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Official Minutes from July City Council Meeting

The Cunningham City Council met in regular session on Monday, July 25, 2022 at City Hall, 119 N. Main.

Present were: Mayor, Aaron Murphy; Council Members: Jason Ruckle, Craig Woodard, Tanner Newell, Tim Schultz, and Bart Ricke (6:31); City Clerk, Molly Morgan; and City Superintendent, Mesa Sallee.

Guests: Harold Stark, Fire Chief; Jackie Ruckle, Property Officer; Leslie Schrag, Kingman County Economic Development; Carla Shearer, SCTelcom; and Roberta Kobbe/Cunningham Courier.

Call to Order – Mayor Murphy called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Agenda – Motion by Ruckle, second by Woodard, to approve the agenda as written. Motion carried, 4/0.

Minutes of June 27, 2022 meeting – Motion by Schultz, second by Ruckle, to approve the minutes of the June 27, 2022 meeting as written. Motion carried, 5/0.

Minutes of July 11, 2022 meeting – Motion by Ruckle, second by Woodard, to approve the minutes of the July 11, 2022 meeting as written. Motion carried, 5/0.

Correspondence – The City Clerk read a thank you note from Monte Rose in regards to his retirement reception.

Public Comments – The City Clerk spoke on behalf of Steve Wolfgang regarding his broken sidewalk. The Council stated that sidewalks were the responsibility of the property owner.

Fire Department Report – Chief Stark gave the report. Unit #331 had an electrical issue, but is now back in service. Chief Stark and Monte Rose attended the ISO Conference last month. This afternoon there was a fire call that involved a 50X80 machine shed that was fully engulfed. Kingman

Fire Department assisted. Chief Stark stated the complexity of fires is changing, and there is a need for a Pumper/Tender fire truck.

Kingman County Economic Development – Leslie Schrag gave the Council new information on the following:

K-State Research and Extension is providing resources to help write and submit grant proposals.

There will be two events in August for child care providers. The Rural Child Success Roadtrip will be held August 11th at the Kingman Armory. The second event is a free training to become a child care provider on August 23rd at the Kingman EMS Training Center.

Leslie also discussed implementing the Housing Assessment Tool. The HAT can be used to identify opportunities and priorities in the community.

Leslie asked for permission to be in office at Cunningham City Hall one day a month. The Council agreed that would be beneficial.

Carla Shearer, SCTelcom – Carla shared the proposal for fiber optics in Cunningham. SCTelcom has started a social media campaign and sent letters to residents in the service area. A SCTelcom representative will be going door to door on July 27th to determine interest for fiber optic service in Cunningham (specifically the north side with possibilities to go further south.) Carla will update the Council at the August 29th meeting.

Set Date for Hearing for Petition to Vacate Estella Avenue – Clerk advised Council that City Attorney, Greg Graffman had recommended September 12, 2022. The Petitioner's attorney had been notified and was agreeable to that date. Consensus of the Council was to set the hearing date for September 12, 2022.

Football Field Lease – It was the consensus of the Council to remove

items number six and seven. City Clerk will discuss with City Attorney and send revised lease agreement to USD 332 for approval.

Cox Communications Review of Account – Currently, City Hall and the Fire Station use Cox Business for internet service. The Clerk was contacted by a representative of Cox and was offered a different plan. The Council opted not to make any changes to the current plan.

Mosquito Spraying – The Clerk reported that Super Fly Bug Guy had presented a quote in the amount of \$2000. Other services contacted (Reida Pest Control, Redrock Protection Services) did not have the equipment or personnel to assist with mosquito control. Because of the dry weather it was the consensus of the Council that spraying mosquitos was not necessary at this time.

Property Officer Report – Court was held last week. The court reviewed the clean up process at 221 S Douglas. Property Officer, Jackie Ruckle reported to the judge that while some progress has been made, there is still trash and junk to be removed at the property. Properties with inappropriate agricultural fencing, motor vehicle nuisances, junk, and trash will receive notices to clean up properties.

Planning & Zoning – Zoning Administrator, Molly Morgan, reported that Jeanette Kerschen had verbally resigned from the Planning and Zoning Board.

Motion by Ruckle, second by Ricke, to accept the verbal resignation of Jeanette Kerschen. Motion carried, 5/0.

Mayor Murphy appointed Randall Shelman to the Planning and Zoning Board. Motion by Woodard, second by Schultz, to approve the appointment of Randall Shelman to the Planning and Zoning Board. Motion carried, 5/0.

The Zoning Administrator will present building permits at the next Council

meeting.

Maintenance – Mesa, City Superintendent, gave the maintenance report. The light at the basketball court was not working, so it was taken down and sent back. The issue has not yet been resolved. *Timers will be installed on the lights at the volleyball and basketball courts. *The park bench awning at the playground has been repaired. *Ruts were filled in between Manhole 24 and 25. *Bindweed has been growing in many areas/yards. Some areas are public and some are private. *Bulkhead fittings on the tanks at the well houses have been replaced and sealed with silicone. *Mesa watched part of the Bipartisan Infrastructure Summit virtually. *Well House floor still has not been replaced. Contractor is very busy. *There will be no more quarterly nitrate testing due to several consecutive favorable tests. *When the Fourth Street project begins the valve casings on Fourth Street will need to be moved up.

Swimming Pool Report – Molly Morgan gave the pool report. Many businesses have requested to sponsor a pool party. A few sponsored swims have already taken place.

Animal Control – Swaney Vet Clinic has agreed to work together with the City to offer a vaccination clinic before the 2022 dog tags expire. The tentative date is September 17, 2022. Dog tags expire September 30th every year.

Financial Report and Payment of Bills – Motion by Ruckle, second by Woodard, to accept the financial report and pay the bills. Motion carried, 5/0.

Adjournment – Motion by Ricke, second by Schultz, to adjourn. Motion carried, 5/0.

Mayor Murphy adjourned the meeting at 8:22 pm.

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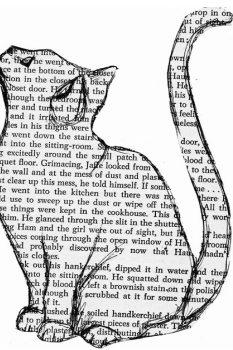


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Meanderings

I would like to begin this week’s meanderings with my sincerest sympathies to the family of Caroline Dyche. I know you all will miss this classy lady. Caroline was always so gracious and kind to me. I loved bumping into her downtown or anywhere. She was always ready with a smile and pleasant greeting.

My favorite story: I needed some help identifying some folks in a photo. Dean Dyche was one of them, and I thought she’d be able to help me with the others. I called her, and she invited me over to her home.

I arrived to find her in a bit of a bother. She’d received some scam message about her Amazon account. A phone number

was included. We talked about scams and cons and people who can’t find better things to do in this life than try and take people’s money away from them in dishonest ways. She deleted the message, and on we went with our conversation.

Several weeks later I saw her at the post office. She said she had something for me. Something I’d left at her house, she said. (I smile as I type this.)

I walked with her to her car. She reached in, picked something up, turned, and handed me a pen. She said I had left it at her house when I had visited that day. She said she’d been carrying it around thinking she’d return it to me, but every time she saw me, she’d forget. But today was the day she remembered.

Caroline Dyche not only had class, was gracious and pleasant, she was also honest.

The world is a little less pleasant without her in it. My condolences to everyone who knew her.

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I had a lot to put in

the paper this week. And even though I’ve added two pages over what we’ve had the last few weeks, I still didn’t get in everything I had in my ‘September 1, 2022’ folder. Some can wait until next week...some can’t and will just go into the trash bin. There is so much to share with everyone.

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A bit of a background before the story: Anastasia Krupnik is a character created by gifted, award-winning writer Lois Lowry. There are nine books in the series; and four books in a series about Anastasia’s younger brother, Sam. The books are frequently challenged in libraries—they are in the ALA’s top 100 most challenged books in America.

The books are excellent. BUT I didn’t recommend them too often to students because sometimes the language and subject matter aren’t quite what every kid needs to read. I never told a student they couldn’t read it. If a student is ready for the humor and

the material, they will read it, if not, they’ll return the book.

Because I have known kids like Anastasia and Sam, I found the books funny and engaging.

Last week I told the story about the woman with seven children who wanted to remove “Shrek” from the school library where I worked. ‘Shrek’ the picture book by William Steig; not the movie.

Well, the woman gets another story told about her. I need to give her a name. Hmm. Mrs. Parent will do, I think.

She returns a book to me one day. A book her fifth-grade daughter had checked out. I can’t remember which title of the Anastasia Krupnik books it was, but it was one of them. She wants it removed from the shelf. I ask her why. She points to the opening pages.

As best I can recall, Anastasia is asking her mom for a pet. Gerbils. Hamsters. One of those. Anastasia would like two -- one male and one female so they can have babies.

Anastasia’s mom doesn’t want rodents having sex and producing babies in her house.

The conversation was pretty funny. I just looked at Mrs. Parent.

“They are talking about animals having sex and babies. That happens.”

“This should not be in a book that children can read.”

“It’s funny! Mom doesn’t want the animals having sex in her house.”

And Mrs. Parent says (I kid you not) “Sex isn’t funny! This book just needs to go!”

I put on my best “sex-and-having-babies-isn’t-funny-when-you-have-seven-children” face and told her I can’t just remove it from the shelf. I offered to get her the paperwork to fill out if she wanted it removed.

“No”, she decided, “it won’t do any good because libraries don’t want to protect kids.”

I suggested she tell her daughter not to read the book.

Mom left unhappy.

After lunch, here comes the daughter. She

walks into the library. Walks straight to the “L” section, bends down, pulls the book from the shelf, and brings to the checkout desk.

I did NOT laugh. I so wanted to.

I put on my best “your-mom-said-sex-isn’t-funny” face and told her she could not have the book because Mom said no. She looks at me, rolls her eyes, shrugs her shoulders, and walks out of the library. Just cracked me up.

She was no dummy, this girl. She came back on a day I was gone and checked out the book. I learned about that when she was late returning it. I am sure she didn’t tell her mom she had the book. I certainly didn’t.

I’ll have one more next week.

Always reading
And currently reading
‘A Yellow Raft in Blue Water’
By Micheal Dorris, Roberta

“What is freedom of expression? Without the freedom to offend, it ceases to exist.”
— Salman Rushdie

Tallgrass and Tumbleweeds

by Gaille Pike

Dear Readers,

The first day of Autumn is four weeks away according to my calendar. But August’s dog days of heat-induced lethargy have already given way to the Fall bustle and rustle. Streets and highways remain quiet mid-day. Relieved parents either skip lunch or pick at leftovers while they eye the clock, measuring the hours remaining until their kids get out

school against the tasks they wish to complete, or quiet time they hope to enjoy. Yes, the sun’s been out and it’s been hot. And though daylight hour still feel summer-long, we’re out of that 24/7 relentless HOT. Nights cool down and dawns are chilly. A sunrise fog rests atop the greens and golds of the Flint Hills while in DRY Western Kansas, milo heads shimmer, gilded auburn by the morning

sun. And in towns East to West, dew rests in the blooming Trumpet Vine blooms, bursting in more autumn orange and red hues than Walmart’s and Dollar General’s seasonal displays.

Trumpet Vine blooms are unmistakable, but as my Mom and I were enjoying coffee one morning outside her house, I had to confirm with her that I was identifying them properly...because most I see look like trees, not vines or even bushes. The internet claims that trees and bushes are “woody plants” and differ only in height and number of trunks (for bushes they call them “stems”)

while vines are plants that climb because their “woody” stems require support. That seems like a straightforward definition, but my eyes have rested on Trumpet Vines this week that I could argue fit all three categories. I confess I may most ardently make the case that all those I saw out west are trees because Western Kansas needs all the trees it can get.

I know no one who refers to Trumpet Vines as “Cow Itch Vines” (because contact can cause skin irritations for cows and other creatures including humans) or as “Hummingbird Vines” (because their

bells attract these birds.) According to Wikipedia, some do but that website also claims Trumpet Vines are mainly found in wooded areas and along riverbanks. Just goes to show you can’t believe everything you read online. I was able to verify with other sources another of the free encyclopedia’s Trumpet Vine claims—that when European settlers first encountered this native plant in Virginia they thought it was a breed of jasmine or honeysuckle. When one of them figured out it wasn’t, they called it “bellflower” until approximately 1709 when they decided to

differentiate it from other flaring and cup-shaped flowering plants. I’m sharing this with you because I found it interesting. As I did the warnings not to eat Trumpet Vine pods or seeds which “may result in mild toxicity,” though I’m not sure what the heck that is... or who would want to eat them.

I cannot say with certainty that Trumpet Vines are truly trees and shrubs and vines. But I do know they’re blooms are beautiful, itchy cow’s notwithstanding.

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



Betting on the Farm

Greg Doering, Kansas Farm Bureau

The biggest bets aren’t made at a card table, racetrack or during the Super Bowl. Instead, they happen every day on farms and ranches across the country. While most bettors place their hopes (and a few dollars) on a single event, those who grow our food face a successive series of wagers with the fate of the farm in the balance.

It takes a lot of optimism to grow a crop from seed or raise an animal from birth when so much

is often out of your control. Perils from Mother Nature abound — heat, cold, drought, flood, insects, diseases, storms and fires are just some of the potentially devastating events that can cause a bet to go south. Even if you successfully navigate all of those, you may still find yourself receiving a payout that doesn’t seem to justify all the risk, let alone the expense of production.

Resolve is necessary in a business where just breaking even sometimes counts as a remarkable achievement. Not losing everything means you get to stay at the table. There’s always a reason that next year will be better, fewer repairs needed, better weather, higher prices and so on.

Thankfully, farmers and ranchers have access to risk management tools and other programs through the farm bill. Their jobs still take plenty of optimism, resolve and courage, but it makes the lean years a little more bearable.

With work on the 2023 farm bill already underway, it’s important to remember the difficulties that come with food production. The farm bill doesn’t just offer protection for farmers and ranchers, it’s also a national security package.

A robust domestic food supply strengthens our country while offering consumers the benefit of high-quality,

affordable food. The farm bill’s nutrition component provides help to our most vulnerable brethren. Other aspects of the bill fund conservation programs and make investments in agricultural research.

The farm bill has a long history of broad, bipartisan support in Congress because it comprehensively addresses the threats inherent in producing food. Cynics like to claim it merely buys votes with programs aimed at both rural (crop insurance) and urban populations (nutrition programs), but the two are linked.

This is something the skeptics misunderstand.

What happens at farm level can’t be separated from the food going to towns and cities. The unity of nutrition and farm programs has been one of the greatest successes of the farm bill, and it should be the bedrock of the upcoming legislation.

These safety nets don’t eliminate all the risks that come with production agriculture, but they do tilt the odds ever so slightly. Just as homeowners buy insurance hoping it’s never needed; farmers don’t plant a crop with the intention of it failing. Similarly, nobody sets out with the goal of needing the nutrition programs offered under the

farm bill.

Farming will always be a big gamble. The safest bet the rest of us can make is ensuring those who grow and raise the food we eat have the tools they need to continue providing us with healthy, safe, nutritious and affordable food for years to come.

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HS VB vs Caldwell and Pretty Prairie at HOME

Lions Club

3:00 p.m. Cross Country at Pretty Prairie

4:00 p.m.

JH VB vs Central Chrisitan at HOME

Thursday, Sept. 8th

JV VB at Fairfield/Stafford

JV FB at Fairfield/Stafford

Friday, September 2nd

7:00 p.m.

HS FB at Ashland

Friday, Sept. 9th

HS FB vs Natoma at HOME

Saturday, Sept. 3

Zenda Celebration

CHS Band at Zenda

Saturday, Sept 10th

HS VB Sylvan-Lucas Tournament at Sylvan Grove

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Zenda

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Bucks Rewarded to Drivers Who Buckle Up

Safe Kids Kansas, State Farm and KDOT partner up for safety message

TOPEKA – Thousands of vehicles will travel the Kansas roadways during the Labor Day weekend. Many families will head out on one last trip or getaway as the school year begins. Safe Kids Kansas, sponsored in part by the Kansas Department of Health and Environment, State Farm and the Kansas Department of Transportation (KDOT), want to encourage families to buckle up and drive safely to protect their most valuable asset, their families.

This year, from August 27 through September 11, a safety belt awareness campaign called “Bucks for Buckles” is being held in 45 cities across Kansas. Local volunteers distribute dollars bills to drivers who have all occupants buckled up securely in their vehicle. Those riding unrestrained will receive educational materials about the effectiveness of seat belts and child safety seats in saving lives and reducing injuries.

“No one can predict when they will be involved in a motor vehicle crash, yet almost all of us will be involved in an automobile crash in our lifetime. In 2020, 426 people lost their lives on Kansas roadways, and 52 percent were unbuckled,” said Cherie Sage, State Director for Safe Kids Kansas. “The single most effective means of protecting the lives of you and your passengers is wearing seat belts and using appropriate child restraints every time you ride in the vehicle – even short distances.”

According to the 2021 KDOT Seat Belt Survey, 85 percent of Kansans surveyed were wearing their seat belts. This compares to the national average is 90 percent. Kansas ranked 38 in belt use in 2021 among 50 states and the District of Columbia. Seat belts save more than 15,000 lives yearly and are the best defense against drunk, aggressive and distracted drivers.

“Seat belts are the single most effective device you can use to save your life during a vehicle crash,” said Sage. “They also reduce your chances of having a serious injury by as much as 50 percent. It’s such a simple thing, so take your life into your own hands and buckle up.”

For more information about safety belts or child safety seat use, call (785) 296-1223 or visit SafeKidsKansas.org, SafeKids.org and Facebook. com/safekidskansas.

Kansas Unemployment Rate Holds Steady at 2.4% in July, Economy Adds Private Sector Jobs

“Kansas and the U.S. have maintained relatively low unemployment rates so far in 2022, with Kansas remaining at 2.4% and the U.S. reaching 3.5% in July,” said Amber Shultz, secretary of the state Department of Labor.

The unemployment rate in Kansas remained at 2.4% in July with growth of 4,000 private-sector jobs and a decline of 500 in the government workforce. The U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics and the Kansas Department of Labor said a pair of monthly surveys — one of employers and the other of households — indicated Kansas’ jobless rate stood at 2.4% in July and June.

Emilie Doerksen, a state labor department economist, said the Kansas manufacturing industry expanded by 1,500 jobs. The growth also reflected 1,000 hires in the trade, transportation and utility sector, she said.

Since July 2021, nonfarm employment has risen by 13,500 in Kansas. It represented 16,700 additional private-sector jobs and a reduction of 3,200 government employees.

The federal labor bureau reported July jobless figures of Kansas’ four border states, compared to June: Nebraska, 2% in July, up from 1.9% in June; Missouri, 2.5%, down from 2.8%; Oklahoma, 3%, up from 2.9%; and Colorado, 3.3%, down from 3.4%.

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School Has Started

The 2022-2023 school year began Wednesday, August 24th.

This means we will go back to a 14-page newspaper.

School is a busy time with ballgames almost every evening, classroom activities, and after school events.

Please feel free to send photos and articles to The Courier. If you send photos, please try and identify the students in the picture. Thanks!!

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Wednesday, Sept. 7, 2022




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Time: 1:30 pm

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The Cunningham Clipper

W. A. Bradley / William Bradley

1927

Sept. 2 – Schmidt, Boucher, and Overend, Wichita architects, have been employed to prepare plans for a school to be built for St. Leo’s parish. The building will be of brick and cost about \$35,000.

1932

Sept. 2 – The Post Office has been moved to its new location in the Telephone Building. The moving operation was performed Wednesday morning by Postmaster Henry Gibbens, and Rural Mail Carriers, J. P. Wymer, James Luce, and John Steffen.

1937

Sept. 3 – John Collopy, 66, manager of the Midway Theatre in Cunningham, passed away in a Hutchinson hospital, Saturday night, after a brief illness.

Marvin Nossaman, eleven-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Nossaman, died following an operation.

1942

Sept. 4– The Kansas Power & Light Company Booster Plant near Calista is being enlarged, with another compressor unit being installed. The pipeline on which the Booster Plant is located takes gas from the Medicine Lodge and Cunningham gas fields and pumps it to the Nebraska line.

1947

Sept. 5 – The Cunningham High School went into another year of academic and extra curricular activities Tuesday morning with a complete teaching staff and an enrollment of 55 students: 11 freshmen, 13 sophomores, 17 juniors, and 14 seniors.

Mr. and Mrs. George Urban have moved into their new home in the south part of town last Monday.

For skilled mechanical work, see the Fee Hardware Co. Mr. Robert Stillwell will be the head mechanic after Sept. 15. All work guaranteed. Adv.

The Hi-Way Café
24 Hour Service
Short Orders and Dinners
Steaks – Chops – Chicken
Homemade Pies
Frances Kampling, prop.

1952

Sept. 5 – Cunningham Grade School has a total enrollment of 145 pupils this year, according to figures released this week by Principal Raymond Chaney. The First Grade has a total enrollment of nineteen pupils. They are: Timothy Cain, Robert Francoeur, James Fulks, Kenneth Glenn, Dale Ratcliff, Lowell Gridley, Eddie Reddig, Randall Sheldon, Jerry Strickland, Jay Strain, Ronald Wesbrooks, Judy Deshazer, Betty Ely, Jaqueline Hazelrigg, Rita Kay Hendricks, Carla Lee Hendricks, Kay Kaster, Gail Nelson, and Diane Spain.

The DeWeese family reunion was held in the Sales Pavilion Building in Kingman last Sunday, August 31. A basket dinner was enjoyed at the noon hour, after which the afternoon was spent visiting.
The DeWeese family, who are descendants of

Barnabas and Elizabeth Dorman DeWeese, and who children were Frank DeWeese, W. S. DeWeese, John DeWeese, Barney DeWeese, Charles DeWeese, Mrs. Sara Wolfe, Mrs. Kate Elliott, and Mrs. Mattie Scott, have been gathering every few years for a family reunion. The last such gathering was held in September 1941 at the home of W. W. McClellan of Calista.

The first reunion was held at the Barney DeWeese farm near Rago, in 1908. It was a two-day affair and, according to LaVerne DeWeese, of Fort Scott, seventy-five people remained at the farm home overnight. Through the 1920’s and 1930’s the reunion was an annual affair.

Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Oller, of Limon, Colorado, announce the birth of a son, Monday, September 1, at the Simla, Colorado Hospital. The baby boy weighed seven pounds, four ounces.

1957

Sept. 5 – The three Cunningham schools opened this week for the 1957-1958 school year with a total enrollment of 273 students. The local high school has the largest enrollment in the history of the school, with 103 students. Cunningham Grade School has a total of 128 pupils enrolled, and the Sacred Heart Parochial School has a total enrollment of 43 pupils.

The fourth generation of the Franks family of Cunningham started to school this week. He is Mark Steffen, son of Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Steffen, and the great grandson of Mrs. Mary Franks. Mrs. Franks, then Mary B. Simonson, started to school in Cunningham’s first one-room schoolhouse in 1892, 65 years ago. Since that time, every year she or some of her family has been a student at Cunningham Grade or High School.

1962

Sept. 6, – A truck and trailer, hauling cattle, went off the highway, two and one-half miles this side of Kingman, last Friday morning about 9:00 o’clock. Driver of the truck was Victor Miles of Cunningham. Mr. Miles and his two passengers, John and Jerry Alley, all received minor bruises. The accident occurred when the right wheels of the trailer went off the south side of the highway and caused both the trailer and the truck to overturn. Three head of cattle were killed as a result of the accident.

For Sale – Seed Wheat. Super Early Triumph and Ponca. Mike Schittker, Nashville, Kans.

Dr. and Mrs. W. A. Mudge of Turon, invite Cunningham flower fanciers to attend a Dahlia and Cockscomb Show in their flower garden, Sunday afternoon, Sept. 9, from 2:00 to 6:00 o’clock.

1967

Sept. 7 – The Cunningham 4-H Club members received many fine ratings for their entries in the annual Kingman County and 4-H Club Fair in Kingman, two weeks ago.

The club has 36 members, and 30 boys and girls showed entries at the fair, receiving five “State Fair Quality” purple ribbons, 17 blue ribbons, 42 red ribbons, and eight white ribbons.

Notice – We are now open all day – Ace Cleaners

YEARS AGO IN

The Cunningham Clipper

Publisher: Charles G. Barnes
Editor: Joyce Hartmann
Reporter: Florine Kampling

1977

September 8 – Mary Kampling and Lisa Hageman went to Cimarron on Tuesday to visit friends and acquaintances.

If you want to sit on your front porch and sip that iced tea while watching your yard get a manicure or complete facial, give Dan and Mike Cunningham a call.

Women of the community may take advantage of a special treat by attending the YMCA salad supper and book review to be held at Cunningham United Methodist Church on Monday evening, September 12, at 6:30. Mrs. Gladys Youngers of Medicine Lodge will review the humorous book, “The Grass is Always Greener Over the Septic Tank” by Erma Bombeck.

Each woman attending is asked to bring a salad. Drinks will be furnished by YMCA. Plan to come to get acquainted with other women in the community.

1st Kay meeting for 77-78 school was brought to order by Berry Bortz, last year’s secretary. Election of officers followed, with Kevin Stillwell elected president; vice president Willie Schnittker; secretary and reporter Kevin Huffman; treasurer Chris Meyers; special entertainment Wade Ruckle; points chairman Bill Osner. Dale Magnett and Skip Herd are the sponsors for Kays this year.

Donna Theis has been accepted into the Dental Hygiene Program at Wichita State University.

United Methodist Church of Cunningham is sponsoring a Teachers’ Reception on Sunday evening, September 11 at 8 p.m. at the High School Gymnasium. This is a community-wide event and all are invited to attend to help welcome our new teachers as well as some we ar acquainted with.

Reverend and Mrs. Harry Graves and family of Great Bend were Sunday visitors at the Dale Sheldon home.

District enrollment at Cunningham, Nashville, St. Leo, and Zenda:

K – 28	1 st – 27	2 nd – 27
3 rd – 17	4 th – 27	5 th -26
6 th 24	7 th -27	
8 th 33	9 th – 29	
10 th – 40	11 th – 38	12 th - 44

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or contact
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Consider this...

by Mike Johnson

One Step at a Time

I’ve never made the round trip from Florida to Alaska in a car. A 9,000 mile journey would cause even the most experienced driver to think twice before firing up the ignition.

So imagine the respect I have for a neighbor of mine who embarked confidently on a similar

journey - on foot.

While traveling around my old Pine Island, Florida community, I couldn’t help noticing Harvey Paquette, a high school senior, who could be seen everyday, walking along area roadways.

I’ve never seen a more inspiring example of the power of multiplication.

Back in January of 1991, Harvey had a problem. He was just 5’ 6”, yet weighed 220 pounds. He felt sluggish, fat and had sinking self-esteem. His sister’s teasing and his grandmother’s plea

to improve his diet fell on deaf ears. But when he developed a special interest in a girl at school, and then looked in the mirror at himself - he’d finally had enough. He was going to drop some weight.

He stumbled upon walking by chance. His school bus dropped him off 2 1/2 miles from his home and one day his ride didn’t show up. So he walked it. To his surprise, he discovered it wasn’t all that difficult and began hoofing it everyday. Soon he began looping back to his starting point,

increasing his mileage to about 8 miles. Day after day, Harvey walked at least 8, and as many as 16 miles in his effort to lose weight.

After the first two months, he’d dropped 20 pounds. Four months later, he’d lost 60 pounds. He enjoyed walking so much that he just continued.

When I initially interviewed him we calculated that he’d walked a staggering 4,500 miles since beginning - about the distance from Florida to Alaska! Almost three years later, he’d increased

his mileage enough to have made the return trip.

Harvey Paquette is a walking example of success because he understands the power of multiplication.

He’s learned that several steps taken each day toward a goal, multiplied by time, soon equates into stunning accomplishments.

Now if you’d have told a fat Harvey that in order to achieve his weight lose goal he’d have to walk 9,000 miles, do you think he’d have ever started?

But Harvey didn’t

look at 9,000 miles. He looked at the task at hand today. He knew he could walk 8 to 16 miles today. And he did- everyday. By doing a little bit everyday, he let the magic of multiplication propel him to his goal.

I don’t know if Harvey realizes that this secret of success can be applied to any area of our lives, but I’ll tell you what, I’m not doubting anyone capable of walking farther than I can drive!

Pass It On®... Stay Curious.

The remarkable underwater life of Jacques Cousteau.

So little was known about the depths of the sea in the mid 1930s. An entire world lay beneath the ships, yet it was mostly inaccessible. Staring out at endless ocean waters had spiked the imaginations of sailors for centuries. Tales of fantastic beasts and cursed currents filled their minds and kept them planted firmly on the decks. But for Jacques Cousteau, a curious incident with a borrowed set of swim goggles set his mind reeling. “The sea, once it casts its spell, holds

one in its net of wonder forever,” he recorded.

It was by accident, literally, that Jacques Cousteau took that first plunge. He was enrolled in the French Naval Academy with his heart set on becoming a pilot. But a car accident cut short his dream leaving him unable to fly, so he changed his plans and dove into the sea.

For five decades Jacques Cousteau never lost his passion for the water planet. He explored as deep as the depths would allow, first developing the aqualung, improving on other SCUBA designs, and later using deep-sea submarines. Sea life always



filled him with wonder. There was so much to observe, so much to write about and photograph. From oceans to the great lakes, to the world’s largest rivers, Cousteau wanted to see it all.

From the Manatee to the starfish, the iridescent algae and the graceful octopus; the water world is home to some of our most magnificent and delicate creatures. And Jacques Cousteau wanted us to know how

precious each one is. The beauty of the underwater world was his passion. He devoted his life to documenting and protecting it. To see a whale breach or raindrops of jellyfish ride the currents was the greatest affirmation of the diversity of life in a grand tapestry we all belong to. Cousteau knew that awe and wonder inspire us all to be better human beings. To feel nature is to feel the warmth of a world we long to belong to. Sometimes it takes a plunge into the ocean, and other times, it just takes a look at the treetops as we walk by.



Jesus Was What??

It's natural for us to think of Jesus as being like us. And there are compelling reasons for us to do so. Here are some good ones:

- Jesus was Italian: He had wine with His meals. He used olive oil. He talked with His hands.
- Jesus was Black: He liked Gospel. He called everyone brother. He couldn't get a fair trial.

Jesus was Jewish: He lived at home until he was 33 years old. He went into His father's business. He was sure His mother was a virgin and His mother was sure He was God.

Christian Humor

Jesus was Irish: He was always telling stories. He loved green pastures. He never got married.

Jesus was a Californian: He walked around bare footed. He never cut His hair. He started a new religion.

Jesus was a woman: He kept trying to get a message across to a bunch of guys who just didn't get it. He fed a crowd at a moment's notice when there was no food.

Even after He died, He had to get up because there was work to do.





Catholic Churches

Sacred Heart, Cunningham Saturdays 5:30 p.m..	St. John, Zenda Sundays 8:30 a.m.
St. Leo Sundays 10:00 a.m. St. Leo Father Roger Lumbre 620-243-5451 620-246-5370	St. Peter Willowdale Saturdays 4:00 a.m.



Lutheran Churches

St. John, Nashville 620-246-5220 Sunday School & Bible Class 9:15 a.m. Worship Service 10:30 a.m.	Trinity, Medicine Lodge 620- 886-3397 Sunday School & Bible Class 9:45 a.m. Worship Service 8:30 a.m.
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Our worship service is found on the YouTube channel at:
<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCCrenCH12I9nmpcojCFyYLA>

Pastor Dennis Fangmeyer
Cell: 620-886-0911



Church of Christ

Penalosa
Sunday 11:00 a.m.



First Christian Church

Cunningham
Sunday School 9:30 am
Morning Worship 10:45
Sunday Evening Worship 6:00
Jr High Youth Group 4:00 pm Sunday
Sr High Youth Group 7:30 pm Sunday
Wednesday Prayer Service 7:00
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 J L Nichols 620-491-0680	

Fundraisers & Charitable Opportunities in our Community

4C Day Care Shop [smile.amazon.com](https://www.amazon.com) or contact Kathy Albers 620-298-2725 or 620-388-0774 or leave a donation with the Methodist Church.

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(to donte contaceJanet DeWeese 620-298-2717)

Hands of Hope (contact any church)

Cunningham Alumni Scholarship Fund
(send checks to the West Kingman County Education Foundation)

Cunningham Community Center (leave donation at the bank)

Lions' Club (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)

Cunningham Hands of Hope, Inc.

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

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

What: Food

When: First and Third Tuesday 2:00-5:00 p.m.


Where: 117 N Main (Old School Board Office)

Why: To provide food assistance to those in need.

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

Do you need assistance outside distribution hours?

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



A Note of Thanks

The West Kingman County Education Foundation would like to thank the following businesses and individuals for their sponsorship and support of the foundation and students of U.S.D. #332.

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Seven High School Students Inducted into National Honor Society



Congratulations to Will Wegerer, Ava Bock, Ellie McGuire, Ada Adams, Nate Sterneker, Dagim Reed and Julia Hageman for being inducted into the Cunningham High School National Honor Society on Monday, August 29th. NHS is a prestigious organization of students who strive to honor the four pillars: Citizenship, Leadership, Service, and Character.

These students and their families celebrated this special occasion at the Cunningham Christian Church Hall.

NHS currently has 15 members who are looking to perform some community service. If you have work that needs to be done, please contact the sponsor (Ingrid Ricke) or school so we can put you in touch with one of our members.

-Ingrid Ricke



High school boys tailgating breakfast on the first day of school.



Flags saying "Cunningham Wildcats" festooned the streets of Cunningham on Game Day last Friday.



Football Jamboree



Last Friday was the kickoff to the 2022 football season. Cunningham hosted a football jamboree with two other teams: Tribune-Greeley County and Peabody-Burns.

Above left: the team on a timeout. Above: Coaches Eric Kerschen, Bart Ricke, and Lance McGuire.



Above: The Wildcats scrimmage against the Peabody-Burns Warriors.

Left: Luke Albers readies to catch the ball during the scrimmage with Peabody-Burns.

Right: Blake Swope, Logan Kinsler and Skyler Thimesch watch the game from the sidelines.



photo by Molly Morgan



Steve and Mary Albers dress up their hotdogs at the Football Jamboree.



A moonlight swim capped off the evening of the Football Jamboree.



photo by Molly Morgan



Another scrimmage was happening in the park during the Football Jamboree.





“There's always another storm. It's the way the world works. Snowstorms, rainstorms, windstorms, sandstorms, and firestorms. Some are fierce and others are small. You have to deal with each one separately, but you need to keep an eye on whats brewing for tomorrow.”
— Maria V. Snyder, *Fire Study*



photos by Barb Schultz

Department of Energy Report Finds State Ranks Third in Wind Energy Generation

TOPEKA – Governor Laura Kelly today touted Kansas as a leader in wind energy, citing the recently released Wind Energy Market Report from the U.S. Department of Energy.

“The latest report from the Department of Energy confirms that Kansas is a national leader in wind energy and is poised for even more growth in the coming years,” Governor Kelly said. “My administration will continue supporting our businesses and our nation in meeting aggressive and imperative energy goals.”

According to the report, land-based wind energy supplied 45.1% of Kansas’ electricity generation in 2021, making it third in the nation. In addition, Kansas has continued to bring on more wind energy capacity over the past year. The state ranked fourth in annual growth of wind capacity (1,228 MW) and cumulative wind capacity (8,245 MW) in 2021.

“As our state’s top source for electricity generation, Kansas wind is

powering huge new opportunities for businesses and communities to join the transformation that is well underway across our economy,” said Lieutenant Governor and Secretary of Commerce David Toland. “With billions of dollars in investment, thousands of jobs, new wind projects coming online and huge wind energy potential, Kansas will continue to lead the way in the renewable energy of the future.”

The wind energy industry has attracted more than \$15 billion in investment to the state, impacting the Kansas economy through the creation of thousands of direct and indirect jobs — from operations and maintenance, to construction, manufacturing, and engineering. The industry also benefits the state by contracting with Kansas service providers, purchasing equipment produced in the state, investing in communities, and providing long-term lease payments to landowners in rural Kansas.

Kansas is leading the nation in wind capacity, adding more than 1,000 MW of land-based capacity in 2021 and being one of only three states that completed a large-scale distributed wind project in 2021. Distributed wind projects consist of turbines that serve on-

site energy demand or support operation of local electricity distribution networks.

As corporate sustainability goals come to the forefront of planning, interest in renewable energy options continues to rise, with a number of companies committing to 100% renewable electricity. As those corporate leaders make decisions about how they will meet these goals and where they will invest and grow, Kansas is positioned to offer greater choice in the purchase of renewable energy at a competitive rate.

Kansas companies such as Textron Aviation and Spirit AeroSystems are benefitting from the opportunity to purchase Kansas wind energy through Evergy’s Renewables Direct program, resulting in construction of new wind farms such as the Flat Ridge 3 project that came online in 2021.

“The energy industry has evolved rapidly in recent years and Kansas has been a leader in driving that change, which has benefitted ratepayers, created more than 20,000 new jobs, and driven more than \$15 billion in private investment in rural and urban areas alike. Kansas has the natural resources and policies that developers want and need

in order to grow our clean energy capacity,” said Kimberly Svaty of the Kansas Power Alliance. “By maintaining Kansas’ strong environment for clean, homegrown energy investment, we can ensure continued growth for all Kansans for decades to come.”

To learn more about the latest trends and developments in the renewable energy industry across Kansas, Governor Kelly recently announced that registration is open for the 2022 Kansas Renewable Energy Conference. The event will take place October 3-4 in Manhattan and will feature sessions focused on solar energy and storage, hydrogen, wind energy and transmission, transportation innovation and an overview of how the public and private sectors are working together to advance the renewable energy industry in Kansas.

Register today and join industry experts, wind and solar developers, manufacturers, utility providers, community leaders and other business representatives to talk about the future of renewable energy in Kansas. Learn more and register here: <https://www.kansascommerce.gov/renewable-energy-conference/>.

Commerce Department Launches Rural by Choice Champions Program

TOPEKA – Lieutenant Governor and Commerce Secretary David Toland today announced a unique opportunity for rural communities throughout the state – the Rural by Choice Champions Program (Rural Champions). This one-year pilot program will create a network of grassroots individuals who will tackle critical community projects and identified needs integral for rural prosperity. Rural Champions, which was made possible through a collaboration with the Patterson Family Foundation, will help drive success when there is a lack of capital or other resources to complete the project.

“We are continually looking at ways to keep and attract individuals that want to live and work in our rural communities throughout the state,” said Lt. Governor and Commerce Secretary David Toland. “Through this program and other initiatives, such as our Grassroots Economic Development Program and Rural Opportunity Zones, we are focusing on removing barriers to success in rural Kansas.”

In 2021, Commerce’s Office of Rural Prosperity (ORP), in partnership with the Kansas Sampler Foundation, outlined the recommendation for Rural Champions in its Power Up and Go report, an effort begun by former Lieutenant Governor Lynn Rogers prior to his appointment as State Treasurer. The need for the Rural Champions program was identified through surveys and interviews of more than 600 rural Kansans under the age of 40 as something that would “move the needle” toward success.

In order to apply, communities describe current activities, challenges that are stifling progress and how a Rural Champion would benefit advancement. Twelve communities will be selected for the pilot program and will receive a stipend for wages for the Rural Champion. Projects could include anything that the community designates as critically needed, including, but not limited to:

- a new childcare facility or rehabilitating a building to support a childcare center;
- health and wellness projects such as a trail system or shared bike program;
- rehabilitation or construction of new housing units; or
- entrepreneurship development.

Eligible applicants, which must be located in counties with less than 40,000 population, include:

- Cities or Counties;
- Economic/Community Development Organizations;
- Community Foundations;
- Local Chambers of Commerce or Tourism groups;
- Nonprofit organizations including 501(c)3 or 501(c)6;
- Main Street organizations or affiliates; or
- Federally recognized tribal communities.

“The program was designed to help revitalize rural communities,” said Trisha Purdon, Director Office of Rural Prosperity. “The Rural Champions will play an integral part in identifying projects – and then making them happen. Every community is unique, and this program provides the flexibility to develop a project that fits their goals.”

Rural Champions will receive direct guidance and technical assistance from the Office of Rural Prosperity to ensure project success. The Office of Rural Prosperity will assist with the development of a rural community playbook to share with other communities for future projects.

Applications will be accepted until 5:00 p.m. Friday, September 16. An informational webinar will be held at 10:00 a.m. Thursday, August 18. For more information and to register for the webinar, visit our website at <https://www.kansascommerce.gov/orp/ruralchampions/>. Rural Champions will be announced in late September and will have one year to complete their projects.

Questions can be directed to Kerri Falletti at kerri.falletti@ks.gov or 785-207-5206.

About the Kansas Department of Commerce:

As the state’s lead economic development agency, the Kansas Department of Commerce strives to empower individuals, businesses and communities to achieve prosperity in Kansas. Commerce accomplishes its mission by developing relationships with corporations, site location consultants and stakeholders in Kansas, the nation and world. Our strong partnerships allow us to help create an environment for existing Kansas businesses to grow and foster an innovative, competitive landscape for new businesses. Through Commerce’s project successes, Kansas was awarded Area Development Magazine’s prestigious Gold Shovel award in 2021 and 2022, and was awarded the 2021 Governor’s Cup by Site Selection Magazine.

About the Patterson Family Foundation:

Where you come from says a lot about you. But what you do says even more. The Patterson Family Foundation is a family-led foundation extending the legacy of Neal and Jeanne Patterson to improve the rural communities we come from through healthcare, education, economic opportunity, and beyond. Learn more about the Patterson Family Foundation and how it can help your community at <https://pattersonfamilyfoundation.org/>

Demand High for Investments in State’s Broadband Infrastructure

TOPEKA – Governor Laura Kelly’s goal of connecting all Kansans to high-speed broadband internet has piqued the interest of individuals and communities throughout Kansas. It also has garnered strong attention from providers seeking

to make that last-mile connection.

Lieutenant Governor and Secretary of Commerce David Toland announced today that 141 applications have been submitted for the Capital Projects Fund-Infrastructure Program (CPF). The service providers’ funding requests total almost \$600 million for the available \$83.5 million in funding provided by the U.S. Department of Treasury under the American

Rescue Plan Act.

“The overwhelming response to the funding opportunity demonstrates the vast need for high-speed broadband across the state,” Lieutenant Governor Toland said. “Such volume shows that we must continue investing in broadband until every Kansan is connected.”

Public comments are being accepted for the submitted applications until September 9. Internet service provid-

ers, the public and other interested stakeholders are encouraged to participate in the process either by expressing support for or raising specific concerns about the proposed grant projects. The applications may be viewed here.

“The Capital Projects Fund helps move the state in the direction we need to meet Governor Kelly’s goal of universal connectivity,” said Jade Piros de Carvalho, Director of

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Kansas Department of Commerce Announces New Grant Opportunity to Support Economic Development in Smaller Communities

TOPEKA – Lieutenant Governor and Commerce Secretary David Toland announced a new grant opportunity today that will help support economic development and revitalization efforts in smaller communities across Kansas through investments in quality-of-life initiatives.

The brand-new Strategic Economic Expansion and Development (SEED) program will make grants between \$5,000 and \$50,000 available to communities in 78 designated counties with a population of 5,000 or less. Grants will be available in the following categories:

Childcare and senior programming – projects that support or enhance these services, such as building improvements, educational materials, supplies and equipment;

Community vibrancy – projects that refresh, re-energize and unlock the attractiveness of rural communities, such as art installations, murals and signage;

Food retail – projects that support access to food retail establishments, including development, renovation and/or expansion; and

Libraries – projects that support providing free and open access to a broad range of materials and services, including reading material, technology, furniture and building improvements.

“The Department of Commerce is very pleased to offer this new grant opportunity to our smallest communities across Kansas,” said Lt. Governor and Commerce Secretary David Toland. “The SEED grants

will offer communities a boost that will help them prosper and thrive. Quality-of-life investments help create vibrant communities that attract more people to live and work in Kansas.”

Local governments, economic development organizations, chambers of commerce, and other organizations are eligible to apply. Applicants must provide a minimum 10 percent match and complete the project within 12 months of receiving grant funds. Funds will be distributed half at the beginning of the grant cycle and the balance upon successful completion of the project.

Funding for the SEED program, which

is administered by the Kansas Department of Commerce, is provided through the Technology Enabled Fiduciary Financial Institutions (TEFFI) Development and Expansion Fund. The TEFFI Act was enacted in 2021 through bipartisan legislation to promote economic development throughout the state.

Earlier this year, the Beneficient Company Group, L.P. received its full charter and became the first technology-enabled fiduciary financial institution in Kansas pursuant to the TEFFI Act. Beneficient’s first contribution to the grant program totaled \$2.7 million.

SEED grant applications will open Monday, August 29, and close at 11:59 p.m. Friday, September 30. Grant awardees will be announced in October.

An informational webinar on the SEED grant will be available to the public at 10:00 a.m. (CST) Monday, August 29. Registration for the webinar, guidelines for the grant application, and a list of eligible counties can be found at www.kansascommerce.gov/seedgrants.

Applicants can contact SEED@ks.gov for any questions regarding this funding opportunity.

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Working at the Grocery Store

We all visit the grocery store to buy food and supplies for our homes. I like to take my own bags when I shop. There are lots of people working at the grocery store to make it run smoothly – from the baggers at the front to the workers behind the scenes in the warehouses.

Celebrating Workers in Our Communities

In the Store:

1. packs groceries and puts them into the carts
2. _____ clerk checks vegetables for freshness
3. _____ clerk changes tickets on an item to show how much it costs
4. scans items on the belt, collects payment and makes change
5. keeps the whole store running smoothly
6. watches customers and works to keep theft low
7. _____ clerk works hard slicing cold meats and cheeses, and scooping salads
8. gathers the shopping carriages, lines them up neatly
9. keeps the store sparkling clean and in good order
10. _____ service person works behind a desk to help with any customer needs or questions
11. cuts the meat into special cuts, answers any questions
12. shelf _____ refills the shelves and keeps them orderly

Behind the Scenes:

13. _____ driver moves piles of large, heavy bundles
14. brings trucks full of items to the store's loading dock
15. _____ programmers keep track of the stock, prices and amounts people buy

Don't Break the Budget!

A good way to keep on track (to only buy items that you need and not overspend your budget) is to write a shopping _____ !
(Hint: look at the letters in the eggs.)

Labels in the crossword puzzle: cart-pusher, price, forklift, deli, detective, cashier, bagger, computer, truck driver, customer, butcher, manager, stocker, custodian, produce.

Welcome to my area of the store called the "Floral Department." It's my job to keep flowers fresh and to help you choose flowers for a celebration or to decorate your home.

Where Can We Find It?

1. Match the departments on the left to the items that a shopper would find there.
2. Next, find and circle *all* of these words:

1. frozen
2. produce
3. laundry, paper, cleaning
4. dairy
5. meat and poultry
6. bakery
7. gourmet
8. pet needs
9. seafood
10. beverage
11. breakfast
12. canned goods

- A. paper towels, dish soap
- B. milk, butter, eggs
- C. ham, chicken
- D. ice cream, pizzas
- E. corn, apples, tomatoes
- F. bottled water, soda, juice
- G. fish, shrimp, clams
- H. fancy cookies, jams
- I. dog food, cat snacks
- J. bread, cake, pie
- K. fruit, vegetables, tuna fish
- L. cereal, pancake mix

The Best Price

Yoshi needs a new collar and treats to clean his teeth. Go to both stores. Which has the lowest total price?

Fred's Pets

Collar: \$4.00
Treats: \$1.50

Pet Style

Collar: \$3.50
Treats: \$2.50

(Answers on page 10)

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Carpe Diem— Puerto Rico Edition

Maybe the phrase is overused, but carpe diem (often translated from the Latin as ‘seize the day’) can be a helpful reminder for us to heed the call to enjoy life’s offerings while we can.

In other words, when opportunity comes knocking, open the door. Or maybe better, when your heart starts to get restless and there’s a stirring of adventure within your soul, start opening doors regardless!

This is what Julie and I are doing right now, in fact.

We’ve always enjoyed traveling, experiencing the outdoors, tackling new adventures. But for the most part, we’ve ventured out from a fairly

safe place.

For the past twenty-five years, we’ve had steady jobs, lived in a stable community, been involved in the same circle of churches, have a wonderful set of friends. We could continue on this path for a long time.

Instead, we’re moving to Puerto Rico for the next chapter of our lives.

Why? One reason is inherent in the phrase carpe diem. We have a limited number of days in which to pursue our dreams, goals, and aspirations. Circumstances, some of which are beyond our control, can conspire to limit our opportunities. If we want something in life, we often have to seize it.

So while the sun is shining, we’re going to make some hay! (And yes, I’m relying on all the

old clichés today!) We’re relatively young (the last of the boomer generation); relatively healthy (some normal joint wear and tear); and relatively stable financially (conservative in spending and living).

Simply put, the time is right for us to make a move. And we’re sharing our journey’s progress in hopes that we might inspire others toward a fulfilling life of travel, wellness, and transformation (as our blog states).

However, the decision has not been easy. We’ve been thinking about this move for a few years. We’ve had doubts. We’ve had questions. We still do! Was this was something we really wanted to pursue? What challenges will we face? Are they insurmountable?

You’ll likely have to

make the same kind of self-inventory and evaluation. To get you started, here are some (dangerous!) questions to ask if you’re considering a major life change like we are...

If... [fill in the blank: money, security, status quo, what others think, etc.] weren’t a concern, what would I/we do with the rest of our lives?

What needs to happen for this new thing to begin?

When do I/we want to start? What’s holding me/us back?

Am I or are we willing to experience short term pain for long term gain?

These aren’t all the questions, obviously. It’s a truism that ‘we don’t know what we don’t know.’ We’ll face brand new questions and unexpected challenges in the

days ahead, I’m sure. But for now, we’re simply moving forward, pursuing a dream.

Of course, we may not live in Puerto Rico forever. We may not officially retire there long term. It may just turn out to be a ten year vacation for us. (But what a vacation!) There are a lot of unknowns. That’s what makes an adventure exciting. So despite all that, we’ve decided to



Photo by Ben Henning

“And there's nothing wrong with being a lizard either. Unless you were born to be a hawk.”
— Leigh Bardugo, Shadow and Bone



Josh Theis photo

“Don Quixote - the famous literary madman - fought windmills. People think he saw giants when he looked at them, but those of us who've been there know the truth. He saw windmills, just like everyone else - but he believed they were giants. The scariest thing of all is never knowing what you're suddenly going to believe.”
— Neal Shusterman, Challenger Deep

Kingman County Humane Society Pets Ready for Adoption

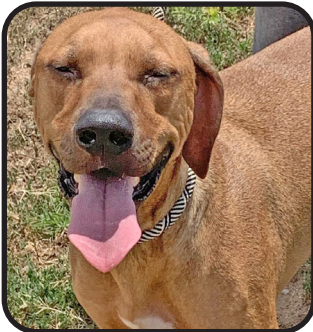
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Intake Date: June 18, 2022



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Weight: 60 lbs
Age: 3years/5 months
Adoption Fee: \$180.00
Intake Date: July 19, 2022

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The pets at Kingman County Humane Society are in need of the following items:

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- paper towels

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- liquid laundry detergent
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- disposable gloves (large)

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Monetary donations can be sent to KCHS

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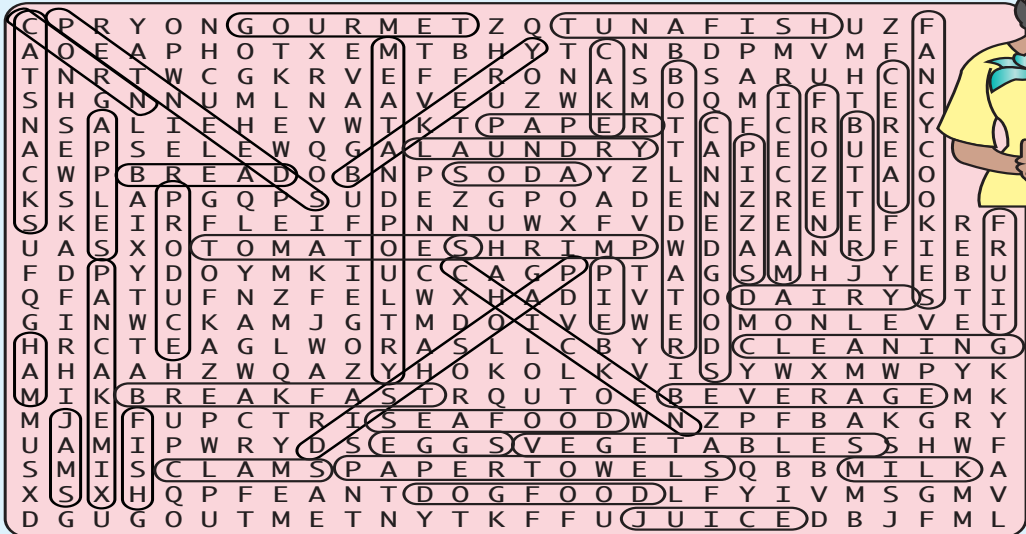


“The capacity for love that makes dogs such rewarding companions has a flip-side: They find it difficult to cope without us. Since we humans programmed this vulnerability, it's our responsibility to ensure that our dogs do not suffer as a result.”
— John Bradshaw, Dog Sense: How the New Science of Dog Behavior Can Make You a Better Friend to Your Pet



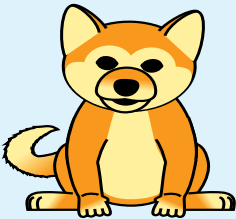
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5.C	11.L
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+ \$3.50
= \$6.00

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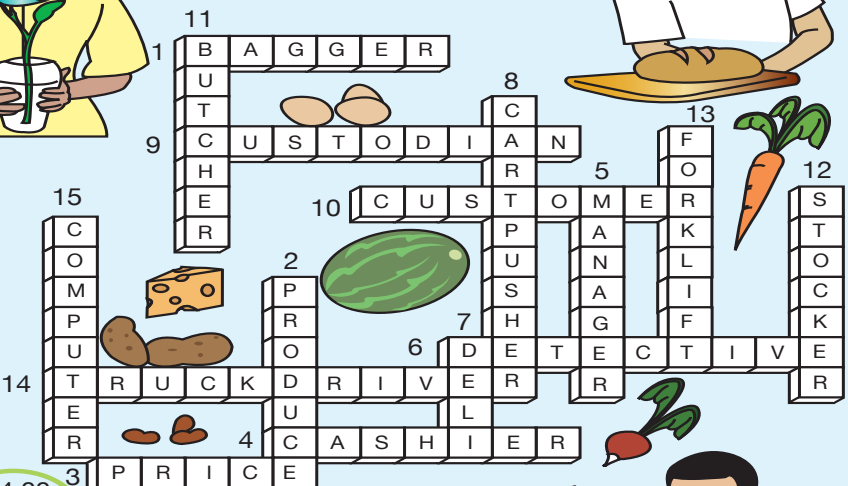
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+ \$1.50
= \$5.50

Fred's Pets

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Celebrating Labor Day



Pratt County Commission Minutes for February 7th, 2022

Chairman Foley called the Board of County Commissioners meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. on August 22nd, 2022, in the County Commissioners room at the Kingman County Courthouse. Present were: Fred Foley, Chairman; Jerry Henning, Commissioner; Jack Thimesch, Commissioner; Carol Noblit, County Clerk; Brandon Ritcha, County Counselor

Visitors: Bob Morris, Kingman Leader-Courier; Larry Landwehr; Jon Francis, Gavel Roads; Melissa Thimesch, Extension Agent; Robert Burton; Evelyn Burton; Josh Beckman and Robert Casad, Casad & Associates.

Online Visitors: Caller 01

Staff: LaDawn Stegman, Financial Officer; Linda Langley, Internal Auditor; Stan Goetz, HR/Planning/Zoning/Wastewater Director; Richard Schott, Emergency Manager; Steve Bachenberg, County Engineer and Charles Arensdorf, Public Works Director.

Chairman Foley asked if there were any additions to the agenda.

No additions were requested.

MOTION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to approve the agenda with no additions. Commissioner Henning seconded the

motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Chairman Foley asked if there was any public comment.

Jon Francis, Gavel Roads was in to introduce his business to the County Commissioners.

Melissa Thimesch, Kingman Extension Agent was in to introduce herself to the County Commissioners.

Commissioners discussed with Ms. Thimesch that if she has questions just come to the Commission meeting because they would like to have communication with the Extension office.

Carol Noblit, County Clerk submitted the minutes of the August 15th, 2022, Commission meeting for approval.

MOTION: Commissioner Henning moved to approve the August 15th, 2022, Commission meeting minutes. Commissioner Thimesch seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Chairman Foley opened the Revenue Neutral Rate Hearing for Kingman County at 9:00 a.m.

Chairman Foley asked if there were any comments.

Robert & Evelyn Burton discussed their concerns with the rise in taxes and the burden on the taxpayers.

Commissioners let Mr. Burton know that the mill levy is lower this year over last year but the valuations on properties have gone up.

Mr. Burton thanked the Commissioners

for listening to their concerns.

The votes cast for exceeding the Revenue Neutral Rate were as follows:

Chairman Foley voted Yes

Commissioner Henning voted Yes

Commissioner Thimesch voted Yes

The vote was unanimous to exceed the RNR.

MOTION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to approve Kingman County exceeding the Revenue Neutral Rate of 61.510 with 65.499. Commissioner Henning seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

MOTION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to approve Resolution 2 0 2 2 - R 1 1 , **A RESOLUTION OF KINGMAN COUNTY, KANSAS TO LEVY A PROPERTY TAX RATE EXCEEDING THE REVENUE NEUTRAL RATE.** Commissioner Henning seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

MOTION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to close the Revenue Neutral Rate Hearing at 9:15 a.m.

Commissioner Henning seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Chairman Foley opened the Kingman County 2023 Budget Hearing at 9:17 a.m.

LaDawn Stegman, Financial Officer presented the Kingman County 2023 Budget for approval.

There was no public comment on the County Budget.

MOTION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to approve the Kingman County 2023 Budget. Commissioner Henning seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

County Commissioners signed appropriation documents for budget requests received.

MOTION: Commissioner Henning moved to adjourn the Kingman County 2023 Budget Hearing at 9:32 a.m.

Commissioner Thimesch seconded the motion.

The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Commissioners let Ms. Stegman know that they had received a check from the Kingman County Extension Office in the amount of \$70,000.00 for return of appropriated funds and that it will be deposited back into the General Fund.

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

Ms. Schwartz submitted two agreements to the Commissioners & County Counselor to review for the Plains Radiology & USD 332 School Health.

Commissioners agreed to the agreements.

Ms. Schwartz talked about having a CPR class for her department.

Commissioners discussed a renewal contract for IT services from Integris previously named Iconic IT.

The current charges were \$5,245.00 per month and the new contract is for \$5,000.00 per month.

MOTION: Commissioner Henning moved to approve the bid for IT services from Integris in the amount of \$5,000.00 per month. Commissioner Thimesch seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Chairman Foley recessed the board meeting at 9:56 a.m. to attend the retirement of Linda Langley, Internal Auditor.

Chairman Foley called the board meeting to order at 10:37 a.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Commissioner Henning moved to go into executive session with Richard Schott, Emergency Manager, Stan Goetz, HR and Brandon Ritcha, County Counselor at 10:38 a.m. to discuss an individual employees evaluation pursuant to the exception under the Kansas Open Meetings Act, and will return to open session in the board meeting room at 10:54 a.m.

Chairman Foley seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the majority vote of the County Commissioners.

County Commissioners returned to session at 10:54 a.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Commissioner Henning

moved to go into executive session with Richard Schott, Emergency Manager, Stan Goetz, HR and Brandon Ritcha, County Counselor at 10:54 a.m. to discuss an individual employees evaluation pursuant to the exception under the Kansas Open Meetings Act, and will return to open session in the board meeting room at 10:59 a.m.

Chairman Foley seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the majority vote of the County Commissioners.

County Commissioners returned to regular session at 10:59 a.m. with no decision made.

Charles Arensdorf, Public Works Director and Steve Bachenberg, County Engineer were in for the bridge letting review.

Josh Beckman, Kirkham Michael was in with the bids for Kingman County X.0-21.2 Bridge Rehab #8265114 from the following:

Reece Construction \$645,971.38

Bridges Inc. \$668,597.00

L & M Contractors Inc. \$674,151.80

Engineers Estimate for the project was \$660,608.00

MOTION: Commissioner Henning moved to approve the bid from Reece Construction in the amount of \$645,971.38 for the Kingman County X.0-21.2 Bridge Rehab #8265114. Commissioner Thimesch seconded the motion with the cost of construction going up. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Mr. Beckman discussed Bridge X.6-22.0 and to apply for funding by Kansas Local Bridge Improvement Program with a cost estimate of a little over \$500,000.00 for the build with the County share possibly being 25% match.

Steve Bachenberg discussed the federal funding application that he is working on for the St. Leo Road, for 50% match which would be approximately \$926,000.00 on a \$1,600,000.00 approximate project. Also, there would need a letter of support to go along with the application.

Robert Casad, Casad & Associates was in with an update for the Commissioners on the Biomethane test plant

being built with possible Danish funding.

Mr. Casad also let the Commissioners know that he is having informational meetings at the Public Library every Monday evening through September at 6:30 p.m.

MOTION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to approve Charles Rhoads declination for Bennett Twp Clerk and Glen Fieser shall be placed on the ballot in November. Commissioner Henning seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Commissioner Henning moved to go into executive session with Richard Schott, Emergency Manager, Stan Goetz, HR and Brandon Ritcha, County Counselor at 12:30 p.m. to discuss an individual employees evaluation pursuant to the exception under the Kansas Open Meetings, and will return to open session in the board meeting room at 12:45 p.m.

Chairman Foley seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the majority vote of the County Commissioners.

Commissioners returned to regular session at 12:45 p.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Commissioner Henning moved to go into executive session with Richard Schott, Emergency Manager, Stan Goetz, HR and Brandon Ritcha, County Counselor at 12:45 p.m. to discuss an individual employees evaluation pursuant to the exception under the Kansas Open Meetings Ac, and will return to open session in the board meeting room at 12:55 p.m.

Chairman Foley seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the majority vote of the County Commissioners.

County Commissioners return to regular session with no decision made.

Commissioner Thimesch gave an update on the bypass meeting that he attended last week with the Commissioners.

MOTION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to adjourn the regular board meeting at 1:02 p.m.

Commissioner Henning seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Public Notice

First published in the Cunningham Courier, Thursday, August 25, 2022.

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF: LARRY S. PIELOW

Deceased.)

Case No. 2022 PR 47 (Petition Pursuant to K.S.A. Chapter 59)

NOTICE OF HEARING AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS

THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:

You are hereby notified that on August 18, 2022, a Petition was filed in this Court by Matthew W. Ricke, the Executor named in the "Last Will and Testament of Larry

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All creditors are notified to exhibit their demands against the estate within four months from the date of first publication of notice under K.S.A. 59-2236. If demands are not thus exhibited, they shall be forever barred.

Matthew W. Ricke, Petitioner

Matthew W. Ricke, #20995 ATTORNEY AT LAW, LLC 349 North Main, P. O. Box 113 Kingman, KS 67068 (620) 532-3103 Attorney for Petitioner

Kingman County Sheriff's Report

Sunday, August 21st

Traffic Stop	20
Traffic Complaint	S Hwy 14 & Hwy 42, Rago
Traffic Complaint	S Hwy 14 & Hwy 42, Rago
Traffic Complaint	SW 120 St & SW 90 Ave, Zenda
Traffic / Debris In Roadway	SW150 Ave & SE 150 St, Norwich
Vehicle - Disabled	3220 E Hwy 54, Kingman
Vehicle - Fire	6500 NE 50 St, Pretty Prairie
Accidental 911 Dial	5762 NW 10 Ave, Kingman

Monday, August 22nd

Traffic Stop	2
Traffic Complaint	NE 40 Ave & NE 20 St, Pretty Prairie
Traffic Complaint	13000 E Hwy 2, Norwich

Tuesday, August 23rd

Traffic Stop	4
Harrasment	6762 SE 60 St, Murdock

Wednesday, August 24th

Traffic Complaint	7000 E Hwy 54, Kingman
Traffic Complaint	11000 W Hwy 54, Cunningham
Animal Complaint	SE 10 St & E Hwy 42, Rago
Animal Complaint	SE 50 Ave & E Hwy 42, Rago
Harrasment	6762 SE 60 St, Murdock
Check Welfare	13037 SE 140 Ave, Norwich
Accidental 911 Dial	439 S Robbins Rd, Norwich

Thursday, August 25th

Traffic Stop	1
Traffic Complaint	1807 W Hwy 42, Spivey
Traffic Complaint	3000 W Hwy 54, Kingman
Traffic Complaint	SW 160 St & SW 90 Ave, Zenda
Gas Leak	SW150 St & SW 190 Ave, Nashville
Accidental 911 Dial	3120 SE 140 Ave, Cheney

Friday, August 26th

Taffic Complaint	14000 S Hwy 14, Rago
Traffic Complaint	NW 10 Street & NW 70 Ave, Kingman
Traffic Complaint	SE 20 St & SE 140 Ave, Cheney
Animal Complaint	2678 NW 50 St, Kingman
Theft	NW 20 St & NW 110 Ave, Kingman
Agency Assist	1830 N Main St, Kingman
Vehicle - Disabled	13000cW Hwy 42, Nashville
Vehicle - Disabled	10000 E Hwy 54, Murdock

Saturday, August 27th

Traffic Stop	5
Traffic Complaint	180000 W Hwy 54, Cunningham
Traffic Complaint	6000 E Hwy 54, Kingman
Traffic - Debris in Roadway	11000 E Hwy 54, Cheney
Suspicious Activity	15673 SE 22 St, Cheney

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Caroline E. Becker Dyche, 91, died Aug. 28, 2022 in Wichita.

She was born Oct. 24, 1930, at Nashville, Kansas the daughter of William and Rosa C. Hageman Becker.

A longtime resident of the Cunningham community, she was a former telephone operator, cashier for the Cunningham First National Bank and was employed by Dillons.

Caroline was a member of the Sacred Heart Catholic Church.

Survivors include siblings Irene Spade, Eugene Becker, Victor Becker, Walter Becker, Gladys Randolph, Donald Becker and Pat Zrubek. She was preceded in death by siblings Herman Becker, Helen Kerschen, Loretta Schwartz, Marcella Orth, Marie Cooley, William Becker and Elmer Becker.

Parish rosary will be 10:00 a.m., Thursday, Sept. 1, 2022 at the Sacred Heart Catholic Church with Mass of Christian Burial following at 10:30 a.m. Friends may call from 1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., Wednesday at the Livingston Funeral Home, Kingman. Burial will be in the Sacred Heart Church Cemetery.

Memorials may be made with the Sacred Heart Catholic Church.

FL Young

It is with heavy heart that the family of FL Young announce his passing at 89, of Cheney Kansas. He was born in a farmhouse, near Cheney, Kansas, graduated from Kingman High School, attended Kansas State University on a football scholarship, served a couple of years in the United States Army, then went back to college, joined Lambda Chi Alpha fraternity, and completed his Dairy Husbandry degree at Kansas State University. FL and Nyla (formally Nyla Arents, of Leonardville, KS) married in 1959. FL was a member of the United Methodist Church, and the Kansas Masonic Lodge, becoming a 33 degree Mason. In his 89 years, he dedicated his life to his family, and cherished his farm and ranch life on the property homesteaded in 1860.

FL was outgoing and enjoyed visiting with people. As a partly retired farmer, he enjoyed attending grandchildren’s activities, gardening, and kept 18 head of cattle.

FL was predeceased by his father and mother, daughter Brenda (at age 11); many siblings, being the youngest of 9 children, Leroy Young, May Fansher, Elton Young, Burnita Adair, Ruth Estes, Quentin Young, Wilda ‘Billie’ Conner.

FL is survived by his wife Nyla; sister Betty Hill; daughters Linda (Keith) Thompson of Hutchinson, and Rhonda (Andrew) Burris of Lansing; sons Jason (Anita) Young of Greeley CO, and Bryan Young; grandchildren Leah (Kyle) Perkhun, Kraig (Lindsey) Thompson, Gabriel Young, Carson Young, Kacia Young, Rachel Young, Landon Young, Jaci Burris and Cruz Burris; great grandchild Kody Perkhun.

Funeral services were Tuesday at the Kingman United Methodist Church. Burial was in the Walnut Hill Cemetery.

Memorials may be made with the Kingman United Methodist Church and sent to Livingston Funeral Home.



Isaias Lopez

Isaias Cardona Lopez, 10, passed away Sunday, August 21, 2022. He was born on August 13, 2012 in Pratt to Luis Merardo and Ana (Lopez Ramos) Cardona Silva.

Isaias attended Southwest Elementary. He had participated in events for Children’s Miracle Network. He enjoyed dancing, singing, playing, riding his bike, play fighting, going to church, painting and playing with transformers.

He is survived by his parents Luis and Ana Cardona; sisters, Cinthia (Josue) Ramirez of St. John, Marlene Cardona of Pratt and Sarai Cardona of Kansas City, Kansas; brother, Luis Brandon Cardona of Kansas City, Kansas; nieces, Jaanai and Crystal Ramirez; nephew, Josue Ramirez, Jr.; grandmother, Rosa Ramos of Los Angeles, California; and grandparents, Armando and San Juana Cardona of Torreón, Coahuila, Mexico.

Isaias is preceded in death by his grandfather, Pedro Lopez.

Funeral service was Tuesday, August 30, 2022 at Larrison Mortuary, Pratt with Pastor Cesar Regalado presiding. Burial followed at Greenlawn Cemetery, Pratt.

Memorials may be made to Isaias Cardona Lopez Memorial Fund in care of Larrison Mortuary.



Lillian Gardner

Lillian Marie Gardner, 93, passed away Saturday, August 27, 2022. She was born on April 2, 1929 in LaCrosse to Stephen and Searphine (Steckline) Schaffer.

Lillian worked for Cross Manufacturing as a tool grinder. She was a member of Sacred Heart Catholic Church. She enjoyed country music, watching television especially game shows and Andy Griffith, her dog “Rosie” and fishing.

She is survived by her children, Linda Johnson of Pratt, Laura (Kenneth) Julian of Pratt, David (Jackie) Gardner of Colleyville, Texas and Mark Gardner of Watauga, Texas; grandchildren, Chris Baumgartner, Jimmy Hays, Angela (Jeremy) Brown, Brian Piland, Jolene Gardner, Jackie (Cody) Folkers, David Michael (Marianne) Gardner, Sheena Gardner, Christina Gardner, Megan (Joshua) Walker and Harley Gardner; 18 great grandchildren and 10 great great grandchildren.

Lillian is preceded in death by her parents; brothers, Laverne Schaffer and Paul Schaffer; sister, Evelyn Wells; granddaughter, Sasha Gardner; great grandson, Christofer Gardner; and son in-law, Brent Johnson.

Funeral service was Tuesday, August 30, 2022 at Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Pratt with Father Charles Atuah presiding. A graveside service followed at Memorial Park Cemetery, Hutchinson.

Memorials may be made to Sacred Heart Catholic Church in care of Larrison Mortuary.



Broadband

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the Office of Broadband Development. “This round of funding is another significant step in fulfilling that pledge.”

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will be considered by a panel of technical and financial experts from the private sector and various state agencies who are reviewing the applications. The comments will provide additional information to guide the panel in making the best possible

investments for Kansas’ broadband infrastructure.

Piros de Carvalho said the review process already is under way and award announcements will be made in October.

For more information about the Capital Projects Fund-Infrastructure

Program or to review applications, visit <https://www.kansascommerce.gov/program/community-programs/capital-project-funds-broadband-infrastructure-program-public-comments-phase-ii/>.



Dear Editor,

A letter that you recently received from your county clerk regarding property taxes is too complicated and has caused confusion. It wasn’t meant to be that way. Don’t let the details distract you from the achievements of the law that requires someone to be responsible for any increase in property tax. The letter includes a date, time, and location each governing body will hear comments and vote Yes or No to exceed the revenue-neutral-rate (RNR), i.e. vote to increase your property

taxes or not. The RNR is the mil levy value that would allow governing bodies to collect the same amount of money as the previous year based on valuations changes. This will stop local automatic property tax increases as a result of valuation increases and the shell game of who raised your property taxes. It is also your opportunity to be heard before your property taxes increase, which has not happened before in Kansas. We will work to simplify the letter next year.

The cost of the letters are paid by the state this year and could be decreased considerably next year, as the law allows clerks to send electronic notification if a taxpayer agrees. The letter doesn’t need to be complicated or costly.

Out of all legislators in the nation, I was recognized as legislator of the year for my work and this legislation is being used as model legislation in other states. Kansas property owners are paying exorbitantly high property taxes and it is time that taxpayers know who is responsible for these increases.

We all know it takes a team to pass legislation, but it also takes someone to champion that effort. I have led successful efforts to cut taxes. One result this year was cutting property taxes by increasing the \$20,000 exemption for homeowners to \$40,000 with an automatic increase every year based on inflation. I was also instrumental in successfully freezing property taxes for low income seniors and dis-

abled veterans. It’s not perfect, but after years of the Kansas Senate passing legislation, the Kansas House leadership was finally willing to move on it – so we took what we could get.

For years, I have led an effort to remove state income tax on Social Security and retirement accounts. The Kansas Senate has passed several versions of this, but Kansas House leadership refused to pass it. AG Schmidt announced his support and willingness to leader on this effort. Hopefully, he and others can persuade House leadership to pass it in 2023.

Sincerely,  
Caryn Tyson  
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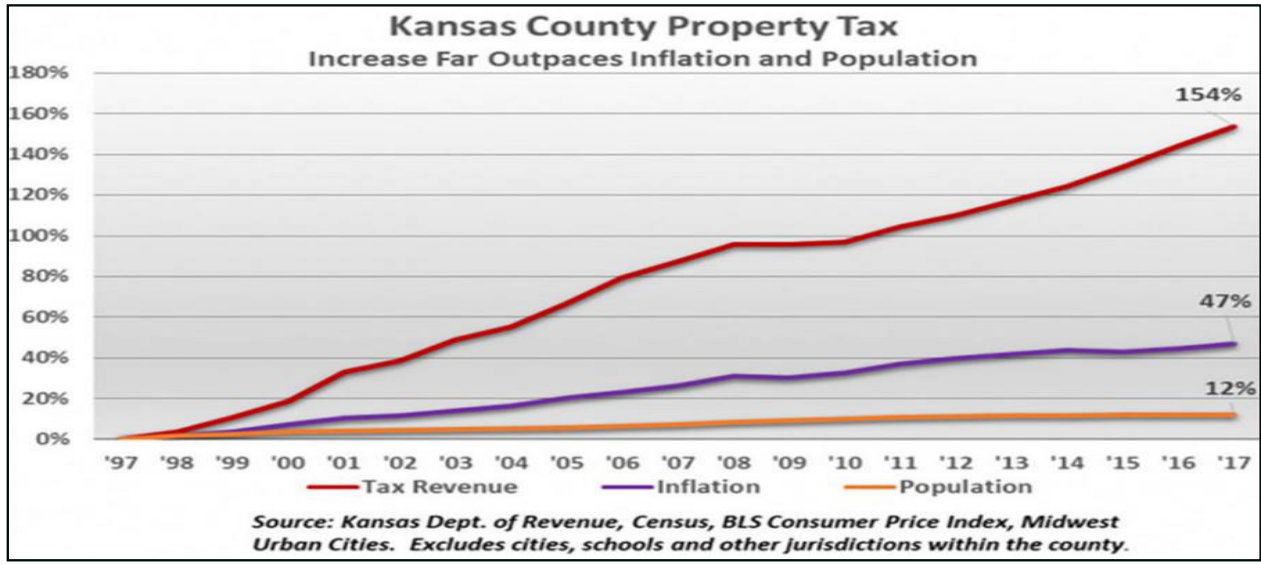
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