traffic Complaint	NW10 Ave & NW 30 St, Kingman
911ACC/Hang Up	10000 Blk SE 90 St, Kingman
<b>Thursday, October 21</b>	
Traffic Stop	3
Traffic Complaint	1300 Blk W D Ave, Kingman
Traffic Complaint	10000 Blk W Hwy 42, Zenda
Traffic Complaint	NE 100 Ave & Hwy 54, Mudock
Suspicious Vehicle	12000 SW 160 St, Zenda
<b>Friday, October 22</b>	
Traffic Stop	1
Traffic Complaint	E D Ave & Main St, Kingman
Traffic Complaint	600 Blk North Main, Spivey
Theft	400 Blk North Main, Spivey
Supicious Person	200 Blk W Kansas Ave, Kingman
911ACC/Hang Up	200 Blk N Main, Spivey
<b>Saturday, October 23</b>	
Traffic Stop	1
Traffic- Disabled Vehicle	10000 Blk E Hwy 54, Cheney
Trespassing	400 Blk E Leiter, Cunningham



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## Pratt County Commission Minutes for October 11th, 2021

The Pratt County commissioners met in regular session, Monday, October 11, 2021 at 2:00 p.m. in the commissioner room, 1st floor of the courthouse. The following members were present: Rick N. Shriver, Thomas W. Jones III, Dwight Adams, Tyson Eisenhauer, county counselor, Lori Voss, county clerk and Mark Graber, IT director. Also, present, Micheal lackford, Pratt Tribune.

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

Heather Morgan, covid/economic devel-

opment consultant, reported on a change in the federal ARPA reporting deadline. The Department of Treasury issued notice that the deadline has been moved to January 30th, 2022 rather than December 31, 2021. She also updated the commission on the state SPARK process for spending about a billion dollars awarded to the state government through the ARPA funds. They will be hosting meetings across the state to receive public input in the coming weeks. Anyone with ideas is encouraged to talk to a member of the SPARK committee or one of the subcommittees which consist of health and education, economic revitalization, connectivity, and government efficiency/modernization.

She also briefed the commission on the KDOT local consultation process which occurred last week. She went over the projects in the region being considered. She noted that passing lane improvements including adding additional passing lanes between Dodge City and Pratt will occur. She also indicated that both the Pratt U.S. 54 bypass and the Kingman U.S. 54 bypass scored very well from an engineering perspective but were scored less

highly in terms of economics because of the cost of the project and because they will cause a few more miles traveled which negatively impacted the score. She asked commissioners if they would like her to submit further comments to KDOT on their behalf. Commissioners said yes and she indicated she would get them submitted by the next day which was the deadline.

Jason Winkel, recycling/landfill supervisor, reported on the landfill scraper. It was delivered two weeks ago, wouldn't pick up dirt and didn't want to start, they took it back to Wichita for more repairs. Commissioner Adams made a motion to recess into executive session at 2:20 pm for five minutes to discuss non-elected personnel. Commissioner Jones seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. Chairman Shriver made a motion to return from executive session at 2:23 pm. Commissioner Adams seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. Chairman Shriver made a motion to return from executive session at 2:59 p.m. Commissioner Jones seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. Recycling still selling high and he is going to fill holes in the

driveway. The amount of recycling coming in is up.

Brian Atteberry, EMS director, asked for a twenty-minute executive session to discuss non-elected personnel. Chairman Shriver made a motion to recess into executive session at 2:30 p.m. for twenty minutes to discuss non-elected personnel. Commissioner Jones seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. Commissioner Adams made a motion to return from executive session at 2:50 p.m. with nothing to report. Commissioner Jones seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. Darci Van gave the COVID update. She received the south-central community grant for \$2000. She will be using it for a bicycle maintenance station at Lemon's Park. She is working on other grants.

Tiffany Ailstock, RSVP director, presented checks for signatures. Commissioner Adams made a motion to recess into executive session at 2:53 p.m. for ten minutes to discuss non-elected personnel. Commissioner Jones seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. Commissioner Adams made a motion to return from executive session at 2:59 p.m. Commissioner Jones seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. Commissioner Jones

made a motion to hire Miller Nightwalker at \$10.00 per hour for RSVP. Commissioner Jones seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. Chairman Shriver made a motion to hire Melinda Clark at \$10.00 per hour for RSVP. Commissioner Jones seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. Commissioner Adams made a motion to hire Cathy Neuberger at \$10.00 per hour for RSVP. Commissioner Jones seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Chairman Jones made a motion to move Justin Crouch from part time to full time paramedic at EMS. Chairman Shriver seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Chairman Shriver made a motion to hire Kasey Petrik part time at \$17.00 per hour for EMS. Commissioner Jones seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. Commissioner Adams made a motion to increase Brian Atteberry, EMS director from \$75,000 to \$80,000 And rescind his probationary period. Chairman Shriver seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Jones made a motion to approve the minutes from October 4, 2021. Commissioner Adams seconded. Motion carried 3-0. Tyson Eisenhauer, county counselor requested a fifteen minute executive session to discuss an attorney/client matter. Commissioner Adams made a motion to recess into executive session at 3:06 p.m. for fifteen minutes to discuss an attorney/client matter. Commissioner Jones seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. Commissioner Jones made a motion to return

from executive session at 3:21 pm with nothing to report. Commissioner Adams seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Chairman Shriver reported the surveyors are at the PSB to check the utility lines. He did a walk through with Kelly McMurphy, Landmark Architect. Everything is looking good, the overhead doors are not in yet. Harman Huffman Construction will get the building closed up to work on the inside this winter. Chairman Shriver reported there will be no commissioners' meeting October 18, 2021 due to attending the KAC conference in Overland Park, KS.

Chairman Shriver stated he had been contacted by a landowner wanting the roads paved in the River Road Country Estates Addition. They discussed if it was paved would the specials be assessed on each property. Chairman Shriver asked the question since it was a private sub division did Pratt County agree to grade the roads. He will check with Doug Freund, road supervisor, and contact Gordon Stull, former county counselor, for history on the roads and agreements between the county and the sub division. Commissioner Adams made a motion to approve the payment vouchers for October 11, 2021. Commissioner Jones seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. Commissioner Jones made a motion to adjourn at 3:39 pm. Commissioner Adams seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned at 3:39 pm.

## Public Notice

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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

BJORN HALDERSON, Cunningham

BEN HENNING, Cunningham

VICKI OLDHAM, Cunningham

ERIKA THIMESCH, Spivey

Board Member USD 268 At Large Position:

JULIE PEINTNER, Cheney

RUSTY SLUSSER, Cheney

CODY AST, Cheney

Kingman City Commissioners:

MARK ARENSDORF, Kingman

STAN HACKER, Kingman

ADRIAN K HARREL, Kingman

ERIC ROBINSON, Kingman

SEAN WALLACE, Kingman

Zenda City Mayor:

NO FILINGS

Zenda City Council:

NO FILINGS

Norwich City Mayor:

NO FILING

Norwich City Council:

JUNE ARAYE HARDAWAY, Norwich

ELDON HEADRICK, Norwich  
MITCHELL J. HEWITT, Norwich  
RICHARD JOHNSON, Norwich

KAREN J. POINDEXTER, Norwich

TY TURNER, Norwich

Cunningham City Mayor:

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Cunningham City Council:

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Nashville City Mayor:

DONNA CLOUGH, Nashville

Nashville City Council:

KOURTENAY ANN HOUSE-HOLTER, Nashville

RICHARD KELLER, Nashville

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Penalosa City Mayor:

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Penalosa City Council:

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Spivey City Mayor:

CLAY A. MITCHELL, Spivey

Spivey City Council:

NO FILINGS

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 col-

lected 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

Kingman EXPO CENTER (South Room):

1st Ward of Kingman City

2nd Ward of Kingman City

3rd Ward of Kingman City

4th Ward of Kingman City

Kingman Activity Center (North Room):

All of Hoosier Township in USD 331 Position #1

All of Ninescah Township in USD 331 Position #1

All of Belmont Township in USD 332

Cunningham Community Center:

All of Eureka Township and all of Penalosa City

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

Cunningham City

All of Dresden Township

All of Rural Township

Murdock Methodist Church:

Galesburg Township in U.S.D. #331  
All of Evan Township  
All of Dale Township  
All of Vinita Township

Zenda Community Center:

All of Chikaskia Township in USD 331 Position #6 & USD 332

All of Valley Township in U.S.D. #331 Position #6

All of Rochester Township

All of Liberty Township

Nashville City

Zenda City

Spivey City

All of Kingman Township

All of Peters Township

Norwich Dotzour Center:

All of Allen Township

All of Eagle Township

All of Bennett Township

Norwich City

All of Canton Township in U.S.D. #331

Sumner County in U.S.D. #331

Sedgwick County in U.S.D. #331

Harper County in U.S.D. #331

Persons living in Reno County in the 331 School District will vote in Reno County.

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

## News from the Kingman County Conservation District

Conservation Banker Awards

Each year we have a program that honors farmers or ranchers who have displayed outstanding efforts in conservation practices. Once again, the Kansas Bankers Association is sponsoring this annual event. Nominations for individuals whose efforts have gone above and beyond in one or more of the conservation categories can be submitted by calling:

- Conservation Office: 532-5731 Ext. 3 or
- K State Research and Extension Office: 532-5131

12th

Award categories are:

- Wildlife Habitat
- Windbreak
- Water Conservation
- Energy Conservation
- Water Quality
- Soil Conservation

The Selection Committee, made up of representatives from the Banker Association, Extension Office, FSA, NRCS, and Conservation District will make the final selection.

Award presentation information will be announced at a later date!

The Kingman County Conservation District is once again sponsoring a contest for students from Kindergarten to 12th grade, designed to introduce or enhance their knowledge of conservation.

The four Categories are: Poster, Essay, Limerick and Photograph

The Poster and Essay entries MUST have the theme, "Healthy Soils: Healthy Life".

The Limerick category is open to any conservation topic and the Photo category must depict a conservation practice that was taken within the Kingman County boundaries.

This category is open to amateur photographers 18 years and younger. Entries for all categories must be submitted at the District Office by Friday, December 17th.

Cash prizes and ribbons will be awarded. For all contest rules please contact the office at 1137 Highway 54 East, Kingman, or call 532-5731 Ext. 101.

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**Health Clinics**

Kingman County Health Department will be doing its monthly outreach clinic in November on the following dates.

Cunningham- Wednesday, November 3rd from 9:30am-12:00pm

Nashville- Wednesday, November 3rd from 1:30pm-4:00pm

Norwich- Thursday, November 4th from 1:30pm-4:00pm

We will have flu shots available at these clinics!

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DISTRICT COURT OF KINGMAN COUNTY, KANSAS

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF:)

ROBERT S. WUNSCH, Deceased.

CASE NO. 2021 PR 31 (Pursuant to K.S.A. Chapter 59)

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:

You are hereby notified that on October 22, 2021, a Petition for Issuance of Letters of Administration was filed in this Court by Melissa Tetrick, an heir.

You are required to file your written defenses thereto on or before November 16, 2021, at 10:00 o'clock a.m. in the District Court,

Kingman County, Kansas, at which time and place the cause will be heard. Should you fail therein, judgment and decree will be entered in due course upon the petition.

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

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**Sue Westerman**

Carolyn Sue Westerman was born on March 24, 1935 in Peru, Kansas to Carroll and Elaine (Heald) James. This is where Sue was raised, and she attended school in the area. She went on to Sedan High School, graduating with the class of 1953. Shortly after graduating, the family moved to Pratt, Kansas.



Working at the local soda shop, Sue met Fredrick William Westerman. The young couple were married on February 26, 1956 at the First Christian Church of Pratt and made their home on a farm southwest of Nashville, Kansas. Sue was a farmer's wife, homemaker, and mother to their three children: Dena, Jana, and Shelly.

After the kids were raised, Sue started working as a cook at the nursing home in Medicine Lodge. Later she went to work for Pro Stitch in Pratt. Shortly before Fredrick's passing on August 3, 2012, they had moved to Pratt. They were married for 56 years. Two years after his passing, Sue moved to Anthony, Kansas. Because of her declining health, she moved into Hilltop Manor Skilled Nursing in Cunningham, Kansas in December of 2019.

A long-time member of St. John Lutheran Church in Nashville, Sue was an active member of the St. John Dorcas Society. Fredrick and Sue enjoyed doing puzzles. She loved her dogs and was a very good baker, her pies were amazing. But most of all Sue cared about and loved her family. She spent numerous hours helping with her grandkids, even if it meant making a long trip to go care for them.

On October 24, 2021, Sue passed away at the care home at the age of 86. She is preceded in death by her father, Carroll James; mother, Elaine (James) Davis; stepfather, Floyd Davis; husband, Fredrick; and sister, Joy Emery. Sue is survived by her daughters: Dena Depenbusch and her husband, Keith of Harper, Kansas; Jana Green and her husband, Todd of Zenda, Kansas; and Shelly Holoubek and her husband, Doug of Kansas City, Missouri; grandchildren: Mindy Deaver (Scott), Shane Depenbusch, Christy Reel (Vincent), Tyler Green, Zach Green (Megan), Jordan Smith (Amy), and Paityn Smith; six great-grandchildren; four step-great-grandchildren; other relatives and friends.

Funeral Service is 11:00 a.m. Friday, October 29, 2021 at St. John Lutheran Church in Nashville, Kansas with Pastor Dennis Fangmeyer officiating. Interment follows at the St. John Lutheran Cemetery, south of Nashville.

Memorial contributions may be made to St. John Lutheran Church and can be sent in care of the funeral home. Prairie Rose Funeral Homes, 613 W 14th St ~ Harper, Kansas 67058.

Online condolences can be left at [www.prairierose-funeralhomes.com](http://www.prairierose-funeralhomes.com)

**Nancy Swonger**

Sawyer - Nancy Mae Swonger, 77, passed away on Tuesday, October 19, 2021 at Wesley Medical Center in Wichita. She was born on June 4, 1944 in Barber County to Frank Marvin and Nora Mildred (Roots) Winters. Nancy married Charles Ray Swonger on October 1, 1962 in Clayton, New Mexico. They were married for 59 years.



Nancy graduated from Pratt High School in 1962. She was the owner of Ranchers Cafe in Sawyer. She also worked as a server and dishwasher at Skyline School. She enjoyed front porch sitting, watching wildlife, crocheting, cooking, baking pies and family gatherings.

She is survived by her husband, Charles of Sawyer; daughters, Susan (Curt) Oller of Pratt and Cindy (Clint) Tyler of Sawyer; sister, Betty Wilson of Edmond, Oklahoma; sister-in-law, Jackie Naasz of Spearville; grandchildren, Ray (Nina) Oller of Wichita, Randy (Britt) Oller and Ashley Tyler all of Pratt, Madison (Kenny Eddy) Tyler and Braden Tyler all of Sawyer; great grandchildren, Rylee, Alysa, Titus, Thaddeus, Tiberius, Sean, Maci and Peyton; and many nieces and nephews.

Nancy is preceded in death by her father, Frank Marvin Winters, Sr.; mother, Nora Mildred Cole; stepfather, James Cole; brothers, Frank Winters, Jr., Ralph Naasz and Thomas Naasz; and sisters, Pat Billings, Roberta Conaway.

Visitation will be Friday, October 22, 2021 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 2:00 p.m., Saturday, October 23, 2021 at Larrison Mortuary, Pratt with Pastor Rodney Worsham and Pastor Clint Tyler presiding. Burial will follow at Ellenwood Cemetery, Sawyer.

Memorials may be made to Pratt Area Humane Society in care of Larrison Mortuary.

**Amy Keeney**

Amy Deterding Keeny was a beloved wife, daughter, mother, sister, friend, and soon-to-be grandma. She left this world too soon on Monday, October 11, 2021, at age 57 after a courageous battle with glioblastoma brain cancer.



Amy was born on January 21, 1964, to Max and Shirley (Kubik) Deterding. Raised in Turon, Kansas, she attended Fairfield High School. Then on to the University of Kansas where she found joy in everything associated with Rock Chalk Jayhawk. While at KU she established many life-long friendships and met her future husband, Mark Keeny. Amy cherished her time in Delta Gamma sorority and continued to participate in DG activities throughout her life.

Amy and Mark married in 1986 and lived in Overland Park, Wichita, and Kingman (Kansas). Amy became a devoted mother when their children were born, but still found time to make friends and become involved in community activities. She was also involved in the family business, Citizens Bank of Kansas.

So many people consider themselves a friend of Amy, and will miss her, as will her surviving family: husband, Mark; daughter, Sarah Moon (Thomas); son, Sam Keeny; sister, Jane Deterding (Brent Lehner); aunt, Anne Rising (Gene); father-in-law, Gary (Carol) Keeny; brother-in-law, Jeff Keeny (Jill Skaggs); sister-in-law, Pam Hesse (Karl); four cousins and several nieces and nephews. Those going before her: parents, grandparents, and infant sons, Jay Michael and Jackson Paul.

Services for Amy were held on Tuesday, October 19, 2021, In lieu of flowers, the family respectfully requests memorial donations to the KAMI Kingman Food Pantry, P.O. Box 173, Kingman, KS 67068; or Beta Kappa Chapter of Delta Gamma House Corporation, 1015 Emery Rd., Lawrence, KS 66045.

Services in care of Downing & Lahey East Mortuary.

**Carolyn Schoen**

Carolyn Elisabeth Schoen, 79, passed away October 22, 2021 in Pratt, Kansas with her family by her side.



She was born February 15, 1942 in Independence to R. Rowe Meats and Elisabeth Murray Meats.

Carolyn married Al Schoen December 27, 1965 at the First United Methodist Church, Beloit Kansas. They were married for 55 years.

She was a graduate of Beloit High School in 1960. She graduated from Kansas State University in 1964 with a Bachelor of Science. She achieved her Masters in Guidance and Counseling from Fort Hays State University. She began her teaching career in Denver, Colorado in 1964. She taught in Ellis, Kansas for 6 years, before establishing roots in Pratt, Kansas. During her 31 years as a Greenback, she taught English, Speech, and facilitated the Gifted Program before retiring in 2004. She had a love for learning and helping others learn.

Carolyn had many passions including reading, gardening, antiques, furniture refinishing and completing puzzles.

She also enjoyed spending time with her family, including 3 grandsons.

She is preceded in death by her Parents, R. Rowe and Elisabeth Meats. her parents-in-law, Eldon and Lucille Schoen, sister-in-law Vicki Meats. brothers-in-law Ken Smith and Gary Schoen.

She is survived by her husband Al; her children; Spence (Joan) Schoen, Kansas City, MO, Lance (Becca) Schoen, Lenexa, KS, Shelli (Mike) Gill, Mont Belvieu, TX, Brother; Bob Meats, Beloit, KS, sister-in-law, Rose Smith, Holton, KS. and grandchildren, Jacob, Jaxon Schoen and Andrew Gill.

Cremation has taken place. Memorial service was held at Tuesday, October 26, 2021 at Larrison Mortuary, Ltd., Pratt with, John Hamm presiding.

Memorials may be made to Pratt Public Library or Lemon Park Christmas Lights in care of Larrison Mortuary.

Online condolences may be made at [www.larrison-mortuary.com](http://www.larrison-mortuary.com)

**Evelyn Burbank**

Evelyn Irene Burbank Leak passed from this life at the age of 101, on October 20, 2021, in Stillwater, Oklahoma. She and her husband Charley were life-long residents of Pratt County, until they moved to Stillwater in 2013 to be close to their daughter, Barbara Brock.



Her husband of 75 years, Charley G. Leak, preceded her in death, Evelyn was also preceded in death by her parents Ray and Alice Burbank, one brother, Roy Burbank and one sister, Lila Mae Burbank Smith.

Survivors include two daughters, Sharon Taylor and husband James of Leakey, Texas, and Barbara Brock and husband Pat of Stillwater, Oklahoma; three grandsons, Brian Taylor and wife Viki of San Antonio, Texas, Jeff Koeninger and wife Stephanie of Keller, Texas, and Jason Koeninger and wife Shannon of Tulsa, Oklahoma. Six great grandchildren, Amy Taylor of Dallas, Texas and Austin Taylor of Ft. Worth, Texas, Jake and Cole Koeninger of Keller, and Quentin and Violet Koeninger of Tulsa also survive her, as well as numerous nieces and nephews.

Evelyn was born in Pratt on April 17, 1920, to Roy and Alice Harrell Burbank. She graduated from Pratt High School and worked at Penney's Department Store in Pratt before and for a short time after her marriage to Charley on August 27, 1939. She was office manager and bookkeeper for Daskocil's from 1957 to 1974. Following her work in town, Evelyn helped Charley with farming until he retired in 1998. They built a house and moved from the farm into Pratt in the spring of 1984.

She was an active member of the Pratt Church of Christ, serving in many roles, including the Clothing Room and providing meals for funerals and the sick. Evelyn and Charley delivered "Meals on Wheels" for many years. She and Charley enjoyed traveling with their RV and spent many winters in South Texas.

During her years at the Christian Villa in Stillwater, she was known for sending birthday cards, encouragement, and sympathy cards to the residents of the Villa and to the many friends she made at church. She always sent birthday cards to family members, including grandsons and spouses, great grandchildren, nieces, and nephews.

Funeral service will be 2:00 pm Thursday, October 28, 2021 at the Church of Christ Pratt, KS. Pastor John Hamm officiating. Burial will follow at Greenlawn Cemetery.

There will be no Visitation.

**Norma Jean Dodge**

Norma Jean Dodge, 88, died Oct. 25, 2021, at her home.

She was born July 27, 1933, at Kingman the daughter of Chester and Sarah Josephine Fairchild Spotts. A lifetime resident of Kingman, she was a homemaker and a former employee of Kingman Drug.

On Nov. 27, 1954, she married Frank E. Dodge. Other survivors include sons Dallas and wife Melody, Lial and wife Nancy; daughters Deb Benson and husband Dave, and Sandra Goetz; grandsons Dakota, Denver and Dalton Dodge, Cactus and Colt Dodge, Tyler Garten, Houston Smith, Jayton Swonger and Garrett Goetz; granddaughters Crystal Moots, Nacona Dick and Harley Goetz; step-granddaughters Danielle Benson and Jessica Swartz; and 19 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents; sisters Milie Lee and Dorothy Flickner; brothers-in-law Chuck Lee and Ray Flickner; and son-in-law Earl Goetz.

Funeral services will be 1:00 p.m., Friday at the Livingston Funeral Home. Friends may call from 1:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., Thursday at the funeral home. Burial will be in the Walnut Hill Cemetery.

Memorials may be made with Rivercross Hospice and Kingman Health Center Oncology Dept., both in care of the funeral home.



**A Note of Thanks**

*The family and friends of Dixie Rohlman wish to express their appreciation for the kindness, thoughtfulness, masses and memorials in remembrance of Dixie. A special thank you to Father Roger Lumbre, Altar Society of Zenda for the luncheon and anyone that helped with the memorial service.*

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