

Meanderings

This morning I ran to the bank, post office and city hall, and I did it brainlessly. I don’t always wear a coat out and about because sometimes my sweaters don’t make it comfortable to drive while wearing a coat and a sweater and I’m seldom in the outdoors when I run errands. BUT I always wear gloves when it is cold and I have to go out. If my hands and feet are warm, I’m warm. Today I put on a coat but didn’t grab any gloves. “I’ll just keep my hands in my pockets.” EXCEPT it is rather difficult to do that if you are carrying

... oh... packages to be mailed, and a folder of documents to be notarized... both of which I had to today. I got all the errands completed and was happy to be back in my warm home. Except I couldn’t (and still can’t) get my hands warm. I have drunk endless cups of hot tea today. Then I switched to warming up cups of hot water so I could wrap my hands around the mug and warm up these hands. Too many times I picked up that cup of warm water, forgetting it wasn't tea, a took a sip. Well, I can tell you, warm water is NOT tasty or refreshing. I have a pair of gloves here on my desk that I put on when I only have to operate the mouse control. I do take them off for typing. That is all rather awkward, typing with gloves on. I will no doubt be wearing gloves to bed. My hands are just so cold.

When I got home from the errands, I went looking for my gloves. I found one pair of winter gloves that I keep for walking the dogs . They aren't very warm, but they allow me to manage the leashes. I found another pair of gloves that are much too large for my hands because they are men’s gloves, and I keep them for outdoor emergencies. I found my two good pairs of gloves---out in the car. Sheesh. I don’t know why I didn’t think to look in the passenger seat under the debris that accumulates there during the course of a week. But that’s where I found both pair when I went on the great glove hunt today. I will wear my gloves from now on. I am just miserable with these cold hands. Other than the freezing hands, I enjoyed the day today. I sat here at my desk by the window and worked on the paper. I watched the snow fall.

and I had a kettle of tea plugged in. (Wild Berry). I had a eleven-bean soup simmering on the stove (made with kielbasa instead of ham). Cats were curled up in hibernating mode, purring, but not quite in harmony. Even the dogs deigned to hang out with me here in the office today. They think each time I get up they need a snack. I don’t mind giving Clarence snacks whenever he asks... he’s on limited time to be spoiled with snacks. Young Quin, on the other hand, will come to expect the-lady-getting-up-must-mean-snacks for the next 15 years. That’s a long time to be snack spoiled. I guess if I just don't get up.... And after having Quin inside today for an extended length of time, I decided I really need a gymnasium for days like today. That little guy, after a bit of a nap wants to RUN! And jump! and race.

I think to those cold days when I also had Belle inside. HOW did I do that!? Clarence wonders the same thing, I'm sure. *** There is another animal story by Beth Blasi here on this page as well. I believe this is the last of the pet stories from her. I hope she can come up with more. I love her pet writings as well as her life with cancer stories. I’ve subscribed to another columnist’s writings. (I've placed it between mine and Beth's columns for this week) Dorothy Rosby has a blog and writes columns for newspapers. She lives in South Dakota. I read a couple of her columns and thought they were enjoyable, so sent her a message and now we can read her fare. She has a fine sense of humor and a down home way of writing. I know many of you are regular readers of my meanderings, and I have

no plans on giving this column up, but I sometimes need a break. Be sure to check out the photo and bit of writing from Linda Phillips on page five. It is worth the read. And worth the share. If you enjoy these, please send in your own photos with stories. There are many stories that need to be told before we can’t hear or tell them any longer. Always reading, and currently reading, "The Lucky Ones" by Linda Williams Jackson, Roberta “Listen, and you will realize that we are made not from cells or from atoms. We are made from stories.” — Mia Couto “What good is the warmth of summer; without the cold of winter to give it sweetness.” — John Steinbeck, Travels with Charley: In Search of America

Talking to a Pet Beats Talking to the Coffee Table

by DorothyRosby “Yes, I know we need more cat food. I’ll pick some up when I’m out,” I say...to my cat. He doesn’t answer, but he does look relieved. I’d be ashamed to admit in this blog post that I talk to my pet if I weren’t so sure that most pet owners do it—and that most people don’t read my blog. Actually, the director of the Purdue University Center for the Human-Animal Bond reportedly once said that 97% of pet owners talk to their pets and the other three percent are liars. I think he’s right. Just the other day I

walked by a woman who was talking excitedly to her black lab about the size and quality of the stick he was carrying. She didn’t even look embarrassed when she realized I’d overheard. Maybe because I thought it was an awesome stick too and I told the dog so. Yes, I talk to other people’s pets too. One of my neighbors has three small, yippy dogs that raise a ruckus every time I walk by. I tell them often that it’s my neighborhood too and that I have as much right to be in it as they do, so they should just stop their yapping. I hope the neighbors are never in the yard when I’m lecturing their dogs. They might think I’m talking to them. Now that

I think about it, maybe I am. I’ve had an assortment of pets over my lifetime—dogs, cats, hamsters, a canary and a few fish. I’ve talked to all of them though less to the fish than to the others. It’s so hard to hear underwater. The pet-less may find it amusing that we pet owners talk to critters who just stare back with puzzled looks on their faces—or swim away. But we know our pets understand us. My cat comprehends every word I say to him. Or at least some of them. Or at least one of them: treats, which is universally understood by all animals, probably even those in the wild. You could probably say

“treat” to a lion” in the jungle and he’d come on over. I wouldn’t though. When my cat is outside and I want him to come in, I just say, “Do you want a treat?” in that voice I use to talk to small children. I’m afraid one day the little boys next door are going to take me up on it. Not only do our pets understand, sometimes they even talk back. Before my canary went to that great aviary in the sky, I said “Good morning, Tweeters” every day when I fed him. And every time, he chirped exactly twice. I like to think he was saying “good morning” back. Or “thank you.” But maybe he was saying, “Now scram, so I can

eat in peace.” Still, how amazing. Anyway, I read that all humans, whether they have pets or not, have a natural tendency to anthropomorphize. That is, we all have a way of attributing human characteristics and behaviors to nonhumans, even inanimate nonhumans. I’m glad I’m not the only one. I knocked over my Christmas cactus this morning and apologized to it. I regularly talk to my handsome companion on life’s highway—my car. And I talk, and rather loudly, to the furniture when I stub my toe on it. So, it makes sense I’d also talk to my cat who clearly has more affection for me than either my car or my coffee table.

The pet-free can make fun of us all they want but talking to our animals is certainly more socially acceptable than talking to the furniture—or, come to think of it, ourselves as I’m prone to do. When my husband overhears me talking to myself at great length about the electric bill or the dirty dishes and says, “Who are you talking to,” I scoff, “The cat, of course. Who do you think?” Dorothy Rosby is the author of three books of humorous essays including I Didn’t Know You Could Make Birthday Cake from Scratch: Parenting Blunders from Cradle to Empty Nest.

Kitty – the Cat that came with the House

You acquire pets in various ways – from someone you know, a stray that wanders into your life, a shelter pet, or perhaps you purchase one. How about getting one when you purchase a house? The house my daughter purchased while attending veterinary school came pre-loaded with a calico cat named Kitty. Kitty was about 2 years old and the former owner offered her the cat when he left the home (when his girlfriend left, she chose the TV over the

cat). My daughter accepted, because no one can resist Kitty’s charm. Thus Kitty became the cat that came with the house. My daughter also purchased some of the furniture from the former owner. Upon taking possession of the house, we soon discovered the area rug seemed to be infested with fleas! No wonder Kitty was taking a wide path around that area of the house. A flea collar was quickly purchased for Kitty. We decided to spend the night at a motel (my daughter and Kitty stayed with a friend) and flea-bomb the house overnight. Upon returning in the morning, Kitty would not leave the kitch-

en counter – she could see that there were still some fleas so we trashed the area rug and called an exterminator. Since the exterminator couldn’t come for a couple days, we decided to take Kitty home with us until that was taken care of. Our existing house cat really didn’t like the company, so our cat took over the basement while we tried to confine Kitty to the upstairs. Little did we know that Kitty did have a few flea hitchhikers (even with the flea collar) that she left behind for our cat. We knew something wasn’t quite right with our cat, she just sat in one place and didn’t want to move. She was a fairly long-haired cat so it took us a little bit to finally figure out that she was covered with fleas. We got one of those pills from the vet and you could just see the relief on our cat’s face as those fleas died and fell off. Of course, we had to take steps to get the fleas out of our house! Our daughter’s house required a few fix-up projects and Kitty was usually very helpful. My husband and a friend were doing some fix-up work on the bathroom and had to get some additional

supplies. When he returned, he could not find Kitty anywhere. After searching and searching, he finally found her in the farthest corner of the crawl-space and rescued her – she had jumped thru the hole in the bathroom floor. Kitty also decided to pounce on this same friend in the middle of the night – giving him a good scare! From then on, during the day, he made sure Kitty stayed awake by always saying “Wake up Kitty” when he saw her napping. Kitty didn’t pounce on him in the night anymore – she was pretty tired. She can be quite the escapee. Another fix-up project was replacing the windows. Such a great opportunity for Kitty to jump out the windows. I think they finally locked her in the laundry room. Another favorite escape was through the front window (this window wasn’t replaced). She discovered she could push the screen out just enough to escape and wander to the neighbor’s garage or just wander around other front yards. She could streak out the front door to visit neighbors or just to roll in the dirt or eat grass and

throw up. One time she streaked into the back yard (not noticed by our daughter) and ended up spending the day under the shelter of the old windows to stay away from the dogs. We really laughed one Christmas when she shot out the front door just to land in two feet of snow from the night before. She stood there for a second, and then calmly looked around and started to push her way thru the snow until we pulled her out. Did I mention she loves food? She seemed to be gaining weight and we couldn’t understand why – she was getting fed what she should. We finally discovered that a bag of cat food was being stored in the laundry room on a shelf – Kitty had made a hole in the backside of the bag facing the wall and was happily helping herself! Cat food now got stored in a container with a lid! My daughter also tried one of those self-feeders – it had a timer and dispensed a measured amount of food. It certainly was a self-feeder – Kitty figured out she could reach her paw up into the dispenser chute and dispense her own

food! Now that the food is in Kitty-proof containers, she is sure to greet you and then lead you to her food bowl, just in case you didn’t know it was there and hoping you might fill it. Kitty’s litter box in Stillwater was in the laundry room – we had put a cat door in the door between the laundry room and kitchen. Her poops were so stinky, she couldn’t even stand them. She often streaked through the cat door after using the litter box. That has improved over time but it is still pretty strong. I think her litter box got larger and larger with each house – she likes to dig and scatter the litter over a large area. Throughout all these moves with our daughter, she continues to use her litter box, loves her food, puts the dogs in their place (swats pretty good), loves to sleep with you at night, purrs loudly, and still sneaks outside to roll in the dirt! Kitty has been with my daughter over ten years and is still with her today.

Still enjoying Kitty – Beth Blasi

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Friday, January 28th

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Saturday January 29th

HS Forensics at Pratt

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Monday, January 31st

JH BB at Norwich

6:30 p.m.

City Council

Tuesday, February 1st

HS BB at Fairfield

Lions Club Meeting

Thursday, February 3rd

Regional Scholars' Bowl at Peabody

JH BB vs Fairfield at HOME (Parents' Night)

Friday, February 4th

HS BB vs Norwich at Home

Pratt Ascension's 5th Annual Trivia Night Returns February 5.

Gather a team of eight and join us for eight rounds of trivia. You'll also want to check out the silent auction which includes a Pratt Co Fair 75th Anniversary celebration package, a guided turkey hunt, a pork bundle, a quilt, and MORE! There will be plenty of action between trivia rounds to include games and a cake walk.

Team themes are encouraged with prizes for best team table theme and costumes. Don't miss this evening loaded with fun!!

Reserve your spot by texting your name/team name to 620-770-2392. Contact Shannon Bergner at same number for more information. All proceeds benefit the Ascension Lutheran Church building fund.

To reserve the

Cunningham Community Center,

contact Ruth Shelman,

(620) 770-9153 or 318-6042

Libraries

Cunningham Public Library

Mon., Wed., Fri.

2:00 - 6:00 p.m.

Tues., Thurs., Sat.

9:00 - 11:30 a.m.

Closed for Holidays

298-3163

Zenda

Public Library

Monday

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

Thursday:

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

Saturday:

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

620-243-5791

Kingman

Carnegie Library

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

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

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

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

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

620-532-3061

Pratt Public Library

Mon. - Thurs.

10:00 - 7:00

Friday: 10:00 - 6:00

Saturday: 10:00 - 2:00

Closed on Sundays

(620) 672-3041

Cunningham 4-H met January 6th at the community center. After doing the pledge, Roll call was answered by 28 members. Roll call was “what is one of your fa-

vorite restaurants?” We started the meeting by having installation of new members. 4-H concession stand during the girls 54 classic game was discussed.

This year County 4-H day is set for February 26th. Members had the opportunity to let new members know different things they have done

Blood and Platelet Donation

Appointments Still Critically Needed Amid First-Ever Red Cross Blood Crisis

Ongoing COVID-19 surge continues to threaten blood supply

KANSAS AND OKLAHOMA (Jan. 25, 2022) — While there has been a significant and encouraging response to the dire need for blood across the nation, the American Red Cross needs more people to give in the weeks ahead to recover from its worst blood shortage in more than a decade. Those interested in helping are urged to schedule the earliest-available blood or platelet donation appointment in their area to help ensure accident victims rushed to the emergency room, those being treated for cancer and others who count on blood product transfusions can receive lifesaving care without delay.

Since the Red Cross issued its first-ever blood crisis alert, a surge in COVID-19 infections has further complicated efforts to rebuild the blood supply. In the Kansas and Oklahoma Region, more than 2,100 scheduled donations went uncollected so far this month as blood drives were changed or canceled because of COVID cases or required quarantines. In addition, donors with COVID must wait 14 days after their symptoms resolve or, if they are asymptomatic, after a positive test before giving blood again

As February approaches, and the effects from the spread of the

omicron variant persist and winter weather continues to be a potential problem, people are urged to make an appointment now to give blood or platelets in the weeks ahead by using the Red Cross Blood Donor App, visiting RedCrossBlood.org or calling 1-800-RED-CROSS (1-800-733-2767).

As a thank-you for coming out to help save lives during this blood crisis, Krispy Kreme is offering those who come to give blood or platelets a free Original Glazed® dozen through the end of January. To receive the free Original Glazed dozen, visit a participating Krispy Kreme shop by Jan. 31 and present a donation sticker or a digital blood donor card through the Red Cross Blood Donor App.

Those who come to give blood or platelets Feb. 1-28, 2022, will receive a \$10 Amazon.com Gift Card via email, thanks to Amazon.*

Employment and volunteer opportunities available

During this challenging time, the Red Cross is also actively recruiting blood collection employees and blood drive volunteers who play vital roles in supporting the nation’s blood supply. The Red Cross encourages those interested to join us at a Red Cross hiring event on Feb. 24 from 2–7 p.m. at 707 N Main St., Wichita, KS 67203 to learn more about blood collection employee opportunities in the Kansas and Oklahoma Region. There will be virtual options to attend for people seeking opportunities in Hays and Salina, Kansas, and in Tulsa. Across the region, the Red Cross needs to hire about 30 collections staff members. For volunteer op-

B-29 Museum

is open on Sundays from 2:00 to 4:00 pm

Pratt Army Airfield – 82 Curran Road

Visit them on Facebook at www.prairiebombers.org for more information. If you would like to visit the museum at another time call 672-8321, 672-2444 or 620-797-2919 to schedule an appointment!

4-H Holds January Meeting

for 4-H day. The leadership project was discussed and we were given different ideas for that. Members who went to the Christmas Craft Day in Kingman told the club about the projects they did that day.

Several project talks were given. Andrew did How to build a rocket for rocketry. Katie

read a poem she wrote while she was on a car trip. Weston did a talk on Archery. After talks the meeting was adjourned. Next meeting is set for February 6th at the community center.

Brianna Dittmer

portunities to support Red Cross blood collections, visit redcross.org/volunteertoday.

Blood drive safety

Each Red Cross blood drive and donation center follows the highest standards of safety and infection control, and additional precautions – including face masks for donors and staff, regardless of vaccination status – have been implemented to help protect the health of all those in attendance. Donors are asked to schedule an appointment prior to arriving at the drive.

Save time during donation

Donors can also save up to 15 minutes at the blood drive by completing a RapidPass®. With RapidPass®, donors complete the pre-donation reading and health history questionnaire online, on the day of donation, from a mobile device or computer. To complete a RapidPass®, follow the instructions at RedCrossBlood.org/RapidPass or use the Red Cross Blood Donor App.

To donate blood, individuals need to bring a blood donor card or driver’s license or two other forms of identification that are required at check-in. Individuals who are 17 years of age in most states (16 with parental consent where allowed by state

law), weigh at least 110 pounds and are in generally good health may be eligible to donate blood. High school students and other donors 18 years of age and younger also must meet certain height and weight requirements.

Health insights for donors

At a time when health information has never been more important, the Red Cross is screening all blood, platelet and plasma donations from self-identified African American donors for the sickle cell trait. This additional screening will provide Black donors with an additional health insight and help the Red Cross identify compatible blood types more quickly to help patients with sickle cell disease who require trait-negative blood. Blood transfusion is an essential treatment for those with sickle cell disease, and blood donations from individuals of the same race, ethnicity and blood type have a unique ability to help patients fighting sickle cell disease.

Donors can expect to receive sickle cell trait screening results, if applicable, within one to two weeks through the Red Cross Blood Donor App and the online donor portal at RedCrossBlood.org.

Upcoming Auctions

Wednesday, January 26, 2022

Lane Co, KS Land Auction

- Lane Co Fairgrounds

has been rescheduled for

Wednesday, February 9th

Wednesday, February 16, 2022

Pratt Co, KS Land Auction,

Hamm Auction Center

For more information and a complete list of auctions, see our website at

www.hammauction.com

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620-672-6996

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Sunday at 5:30

UNDER 18 MAY ATTEND WITH PARENT/GUARDIAN PERMISSION AT THE BOX OFFICE

Consider this... Change Will Never Change

Nothing lasts forever. And many of us spend our entire lives coming to grips with that. Look at the typical child. She'll get so involved in the enjoyment of a visit to a cousin's house that others can't help but smile from watching her. Until it's time to leave. Then watch how ugly that smiling child becomes. She'll

plead to stay. Tears flow when you say no. Shouts of "I hate you!" might even follow if the visit was especially good. Even if the next stop is the carnival, a kid can only see that she's having fun now and won't tolerate any change in that status - or allow for the chance that the next stop will be even better than the cousin's house. She wants that situation to last forever. As do adults. Look at the man who sees his job in jeopardy. Perhaps his company has coasted, spending years without offering any new

products, nor improving old ones, allowing an ever-improving newer company to surpass them. Or perhaps the man himself is the cause of his woes - refusing to learn the new technology that arrives more each day - leaving his skills far below those of the younger workers coming on. "No sir," he'll stubbornly say. "These skills have worked just fine for years, there's no use in changing them now." Even adults want things to last forever. Change will never change. It is always with us. What we do with it

determines if our lives are ever-revitalized or a frustrating misery. Embrace change and we'll look forward to learning new skills, spotting exciting new opportunities and getting a jump on the competition. Resist change and we'll spend our lives in the frustrating, losing battle of trying to block a raging river with a Dixie cup. Some call it noble to wade into the river and hold their ground against the white water called change. But who's smarter - the man who can identify the current

and use its power to serve the best interests of all, or the man who stands stubbornly in its path fighting, until his drown body is washed up on some shore? Change occurs in our bodies. It occurs in our relationships. It occurs in our occupations. It occurs in our communities. Everything in life has its season. Change is not good or bad, it's merely change. Horses used to be the entire country's mode of transportation. Yet cars wiped out that industry. Horse dealers might have seen the change as bad.

But even they got to enjoy easier travel by car - and eventually would come to recognize it as good. Embrace change and it will seem good. Resist change and it will seem bad. As in everything else, how we look at it, determines whether we have a good life or a bad life. And until we come to grips with that, the results we see in our lives will never change.

Pass It On®... Forgiveness Heals Us

Forgiveness isn't always as easy as it sounds. Sometimes we think it needs to be earned rather than freely given. As a young father, Davis was working to remodel and maintain his home. There's nothing like the pride you take in that first home, no matter how much work it needs, it's yours by sweat and sacrifice. So when he came home one night and caught two local teen-

agers breaking into his garage he was angry. They ran off, but he recognized them. And the following day confronted them and their parents. You'd expect a moment of truth, a reconciliation. But none came, only denial and character witnesses by the parents. A few weeks later Davis confronted one of the boys and threatened him. The boy confessed to some of the theft but Davis wasn't satisfied. He stewed over the lies and the reluctant admission. Fathers of teenage boys know this feeling of

incomplete restitution. It takes time for emotional maturity to develop to its completeness, so sometimes half an apology is just going to have to do. Years later Davis again ran into the now young men. They had grown up. They thanked Davis for not doing more when he caught them, like calling the police. They talked about college life, the future. For a moment, Davis was oddly unsatisfied; that is until he too apologized. He was sorry for losing his temper, and for not developing a better relationship with the

boys in the first place. That's when the tight strings around his heart loosened. Remorse can motivate us to strengthen our character and see people differently, even seek forgiveness. But ruminating on the past will only hold us back. On the last day of Junior High School, the bell had rung and the exuberance of school ending turned into rowdiness. A shy girl had just cleaned out her locker and one of the rowdy boys kicked the books and papers out of her hands. They spilled

everywhere, down the stairs and into the herd where her art projects and journals were trampled. In tears, she tried to collect a year's worth of work. Ross watched briefly until his friends pulled him away and off to end-of-year parties he knew this girl would never get invited to. His eyes were fixed on the futility of a girl who didn't fit in and was now cast out. He would regret not helping her the rest of his life. Forgiveness sometimes comes slowly, a piece at a time. Sometimes it comes at unexpected

moments so completely it overwhelms us. And sometimes, the hardest person to forgive is our self. Ross may never forgive his 14-year-old self. But he should. He should let the confusion of emotions he was feeling belong to his youthful lack of social courage. He should learn from it and forever be aware of other's feelings so that he can become the person who will stand up for the unnoticed and unpopular members of his community. Because it is in those moments we all find redemption.

Fight Stress During Uncertain Times by Volunteering in Your Community

(StatePoint) New research suggests that Americans are volunteering to give back to their communities and fight stress during uncertain times. A recent KEEN/Harris Poll Survey found that a majority of Americans see the direct benefits of

volunteering, with 86% feeling helping others reduces stress. It's no surprise then that 59% of respondents say they plan to volunteer in the next two months. But if you're among the 47% of those who say they struggle to find volunteer opportunities near them, there's good news. A new partnership between footwear brand KEEN and Points of Light, a nonprofit that mobilizes people to take action that changes the world, is connecting individuals with local opportuni-

ties to make an impact in their neighborhoods and communities. To provide easier access to volunteer opportunities large and small, KEEN is enabling everyone to search for local or national volunteer opportunities via KEEN Corps' Volunteer Finder tool at [keencorpsvolunteer.com](https://www.keencorpsvolunteer.com). The tool can help you search among tens of thousands of volunteering opportunities each day with nonprofit organizations, schools and other local agencies. Now tapping into Points

of Light's massive database, you'll be sure to find a volunteer opportunity that aligns with your passions and needs. "A great many volunteer positions don't require any particular skills, just heart," says Erik Burbank, vice president, The KEEN Effect, the team that leads the brand's social and environmental justice efforts. "Volunteering can be as simple as picking up plastic at the beach or as involved as restoring a wetland. Every action makes a difference." Interested volunteers may want to consider taking their efforts a step further by joining

The KEEN Corps, the brand's loyalty program and platform for helping others, which rewards participants for doing good deeds. Since its U.S. launch in September 2021, KEEN Corps has grown to over 18,000 members and counting. As of November 2021, over 10,000 volunteer hours have been logged by Corps members. Through the program, the more you volunteer, donate and shop, the more lives you affect, and the more points you earn. Plus, KEEN Corps volunteers receive limited edition gear, member pricing, and special access to all things KEEN.

To learn more or to become a member, visit [keenfootwear.com/keen-corps](https://www.keenfootwear.com/keen-corps). "Our recent data confirms that many of us are exhausted and looking for ways to relieve stress and feel in control in these unpredictable times," says Burbank. "Volunteering in our communities has the dual benefit of giving back and leaving us feeling more fulfilled, empowered and happy."



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Father Roger Lumbre
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620-246-5370



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Church of Christ
Penalosa
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First Christian Church
Cunningham
Facebook:
<https://www.facebook.com/CunninghamChristianChurch>
Pastor Mike McGovney
620-298-3201



United Methodist Church
Penalosa
Worship 9:15 a.m.
Cunningham
Worship 10:45 a.m.
Pastor Mathew Ndambuki Musyoki
620-298-2090

Zenda
Worship 9:00 a.m.
Sunday School: Children 8:30 a.m. Adults 10:00 a.m.
Pastor Ken Keeling
620-491-0680

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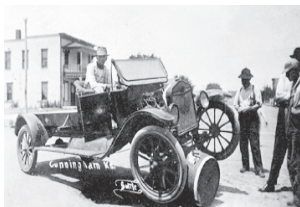
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Cunningham Community Center (leave donation at the bank)
Lions' Club (Money is being raised to dig a well in the village of Kakindu, Kenya)
Cunningham Museum (to donate contact Alan Albers)
Cunningham Public Library (to donate, contact Kerri Steffen)

YEARS AGO IN
The Cunningham
Clipper

W. A. BRADLEY, EDITOR



1937

Robbery, sometime Sunday night the Cairo Co-operative store was reported to Sheriff Walter Rosenbaum. The thieves entered the store by prying open a north window. They left by the front door. Goods totaling around \$75 was taken from the store. Little or no money was taken, a complete check not yet being made.

It seems a certain thing that Cunningham is to have a picture show theatre in the near future. John Collopy of Turon, a former manager of the Dora Theatre of Turon, has leased the Burnett and Bradley building on Main street, and is preparing to remodel the building for a theatre.

1942

Miss Mae Elliot, daughter of a pioneer family of Cunningham, died Sunday in Houston, Texas. Her father, Garnett Eliot, was a former Santa Fe Depot Agent here, and owned most of the land south of the railroad tracks which became part of the city known as Elliot's addition.

One tire has been allotted to the Cunningham community for the month of Feburary by the Kingman County Rationing Board.

The high school basketballers won two games during the past week, defeating Adams and Isabel. Cunningham and Belmont, both undefeated in the Kingman County League, will play next Tuesday. Junior Neagle, forward, took over first on the Wildcatter offense chart this week. Neagle made 63 points in the locals three games this week and his average-per-game jumped from 12 to 15.2 points per game.

1947

Patton's Skelly Service Station was entered and robbed early Sunday morning. Entry was obtained by the thief breaking a small paned window, inserting his hand and turning the catch on a large window at the rear of the station, and crawling through. Approximately \$14.00 in pennies and \$12.00 in currency was reported as the total loss.

M. K. Ayres of St. Francis, has been appointed manager of the Sappington-Calbeck Mortuary in Pratt.

The High School Wildcats almost doubled the score on the Norwich Eagles in a Kingman County League game here Friday night, winning 40 to 21. Verlie Urban walked off with high scoring honors with 16 points, Dyche and Stanley each dunked in 8.

1952

The Cunningham Community Men's Club is busy with preparations for the Minstrel Show they are sponsoring. The show will be presented Monday and Tuesday night, February 25 and 26.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Bradley and Mr. and Mrs. Roy Greenlee attended the Drake University - Wichita University basketball game at the Forum in Wichita.

The Wildcats won three out of four games played this past week. Last Friday night Cunningham went to Norwich where they soundly trounced the Eagles, 72 to 47. The Cunningham second team also defeated the Norwich second, 37 to 29. On the local court Tuesday night the Wildcats edged out the Hazelton Panthers, 57-53. Hazelton won the second team game, 55 to 37.

The grade school boys are playing in a Grade School Invitational Tournament at Sawyer this week.

C. Buntemeyer for Westinghouse Appliances. adv.

Clarence Shelman sighted a large deer on the highway just east of Calista about dusk Wednesday evening.

1957

The Cunningham Towners vaulted into a first place tie in the Pratt City Basketball League this week following their surprise upset 70-65 victory over previously unbeaten Darold's Grill of Pratt. Players seeing action in this important win were LeRoy Schnittker (who was the big gun in the Cunningham scoring attack with 23 points), Vernon Wegerer, Wilbur Tarrant, Jack Meyers, Victor Becker, and Gary Van Dolah.

The high school basketballers displayed their best playing ability thus far this year when they chalked up a 63-54 victory over Nashville here last Friday evening. It was Cunningham's sixth win of the season against six losses. Donald Becker paced the Cunningham scoring attack with 29 points.

Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Eck announce the birth of a daughter, Friday, February 1, at the Nashville Hospital. She weighed seven pounds, two ounces, and has been named Kim Marie.

1962

The City Council passed the street improvement resolution, with one dissenting vote, at a special meeting last Wednesday evening. The resolution calls for ten blocks of curb and gutter and paving, and three blocks of curb and gutter.

Four players scored in double figures as Cunningham swept to an easy 30-point victory over Nashville here, Tuesday night. The final score was 71 to 41. Robert Leiter had 17, Eugene Huston 14, Roger Krug 13, and Bob Meyers 10.

Autumn Gold fruit dish. Add this lovely piece to your set this week... it's only 13c with each \$10.00 purchase at Cunningham IGA. "Right on the Highway... Right on the Price"

1967

The snow-covered Santa Fe railroad track, a half-mile west of Cunningham on Highway 54, almost spelled tragedy for Mr. and Mrs. Harold Keyes of Wichita, last Thursday afternoon. Enroute westward to a basketball tournament at Dodge City, Mrs. Keyes spotted a red signal light flashing that a train was approaching, and warned her husband, who was driving

the car. Mr. Keyes stopped for the train - the only trouble was that he stopped in the middle of the tracks which were not visible under the snow.

As the train bore down on them, Mr. and Mrs. Keyes left the car. A few seconds later Mr. Keyes thought he had time to move his car off the tracks and climbed back in. But the car wheels spun on the snow-packed highway, and he jumped out again just as the train hit the car.

The Cunningham Wildcats, football champions of the Ninnescah League for 1966, placed half the team on the All-League Football Team, selected by the coaches.

All-leaguers from Cunningham were Quarterback Danny Meyers, End Duane Schnittker, Center Wayne Jarner, and Guard Harold Stark. End Frank McClellan received honorable mention to the team.

1972

January 27- City Marshal Charles Bailey issued a warning to city motorists this week regarding the leaving of a parked car unattended with the motor running. He cited an instance a week ago Sunday, when the unattended car of Mrs. Frances Nossaman backed across the street and into the B&H Electric building, breaking a large glass window while Mrs. Nossaman was getting her mail in the Cunningham Post Office.

The Cunningham Wildcats turned in consistently outstanding team performances last week enroute to the championship of the 1972 Golden Plains League Tournament at Norwich. The second-seeded Wildcats defeated top-seeded Norwich, 45 to 41, in Friday night's championship event. In the championship game, Cunningham avenged an earlier loss to Norwich. Mike Schrant and Steve Albers led the offensive charge for the Wildcats with 19 and 15 points respectively. Other Wildcat scorers were Dean Simon, 8 points, and Bob McGovney, 2. Schrant also pulled down 14 rebounds. Accuracy from the free throw line won the championship for the Wildcats. Cunningham, out-scored 20 to 14 in field goals by the Eagles, made 17 free throws off 22 Norwich fouls.

It certainly pays to advertise. There are 26 higher mountains in Colorado than Pike's Peak. The Cunningham Clipper, phone 2982451, Cunningham, Kans. adv.



This last weekend Linda Phillips sent us this photo and bit of history to go with it:

This is a picture taken in the Skellyville park — the plant office is to the right and across from this group. As I recall.. my grandmother and grand dad had a big fish fry and the camp ladies all supplied fried chicken, side dishes and cakes and pies. They invited Cunningham townspeople out to meet company personnel from Tulsa who were there on a tour of the plant. (FYI Grand dad fished the Ninnescah often—it ran through the area just south of the camp.)

From left, seated : first, unknown, maybe Millard Munger from Turon, or Mr Bowen (Boen?) second, my dad, Roy, Jr or “ little” Mac, as he was often called.

3rd is Luther Walker , 4th, 5th, 6th, company persons, 7th is Ray Patton (Skelly Service station) and 8th, his son, 9th, Doc Thompson, 10th & 11 th are my grand dad and grandmother, Roy, Sr or Mac McGeorge and Anna McGeorge. Those standing in second row are unknown.

Zola and Glenn Pearson, the Meffords, Millers, Bowens, Remys, Thompsons, Winters, Krugs, Kitsons, Rohlings, Azbills, Underwoods, Jake Keyes & others aren't shown in the picture but most all would have been there.. probably some of the Miles family, too. “ Blackie” & others who to the child I was then, were friends, but whose names escape me.

If you lived in Skellyville as I did.. you would recognize this wonderful park and the park light.. the park had swings, merry go round, teeter-totters and a ball park. Across the road in the picture, was the Camp of-fice.. goldfish pond, Coca-Cola machine. The work areas were behind the fence... The Gasoline Department. My mother probably took the picture. we didn't chronicle things as well as is done these days..

The Canady family from Oklahoma were staying with the elder McGeorges; can remember that the daughter named Ruthadina and I observed the fish cleaning process... shelled peas and picked pails full of strawberries for the Friday night fish fry.

Anyway.. it captures much of the way we were in those post WW II days.

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Cats Begin 54 Classic with Over-time Loss to Attica

Cunningham slipped into the left side of the bracket in the 54 Classic hosted by Skyline with a 54 to 51 overtime loss to the Attica Bulldogs.

Cunningham jumped out to a 14 to nine lead after one quarter of play. Isaiah Reed led the way with four points. Lane Halderson and Will Wegerer scored three points each. Dagim Reed and Luke McGuire each were two for two from the free throw line.

Attica made up some ground in the second quarter outscoring the Cats by two, 11 to nine. I. Reed scored seven of the points with Trey DeWeese adding two free throws. The half end with Cunningham leading 23 to 20.

Attica found the range in the third quarter and scored 14 points. Cunningham was held to nine points and trailed by two points entering the fourth quarter. Wegerer made a three-point shot and Erik Paris, McGuire and I. Reed each scored two points.

The fourth quarter was a back and forth affair with McGuire and Halderson carrying most of the scoring load with five points each. DeWeese and I. Reed each added two pints to give the Cats 14 points for the quarter. Attica added 12 points to their total and the game ended in a 46 to 46 tie at the end of regulation.

Attica made it to the free throw line and made 5 out of 7 to go with a three-point basket in overtime. Cunningham could manage just five points with a half court three by McGuire and two points by Halderson. The final score was Cunningham 51, Attica 54.

by Coach Bob Stackhouse

Name	2pt. made	3pt. made	FTM/FTA	TP	Reb.	Asst.	Stl.
McGuire	2	1	3/3	10	4	2	
Halderson	5		2/4	12	6		
Wegerer		2		6	1	1	2
DeWeese	1		2/2	4	4	3	6
D Reed			2/3	2	4	1	2
Paris	1		0/1	2	3	2	
I Reed	4	1	4/4	15	3		

	1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th	Final
Cunningham	14	9	9	14/5	51
South Barber	9	11	14	12/8	54



Erik Paris



Isaiah Reed

Molly Morgan Photos



Luke McGuire



Trey DeWeese

Cats Defeat Kinsley in Nail Biter

Cunningham Came away with a hard fought win against the Coyotes from Kinsley by a score of 62 to 61.

Cunningham took control of the game early leading by as much as eight points before some timely three-point baskets pulled the Coyotes to within two points at the end of the quarter. The first quarter ended with Cunningham leading by a slim margin of 18 to 16. Lane Halderson and Isaiah Reed each scored four points. Luke McGuire and Dagim Reed each added three points and Trey DeWeese and Erik Paris each scored two points.

Kinsley continued to find the mark in the second quarter putting in 18 points. Cunningham also continued to score with I. Reed adding six points and DeWeese scoring five points. Will Wegerer and McGuire scored two points each. The half ended with Kinsley taking a one-point lead 34

to 33.

Cunningham got that one-point back in the third quarter as both defenses found it difficult to slow down the shooting of the other team. McGuire scored five points with DeWeese and I. Reed adding four points each. Halderson rounded out the scoring with two points. Cunningham scored 15 points to Kinsley's 14 points and we had a new game going into the fourth quarter tied at 48 apiece.

The fourth quarter saw the Coyotes lead much of the quarter. At one point they stretched the lead to five points. But the Cats did not waiver as McGuire and D. Reed hit timely three-point baskets. Halderson and I. Reed hit clutch baskets as the lead went back and forth. An unfortunate no call as DeWeese was tripped by a Kinsley player and a subsequent foul by I. Reed gave Kinsley two free throws that were made and gave the Coyotes a 61 to 60 lead. After a foul by Kinsley which gave the Cats the ball out of bounds on the side, DeWeese took

the inbound pass and dribbled right down the lane and put the ball off the glass for a 62 to 61 lead. After a timeout by Cunningham, D. Reed committed a foul that put the Coyotes at the line for a one and one free throw attempt with 18 seconds on the clock. The first shot was missed and Halderson secured the rebound. Kinsley again fouled. With one foul to give the Cats had to take the ball out at Kinsley's end of the court. A set play put the ball in DeWeese's hands and he was fouled with 7 seconds on the clock and Cunningham was now in the one and one. DeWeese missed the free throw but put pressure on the ball as Kinsley with no timeouts left made and errant pass that caused a poor shot attempt by the Coyotes and preserved the win for the Cats. The final score was Kinsley 61, Cunningham 62.

Cunningham will be playing in the fifth place game against the South Barber Chieftains on Saturday.

by Coach Bob Stackhouse

Name	2pt. made	3pt. made	FTM/FTA	TP	Reb.	Asst.	Stl.
McGuire	2	2	3/3	13	2	2	5
Halderson	5		0/1	10	5	1	2
Wegerer	1			2	1		
DeWeese	6		1/3	13	4	5	4
D Reed		2		6	3		1
Paris	1			2			
I Reed	8		0/2	16	3	2	1

	1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th	Final
Cunningham	18	15	15	14	62
Kinsley	16	18	14	13	61



Lane Halderson



Trey DeWeese

Molly Morgan Photos

CHS Wildcats Place 5th in 54 Classic



photo submitted by Bob Stackhouse

Back row: Coach Bob Stackhouse, Luke McGuire, Erik Paris, Trent Schnittker, Keiden Mills, Scott Wyatt, Asst. Coach Bart Ricke, Asst. Coach Steve Coleman.
Front Row: Nate Sterneker, Kory Morgan, Dagim Reed, Isaiah Reed, Trey DeWeese, Lane Halderson, Will Wegerer

Wildcats Finish 54 Classic with 5th Place Trophy

Cunningham placed 5th with a 2 and 1 record by defeating South Barber in the 5th place game of the Cunningham-Skyline 54 Classic by a score of 59 to 38.

Luke McGuire led the way in the first quarter scoring 10 of the Cat’s 14 points. Lane Halderson and Erik Paris each added two points to round out the scoring. South Barber scored 11 points on three three-point bas-

kets by the Chieftains.

Cunningham extended the lead in the second quarter, scoring 18 points to 10 points for South Barber. The scored was more balanced with McGuire and Halderson each scoring five points. Paris put in four more and Will Wegerer and Trey DeWeese each added two points. The first half ended with the score Cunningham 32 and South Barber 21.

The Wildcats put the brakes on the Chieftain scoring in the third quarter allowing only six points while adding 17

to their score. Isaiah Reed got on the board with five points. Wegerer and DeWeese each hit a three-point basket and McGuire, Halderson and Trenton Schnittker each had two points. Cunningham led 49 to 27 going into the fourth quarter.

The Wildcats stretched the lead to the thirty-point level which began the running clock. The JV squad finished out the game which ended with a 59 to 38 final score. Wegerer scored one more three-point shot. Halderson, DeWeese,

and Paris each had two points and Schnittker made a free throw.

As part of the tournament, there was a three-point shooting contest, free throw contest, an all-tournament team was selected along with a hustle award and MVP award.

Will Wegerer placed 3rd in the three-point shooting contest, Trey DeWeese placed second in the free throw contest and was also selected to the all-tournament team and won the hustle award. *by Coach Bob Stackhouse*



Molly Morgan Photo

Will Wegerer

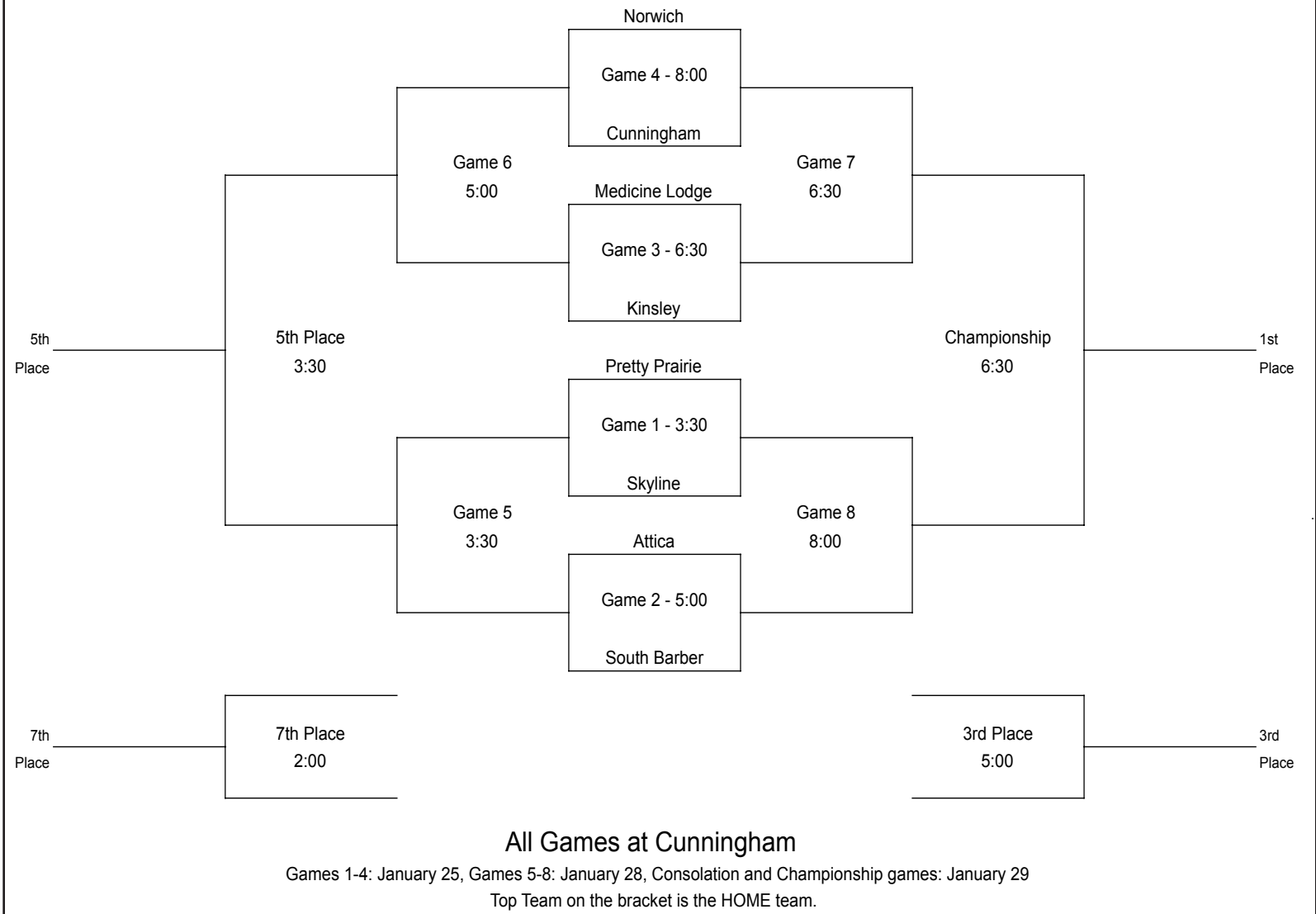
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Wegerer	1	2		8	5	3	
DeWeese	2	1		7	5	6	4
D Reed					4		1
Paris	3		2/2	8	8	2	2
I Reed	2		1/2	5	8	2	1
Schnittker	1		1/2	3	1		
Morgan					3		
Sterneker					1		

	1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th	Final
Cunningham	14	18	17	10	59
South Barber	11	10	6	11	38



Trey DeWeese and Will Wegerer with their tournament medals

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— Scottie Pippen, Unguarded

Minutes from Kingman County Commission for January 10, 2021

The Board of Kingman County Commissioners met in the Commission Room of the County Courthouse, Kingman, Kansas January 3rd, 2022. Those present: Fred Foley, Chairman; Jerry Henning, Commissioner; Carol Noblit, County Clerk; John Caton, County Counselor(online)

Visitors: Bob Morris,

Kingman Leader-Courier Chairman Foley called the Board of County Commissioners special meeting to order at 8:35 a.m.

John Caton, County Counselor discussed the Notice of Hearing for the Kansas Sustainable Agricultural District #001 with the Commissioners and that he will be reviewing the petition that was received.

MOTION: Commissioner Henning moved to approve the notice of Public Hearing for the Kansas Sustainable Agriculture District #001 and that the hearing

will be held on January 31st, 2022 at 10:00 a.m. Commissioner Foley seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a majority vote of the County Commissioners.

Chairman Foley discussed that this district was a good deal for our county farmers and that no taxpayers money is being used to for this.

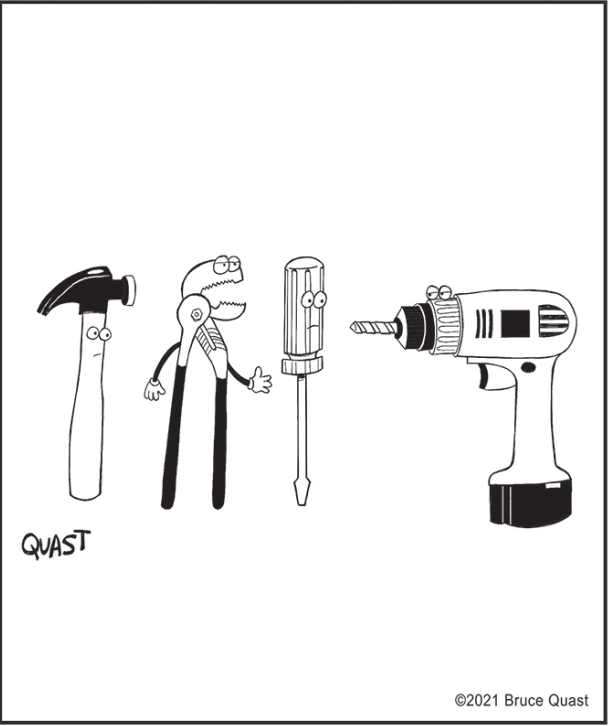
Commissioner Henning commented that he received a call from the Kingman City Mayor about holding a City/County Joint meeting. Commissioner Henning let the Mayor know that either February 9th or

February 16th at 7:00 p.m. would work and the City Mayor said that he would discuss it at the City meeting this week.

MOTION: Commissioner Henning moved to adjourn the special meeting at 8:41 a.m. Chairman Foley seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a majority vote of the County Commissioners.

Comfortably Dumb

by Bruce Quast



“You guys know the drill.”

Pratt County Commission Minutes for January 17, 2022

The Pratt County commissioners met in regular session, Tuesday, January 18, 2022, at 2:00 p.m. in the commissioner room, 1st floor of the courthouse. The following members were present: Rick N. Shriver, Thomas W. Jones III, Dwight Adams, Tyson Eisenhauer, county counselor, Lori Voss, county clerk and Mark Graber, IT director.

Jon roach, noxious weed director, reported his employee had taken his tests, does not have results yet. He is getting bids on a new four-wheeler.

Commissioner Jones made a motion to hire Tara Pagenkopf at \$25.00 starting January 31, 2022, for the RSVP director. Commissioner Adams seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Brian Atteberry, EMS director, requested an executive session to discuss non-elected personnel. Commissioner Adams

made a motion to recess into executive session at 2:07 p.m. for ten minutes to discuss non-elected personnel to return at 2:17 p.m. Commissioner Jones seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. Commissioner Jones made a motion to Return from executive session at 2:14 p.m. with no action taken.

Commissioner Adams made a motion to increase Brian Lawrence from \$14.49 to \$ 16.50 per hour. Commissioner Jones seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. He reported the board of EMS will be conducting their annual inspection next week.

Commissioner Jones made a motion to approve the minutes from January 10, 2022. Commissioner Adams seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Chairman Shriver signed the semi-annual report with Great Plains Development, Inc.

Tyson Eisenhauer, county counselor, stated the chairman was changed last year on March 1, 2021. He also reported on the tax delinquent sale, he will be

filing in February 2022, after the commissioners make and approve the motion to file.

Chairman Shriver, presented a benefit summary that IMA consulting can produce to present to the Pratt County employees. They agreed to have IMA Consulting produce a benefit summary to hand out to employees with their pay slip, with the opportunity to meet with them with any questions.

Chairman Shriver, reported on the sign that is at the community center. He is questioning who carries the insurance on the sign. It was decided the city probably has blanket coverage that would cover it.

Chairman Shriver brought up Sheriff White’s request to not be paid for the EM assistant position. Chairman Shriver made a motion to continue paying him for this position.

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

Commissioner Jones stated the economic development board wanted to take \$30,000 out of

the economic development funds for one year to use to hire a full-time director. He also reported there will be a meeting Thursday afternoon at Township 12 for a presentation for a helicopter service that is wanting to locate in Pratt.

Commissioner Adams said the school districts were asking the city and county if we had any CDL drivers that could help drive buses. He stated they would have to contact Doug Freund, road department. CDL training was discussed and the changes the state has made that makes it harder to obtain a CDL.

Commissioner Jones made a motion to approve the payment vouchers for January 18, 2022. Chairman Shriver seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Heather Morgan, economic development/ COVID consultant, reported on the governor’s budget and what the county can expect. She has approved funding for all county services. She added funding into state general funds. There will be a lot more federal

and state funding for a one year. Revenue cuts including removing food sales tax.

Giving every Kansas taxpayer a \$250 check. Removing \$4.00 vehicle fee. She will continue to fund the K-12 suit. She plans to put \$600,000 million into a rainy-day savings account. There was money put into KPERS to keep it viable. \$20 million will be put in a onetime fund, to go towards moderate income housing. Pratt economic development met with Main Street businesses to obtain suggestions on how to make them more successful.

There was discussion on a historic area in downtown Pratt. There will be a webinar tomorrow with the Office of Recovery. The weather tower has been purchased. She stated the hazard pay would be paid February 9, 2022, as previously motioned. She asked about the KDOT road project. It was stated the request for bids has been published.

Tyson Eisenhauer, county counselor, discussed the engagement

letter from Scot Loyd, CPA, of Loyd Group, LLC. His quote for accounting services is \$25,000 annually. Dwight Adams stated he had contacted another accounting firm. Tyson questioned if they wanted to get other quotes. Chairman Shriver and Commissioner Jones stated they were ready to go ahead with the Loyd Group, LLC. Tyson stated he will contact Scot Loyd to get a final engagement letter for the commissioners to sign next week.

Chairman Shriver made a motion to recess in executive session at 3:09 p.m. for ten minutes to return at 3:19 p.m. to discuss non-elected personnel. Commissioner Jones seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. Commissioner Jones made a motion to return from executive session with no action taken at 3:16 p.m. Chairman Shriver seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Jones made a motion to adjourn at 3:16 pm. Chairman Shriver seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

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Kingman County Sheriff's Report

Sunday, January 16th

Traffic stops	13
Traffic complaint	9000 block E Hwy 54 Murdock
Traffic complaint	NW 10 Ave & NW 20 St. area, Kingman
Traffic complaint	E 1st St. and Dresden St. area Cunningham
Animal	400 block E Leiter Ave Cunningham
Motorist Assist	400 block E. D Ave Kingman
Theft	400 block E Leiter Ave. Cunningham

Monday, January 17th

Traffic stops	7
Traffic complaint	SW 30 St & S Hwy 14 Ave Kingman

Tuesday, January 18th

Traffic stop	20
Traffic complaint	NW 110 & W Hwy 54 area Kingman
Harassment	14000 block SE 140 ST Norwich
Suspicious persons	SE 10 St & SE 60 Ave area Murdock
Suspicious vehicle	SW 100 St & SW 170 Ave area Nashville

Wednesday, January 19th

Traffic stop	4
Traffic complaint	10000 E Hwy 54 area Murdock
Traffic complaint	13000 block E Hwy 2 Norwich
Traffic complaint	@mm 153
Suspicious person	5000 block NE 110 Ave Pretty Prairie

Thursday, January 20th

Traffic stops	9
Animal	500 block E. D Ave Kingman
Suspicious vehicle	200 block W First St. Cunningham

Friday, January 21st

Traffic complaint	SW 180 St & SW 90 Ave. area Zenda
Traffic complaint	E Hwy 42 & E Hwy 2 area, Norwich
Suspicious person	1000 block E. D Ave Kingman

Saturday, January 22nd

Suspicious noise	300 block E. B Ave Kingman
Suspicious vehicle	2000 block NE Waterloo Ave Murdock
Suspicious vehicle	SW 30 Ave & W Hwy 54 area, Kingman
Welfare check	700 block N Chariton St. Kingman

Wildcat Powerlifting Meet Saturday, January 29th

Location: Cunningham High School Gymnasium and Weight Room

Hosted: This event is hosted by Goddard High School, it is their 13 Annual Powerlifting Classic.

The reason this event is being held at Cunningham is because the event is virtual! This means each team participating will not have to travel and no cancellations due to weather. The team can lift in their own weight room and at their favorite racks. The lifters can blast music and pump each other up in a comfortable fun environment. Having a crowd and audience in attendance would be very helpful for the lifters. I would encourage family and community to attend free admission.

How it works: Because the event is virtual it needs to take place live.

Lifting begins at 8am

Each lifter gets 3 attempts at Clean Bench and Squat

When the lifter finishes their lifts will be input into a google form

There will be a link to follow results.

All lifts need to be input by 10am

Helpers needed: If you have any background in lifting I am needing 2 judges to give commands and to judge the lifts. I will record and input lifts as the morning goes.

Weight classes

Men (9-12) 114-123-132-140-148-156-165-172-181-198-220-242-PWR

Women(-12)

105-114-123-132-140-148-156-165-181-PWR

If you would like to help or you have any questions please contact Eric Kerschen by email: eric.kerschen@usd332.com

Kansas High Schoolers Watch 4th Least TV in U.S.

The COVID-19 pandemic dramatically increased the amount of time young people spent in front of screens. With classroom instruction shifted online and in-person social activities limited, children and teens spent more time than ever in front of computers, phones, TV, and other devices. According to one study, screen time doubled for adolescents during the pandemic, from 3.8 hours to 7.7 hours per day.

The unique conditions of the pandemic made increased screen time a practical necessity for young people. But this reality also complicated a longtime conundrum for families: the right amount of time for children to spend with television, computers, phones, and tablets. For decades, parents and caregivers have feared adverse effects of technology on students' physical and mental health, socialization, and cognitive ability while also recognizing the need to allow students to engage with modern life.

The nature of this challenge has shifted over the last generation, as time spent with television has declined and time spent with computers, phones, and tablets has risen. Computers and phones have clearly taken the place of television as a source of preoccupation for teenagers: in 1999, 42.8% of high school students reported watching television more than three hours per day, but that number is now only 19.8%. In 2003, only 22.1% of high school students used a computer or phone more than three hours per day, but that figure has more

than doubled since then, to 46.1% in 2019. These numbers began to accelerate dramatically following the release of the iPhone in 2007 and the ensuing boom in the smartphone market.

These recent trends are somewhat concerning because of simultaneous shifts in students' health. From 1999 to 2019, the share of high school students who were considered overweight or obese rose from 24.7% to 31.6%. The share of students getting more than 8 hours of sleep a night declined from 31.1% in 2007 to 22.1% in 2019, while the percentage of students who did not exercise increased from 13.8% in 2011 to 17% in 2019. And health researchers have found evidence to suggest that these phenomena are linked with increased device usage: students who use smartphones the most are much more likely to be obese, and screen time contributes to insomnia by disrupting the body's natural circadian rhythms.

While the decline in TV watching compared to computer and phone usage is a nationwide phenomenon, some states still have relatively high rates of television usage among high school students. Many of these states are located in the Southern U.S., led by Mississippi (27.6% of students watching more than three hours of TV per day), Louisiana (24.6%), and Tennessee (23.5%).

The data used in this analysis is from the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's Youth Risk Behavior Surveillance System. To determine the states where high school students watch the most television, researchers at KTCB calculated the percentage of students who reported watching

College News



Alayna McGuire Named to Honor Roll at Emporia State University

EMPORIA, KS (01/20/2022)-- Alayna McGuire of Cunningham, Kansas, was among more than 750 Emporia State undergraduate students named to the university honor roll after the fall 2021 semester. Alayna is the daughter of Amy and Lance McGuire.

To qualify for the university honor roll, students earned a minimum 3.80 semester grade point average in at least 12 graded hours.

Camryn Hardgrave Named to Dean's List

Camryn Hardgrave of Kingman, KS was among the more than 6,900 undergraduate students at the University of Iowa named to the dean's list for the 2021 fall semester.

Hardgrave is a Fourth Year student in Iowa's College of Liberal Arts and Sciences and is majoring in English and Creative Writing.

Dean's list status was earned by only 1,402 first year undergraduates during the 2021 spring semester at Iowa, only 1,427 second year students, only 1,836 third year students, and only 2,304 fourth year students. Guidelines for inclusion on the list are:

Courses offered on a satisfactory/unsatisfactory (S/U) or pass/non-pass (P/N) basis do not count toward graded credit for inclusion on the dean's list.

Undergraduate students in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, the College of Education, the College of Engineering, the Tippie College of Business, and University College who achieve a grade-point average (GPA) of 3.50 or higher on nine semester hours (fall 2021) or more of UI graded coursework during a given semester or summer session and who have no semester hours of "I" (incomplete) or "O" (no grade reported) during the same semester are recognized by inclusion on the dean's list for that semester.

Undergraduate students in the Roy J. and Lucille A. Carver College of Medicine with fewer than nine semester hours (fall 2021) of graded credit, if deemed appropriate by the college.

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three or more hours of television on an average school day. In the event of a tie, non-school computer and phone use on an average school day—including social media, video games, texting, and watching videos—was considered. Researchers also included statistics on students' exercise, weight, and sleep habits. Only 36 states with available data from YRBSS were included in the analysis.

The analysis found that 16.3% of high schoolers in Kansas watch at least 3 hours of TV per day. Out of the 36 states with complete data available, Kansas is where high schoolers watch the 4th least TV. Here is a summary of the data for Kansas:

Share of students who watched TV 3+ hours/day: 16.3%

Share of students who used a computer/phone

3+ hours/day: 36.8%

Share of students who did not exercise: 16.4%

Share of students who were overweight: 30.8%

Share of students who got 8+ hours of sleep: 22.4%

For reference, here are the statistics for the entire United States:

Share of students who watched TV 3+ hours/day: 19.8%

Share of students who used a computer/phone 3+ hours/day: 46.1%

Share of students who did not exercise: 17.0%

Share of students who were overweight: 31.6%

Share of students who got 8+ hours of sleep: 22.1%

For more information, a detailed methodology, and complete results, you can find the original report on KTCB's website: <https://www.killthecablebill.com/blog/high-school-tv/>



Cunningham High School 1st Semester Honor Roll

Seniors

Levi Adelhardt
Nathan Cannon
Madison Dowsey
Keiden Mills
Ashlynn Miracle
Erik Paris

Juniors

Trey DeWeese
Hannah Ellis
Lane Halderson
Alice Huelskamp
Zachary Strohl

Sophomores

Matilyn Jump
Maranda Lohrke
Luke McGuire
Taylor Schultz

Freshmen

Ada Adams
Ava Bock
Julia Hageman
Emma Harden
Ellie McGuire
Dagim Reed
Nate Sterneker
Will Wegerer

Honorable Mention

Seniors

Annabell Hansen
Kelden Mills

Juniors

Leo Hageman
Caleb Panek
Anthony Swope

Sophomores

Brianna Dittmer
Joanna Hansen
Alexander Jordan
Richard King
Jack Ruckle

Freshmen

Wylan Betzen
Kaitlyn Hennessee
Elizabeth Paris
Trent Schnittker



Cunningham Junior High School 1st Semester Honor Roll

Eight Grade

Grace Hageman
Dylan Halderson
Logan Kinsler
Kyra Morgan
Emily Ogg
Kendall Rogers
Andrew Schultz
Blake Swope
Skyler Thimesch

Junior High Honorable Mention

Eighth Grade

Isabella Thimesch

Seventh Grade

Kollin Fischer
Layne Green
Jack Harden
Nora Huff
Stephen Kerschen
Whitney Mead
Kaylee Mertens
Rylee Miller
Macy Neufeld
Cole Ruckle
Brynn Wyatt

Public Notice

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF
KINGMAN COUNTY, Kansas
CIVIL DEPARTMENT

JPMorgan Chase Bank,
National Association

Plaintiff,

vs.

Lahoma S. Wiens; Unknown
Spouse, if any, of Lahoma
S. Wiens; John Doe (Tenant/
Occupant); Mary Doe (Tenant/
Occupant),

Defendants.

Case No. 2021-CV-000024

Court Number:

Pursuant to K.S.A. Chapter 60
Notice Of Suit

The State Of Kansas, to the
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any deceased defendants; the
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tors, devisees, trustees, credi-
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"Property")

and all those defendants
who have not otherwise been
served are required to plead
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the 9th day of March, 2022, in
the District Court of Kingman
County, Kansas. If you fail to
plead, judgment and decree
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upon the Petition.

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Governor Announces \$1.5 Million Available in Tourism Grants

TOPEKA - Governor Laura Kelly today announced a new grant opportunity to help communities develop or enhance tourism attractions to boost their local economies.

“Our tourism industry supports Kansas jobs, injects millions into our economy, and preserves our state’s unique history for future generations,” Governor Laura Kelly said. “These grants will enhance local community efforts to develop quality tourism assets that will grow the economy and improve the quality of life for all Kansans.”

The grant program is the Tourism Attraction Sub-grants for Kansas (TASK) program available through the Kansas Tourism Department.

The program offers funding support for public and not-for-profit groups to pursue new or improved tourism attractions, with a total of \$1.5 million available. TASK is funded by the American Rescue Plan U.S. Economic Development Administration (EDA) Travel, Tourism and Outdoor Recreation state grants.

“We are using every tool at our disposal to accelerate travel and tourism across Kansas because of its many far-reaching benefits,” Lieutenant Governor and Secretary of Commerce David Toland said. “These grants will help fuel thoughtful investment in attractions across Kansas that create jobs, drive economic growth and improve our communities.”

“This is a great opportunity to add to the already stellar visitor experiences available in Kansas and to inspire more people to explore our great state,” Kansas Tourism Director Bridgette Jobe said.

Projects to be funded by TASK would bring new visitors to Kansas, such as museums; sports facilities; sites of natural or cultural significance; significant permanent exhibits; unique or destination-type lodging; conference centers; trails; outdoor activities that spur visitation; destination retail; and others tied to the tourism industry.

The TASK grant application process opens Friday, January 14, 2022, with a March 11, 2022, deadline for submission. Grant awardees will be announced on May 2, 2022. For more information, please visit <https://www.travelks.com/travel-industry/programs-and-resources/grants/> or contact Kansas Tourism grant program manager Taylor Hartshorn at taylor.hartshorn@ks.gov.

Senior Farmers Market Training Opportunities

TOPEKA – The Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE) will participate in and offer virtual trainings from Feb. 4 to May 24 to assist farmers in fulfilling the training requirement for those farmers who want to sell food products to seniors as part of the Senior Farmers Market Nutrition program.

“We are the agency responsible for authorizing farmers to participate in this program,” Courtney Koenig, Physical Activity and Nutrition Program Manager, said. “Each year, we see a continued interest in farmers wanting to provide seniors in their communities with nutritious, unprepared, locally grown fruits, vegetables, herbs and honey.” In 2021, over 200 farmers from 64 counties participated in the program.

Dates, times and registration links for the virtual trainings are as follows:

When: Friday, Feb. 4, 8:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
Registration: [www.fromthelandofkansas.com/FMWorkshop](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81234567890).
Cost: \$5 per participant
Host: Kansas Department of Agriculture
When: Wednesday, Feb. 16, Noon to 1:00 p.m.
Registration: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81234567890>
WN_3i4ONgfeQdCsMGE4T-5pKw
Cost: Free
Host: Kansas Department of Health and Environment
When: Monday, Feb. 28, 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.
Registration: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81234567890>
WN_3i4ONgfeQdCsMGE4T-5pKw
Cost: Free
Host: Kansas Department of Health and Environment
When: Thursday, Mar. 10, 3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Registration: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81234567890>
WN_3i4ONgfeQdCsMGE4T-5pKw
Cost: Free
Host: Kansas Department of Health and Environment
When: Tuesday, Mar. 22, 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.
Registration: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81234567890>
WN_3i4ONgfeQdCsMGE4T-5pKw
Cost: Free
Host: Kansas Department of Health and Environment

When: Friday, Apr. 8, Noon to 1:00 p.m.
Registration: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81234567890>
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Cost: Free
Host: Kansas Department of Health and Environment
When: Wednesday, Apr. 20, 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.
Registration: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81234567890>
WN_3i4ONgfeQdCsMGE4T-5pKw
Cost: Free
Host: Kansas Department of Health and Environment
When: Tuesday, Apr. 26, 2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.
Registration: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81234567890>
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Cost: Free
Host: Kansas Department of Health and Environment
When: Wednesday, May 4, 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.
Registration: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81234567890>
WN_3i4ONgfeQdCsMGE4T-5pKw
Cost: Free
Host: Kansas Department of Health and Environment
When: Monday, May 16, 11:00 a.m. to Noon
Registration: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81234567890>
WN_3i4ONgfeQdCsMGE4T-5pKw
Cost: Free
Host: Kansas Department of Health and Environment
When: Tuesday, May 24, Noon to 1:00 p.m.
Registration: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81234567890>
WN_3i4ONgfeQdCsMGE4T-5pKw
Cost: Free
Host: Kansas Department of Health and Environment

Please note, in addition to completing this training, farmers will need to fill out and submit a 2022 Farmers Agreement available in Burmese, English, Hmong, Somali, Spanish and Swahili at: <https://www.kdhe.ks.gov/1048/Farmers-Growers>. Visit the Senior Farmers Market Nutrition Program for additional information, www.kdhe.ks.gov/KSFMNP.

Kingman County Humane Society Pets of the Week

You or your business can sponsor a Humane Society pet for \$10.00 a week per pet. Fifty percent of the profits will be donated to the Humane Society.

Queen

Breed: Domestic Shorthair
Sex: Female
Weight: 4 lbs
Age: 0Y/6M/2W
Adoption Fee: \$25
Intake date: 10/27/2021




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Zeb

Breed: Pyrenees, Great / Mix
Sex: Male
Weight: 43 lbs
Age: 1Y/7M/1W
Adoption Fee: \$150.00
Intake Date: 1/27/2021
Special Needs

Even though he is blind, Zeb is fearless and loves to take walks with his ‘human guide person’. Don’t let the “special needs” label scare you off. He just needs a fenced in yard so he can get some off-leash time and a cozy bed on the main level of your home so he doesn’t have to navigate stairs. He’s very friendly, walks well on a leash. You’ll stay cozy and warm snuggled up next to this fluffy boy!




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Diesel

Breed: Retriever, Yellow Labrador
Sex: Male
Weight: 42 lbs
Age: 1Y/6M/3W
Adoption Fee: \$150
Intake Date: 1/23/2021

Diesel is blind but don't tell him that. His favorite game is tracking his ball and he can find it almost anywhere, even underwater. Loves squeaky toys too. He's a pretty easy keeper and adapts well to new situations. Has lots of energy and would love to have a fenced in area where he could run around at little.



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EMTs Needed!

The Cunningham EMS, Inc. is still in need of someone(s) to take the EMT class. The the class was postponed due to a change by the instructor. The start up date has not yet been scheduled.

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Cunningham Historical Museum has replaced their lighting. They now have 8-foot T-12 fluorescent light bulbs to give away Call Mike 620-770-9503 or Carol 620-298-3301

Public Notice

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF:

EUGENE J. ALBERS, Deceased. Case No. 2021 PR 3 (Petition Pursuant to K.S.A. Chapter 59)

NOTICE OF HEARING

THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:

You are hereby notified that on January 13, 2022, a Petition was filed in this Court by Sharon K. Albers, duly appointed, qualified and acting Executrix of the Estate of Eugene J. Albers, deceased, praying Petitioner's acts be approved; account be settled and allowed; the heirs be determined; the Will be construed and the Estate be assigned to the persons entitled thereto; the Court

find the allowances requested for attorneys' fees and expenses are reasonable and should be allowed; the costs be determined and ordered paid; the administration of the Estate be closed; upon the filing of receipts the Petitioner be finally discharged as the Executrix of the Estate of Eugene J. Albers, deceased, and the Petitioner be released from further liability.

You are required to file your written defenses thereto on or before February 8, 2022, at 10:00 o'clock a.m. in the District Court, Kingman, Kingman County, Kansas, at which time and place the cause will be heard. Should you fail therein, judgment and decree will be entered in due course upon the Petition.

Sharon K. Albers, Petitioner
Matthew W. Ricke, #20995
ATTORNEY AT LAW, LLC
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Attorney for Petitioner

Public Notice

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF:)

HAROLD G. FIESER, Deceased.
CASE NO. 2022 PR 3 (Pursuant to K.S.A. Chapter 59)

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:

You are hereby notified that on January 18, 2022, a petition was filed in this Court by Francine L. Fieser and M. Eileen Hawkins, heirs, devisees and legatees and Co-Executor's named in the "Last Will and Testament of Harold G. Fieser," deceased, dated August 9, 1991, praying the will filed with the petition be admitted to probate and record; Co-Petitioner's be appointed as Co-Executor's, without bond; and Co-Petitioner's be granted Letters Testamentary.

You are required to file your written defenses thereto on or before February 15, 2022, at 10:00 a.m. in the District Court, Kingman, Kingman County, Kansas, at which time and place the cause will be heard. Should you fail therein, judgment and decree will be entered in due course upon the petition.

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

Francine L. Fieser and M. Eileen Hawkins, Co-Petitioners
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