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Football Homecoming Royalty were crowned at Friday evening's football game against Chase. Pictured above, back row:
Leo Hageman, Cameron McClendon, King Lane Halderson, Caleb Panek.
Lady candidates sitting: Bethany Daniels, Alice Huelskamp, Queen Hannah Ellis, Shanelle Romine
The two young attendants are Rhett Albers and Oakley Panek.

Takeaways from September School Board Meetings

Revenue Neutral Hearing:

Because the district exceeded their Revenue Neutral Rate, they unanimously adopted the following resolution:

WEST KINGMAN COUNTY USD #332 RESOLUTION TO EXCEED THE REVENUE NEUTRAL TAX RATE RESOLUTION 2023-014

A resolution expressing the property taxation policy of USD 332 West Kingman County with respect to exceeding the Revenue Neutral Tax Rate for financing the annual budget for 2022-2023.

Whereas, 2022 HB 2239 amending K.S.A 79-2988, provides that a levy of property taxes to finance the 2022-2023 budget of USD 332 exceeds the Revenue Neutral Tax Rate to finance the 2022-2023 budget of USD 332, be authorized by a resolution.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by USD 332 that the 2022-2023 budget with a levy of property taxes exceeding the Revenue Neutral Tax Rates calculated for 2022-2023, as adjusted pursuant to 2022 HB 2239 amending K.S.A 79-2988 is hereby adopted.

Meeting adjourned.

Budget Hearing:

After little board discussion about the year's budget, Karla Westerman asked to speak. She questioned the need for a capital outlay fund of \$890,000.

The superintendent said he would like to have reserves to fund items such as roof repairs and other maintenance needs as well as buses and other transportation if necessary.

Karla pointed out that the taxpayers could use a 2-mil reduction because the mills for the school project have gone up. She said a reduced 2 mills on the capital

outlay funding would help absorb some of the five mills taxpayers will have to pay. (Five mills exceeds the amount of the bonds when it was taken to the voters in April.)

She also questioned why the district is paying 5% interest the first 10 years of the bonds and 4% the last 15 years. Mr. Reed said it all evens out over the 25 years. *(looks like it evens out to 4.4%; up from what was voted on in April).*

After comments, the meeting was adjourned.

Regular Meeting:

Skyland Grain is providing the school with fuel pumps. Bus 12 is repaired and back in the bus arena.

Mr. Reed reported on a leak in the basement of the elementary school. Eck Electric was called. Ceiling tile was damaged, several rolls of bulletin board/butcher paper were ruined. He said the basement was drying out before the carpets are cleaned.

Both new vehicles are available in the district. They will be selling older vehicle on Blue Wave.

Sound system at the football field and the baseball field will be tied in together. *(I saw they were working on it today).*

A new water wheel has been purchased for the school.

The district obtained a health grant which will pay for Aimee Ogg's position. *(She is office staff as well as a nurse.)*

The district has hired new custodians: Randy Keene, Dale Thompson, and Kelden Mills. Because of the new hires, the cleaning service from Wichita will no longer be used.

The auditor was in. There were no problems, issues, or concerns with the audit.

Enrollment is at 195 students K -12. This is 14 fewer than last year. The Pre-K enrollment is up. One class has

18 students, the other has 15.

On September 27th, the student exchange group from Germany will arrive to spend several days with our students doing different activities, including a trip to Colorado Springs.

Our German Wildcats will head to Europe on March 13th.

Cody Dunlap reported they are having connectivity issues with the new internet connections. Jerree FitzSimmons has been working with the company to address this issue.

A grant has been applied for to add to and replace some of the playground equipment. *(I wish a grant could be found to buy new books for the library. Students deserve more and better reading material from their school library).*

A Fellowship of Christian Athletes club will meet every other Wednesday before school.

(I have a note: HB 2567 – transparency in non-academic surveys. I have no idea what that means. However, when I googled HB 2567 I did notice that it 'Establishes the Every Child Can Read Act' effective July 1, 2023. I hope that means more funds will be appropriated for library books.)

Brent Miller asked Mr. Dunlap if any students were interested in a baseball program. Mr. Dunlap indicated there were a few in grades 6 – 12. A quick survey indicated seventeen girls and 24 boys were interested. No program can be started in the near future as there are hoops to go through with KSHSAA. Equipment and uniforms would need to be purchased.

In addition to the new custodial hires, the board also voted to hire Sherri Mills as office secretary.

The district is still in need of paras. Emily Huelskamp is the Title para.

A discussion was held about a request to bus students to the Catholic church for CCD classes after school.

It was decided that bus students who currently ride the bus could be dropped off there before the buses left on their actual routes. The kids who do not ride the bus would not be transported by the school buses.

October 19th is the date of the bid pricing for the new school materials.

There was some discussion about needs assessments and ESSER3.

The board voted to adopt the LOB resolution.

Budget was adopted without further discussion. Meeting adjourned.

City Council Will Meet Monday Evening

Monday, September 26, 2022

CITY COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA

Meeting will be held at City Hall, 119 N. Main St.

- 1) 6:30 p.m. – Call to Order
- 2) Approval of Agenda
- 3) Approval of Minutes of August 29, 2022 meeting
- 4) Approval of Minutes of September 12, 2022 special meeting
- 5) Public comments, concerns, & communications
- 6) Fire Department – Chief's Report
- 7) Paige Hermes, SCTelcom
- 8) Community Center Insurance Quote
- 9) Reports
 - Property Officer
 - Planning & Zoning
 - Maintenance
 - Swimming Pool
 - Animal Control
- 10) Financial Report & payment of bills
- 11) Adjourn



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At some point in my slumbers, Quin gave a 'woof'. Then a bark. Without even opening my eyes I told him to be quiet. Lay down. Stop it. He continued the 'woof-

I am going to put my sour mood on allergies and the medications I'm taking to combat them. It's been many years since I've been this miserable. I started the sneezing and wheezing about two weeks ago and finally went to see Amy at the clinic yesterday. She gave me some Zyrtec and suggested I also take Flonase. I am following the doctor's orders.

He went on to explain

all foods and trying to figure out what I could eat. Don't question my thinking on that. I like

I didn't have too many problems in Hays. I managed through two summers with a minimum

"I used to wake up at 4 A.M. and start sneezing, sometimes for five hours. I tried to find out what sort of allergy I had but finally came to the conclusion that it must be an allergy to consciousness."

— James Thurber

"If you are allergic to a thing, it is best not to put that thing in your mouth, particularly if the thing is cats."
— Lemony Snicket, *The Wide Window*

Dear Readers,

Since I moved back to Kansas, I have earned a reputation among friends and family that I am directionally challenged. Because I do eventually get where I'm going, these days they are more bemused than worried (I hope) when I find, as playwright Edward Albee wrote in *The Zoo Story*, "...it's necessary to go a long distance out of the way in order to come

back a short distance correctly." My detours are often because I don't care whether I'm headed North, South, East, West, or Ever. I'm much more interested in what or who I'll see, and how much fun I'll have driving down a road. I insist my inattentiveness toward my bearings does not mean I have no sense of direction. My most recent case in point—the other day I had to get myself

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On my way down to Winfield, my guide—who shall-not-be-named (because I'm quite fond of him), said "Why not?" when his phone's navigation app suggested a "faster route" between El Dorado and Augusta. There wasn't much traffic and barely a slowdown when I hit a stretch of one-lane road construction. It was such a cool drive that when I headed home, I thought, "Why not take that faster route

The Google Map lady went berserk for the next 20 minutes as I followed the pack into a residential neighborhood where one after one, these locals

parked in the driveways of their homes. I then went wherever the recalculating gal sent me. And she sent back to Ohio Road and told me to turn North...when I could only turn South. When I could, I tried going West to go North and I could not stop laughing. My navigation madam ceased talking and the map screen simply spun in circles so I turned my phone upside down. Before I knew it, I was back on Ohio Road, still laughing and once again I stopped at the first gas station and asked for help. “Nope, you can’t get North around it” was

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



I live in a real farm house and can guarantee my house won't be featured on HGTV anytime soon. I honestly don't think there is anything

The house was built just a few yards from the original homestead, which was still standing until about a decade ago and could fit in our kitchen. I can imagine the excitement and pride that must have been felt when this model was selected.

The house has seen a lot of lifestyle change in the last century: the installation of indoor plumbing, electrification and the move from wood stoves and chimneys to a furnace and air conditioning. Some of the

Each time we discover a new detail in the house, it's like the house is telling the story of genera-

Our house is worn and imperfect because it is a place where life has

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Thursday,
September 22nd

3:30 p.m.

HS Cross Country
at Larned

4:00 p.m. JH VB
at South Barber

6:00 p.m. JH FB
at South Barber

Wednesday,
September 28th

7:00 p.m.

Book Club Meets

Friday, Sept. 23rd

7:00 p.m.

HS FB atTescott

Thursday,
September 29th

JH VB vs Pretty Prairie
and Burrton at HOME

HS Cross Country
at Pratt

Saturday, Sept 24th

HS VB Tournament
at Central-Burden

Monday, Sept. 26th

1:30 p.m. Early
Release for Parent/
Teacher Conferences

2:30 p.m.
Parent/Teacher
Conferences

6:30 p.m.
City Council
Meeting

Friday, September 30th

7:00 p.m.

HS FB at Pawnee
Heights

Saturday, October 1st

HS VB at Burrton
Tournament

To reserve the
Cunningham Community Center,
contact Ruth Shelman,
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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!

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Tues., Thurs., Sat.
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Mini Albers Reunion at Cozy's Pizza



September 16 saw 12 Albers cousins and in-law cousins gather at Cozy's Pizza. A long stemmed white rose was placed in the center of the table in memory of Geneva (Albers) Theis. The male members of the Albers family were not invited. This was a ladies only reunion. We shared a wonderful time together catching up and had a delicious lunch. Plans are for the cousins to gather each year and hopefully start a new tradition.

Back row: Betty Albers; Bonnie (Albers) Stephens; Annette (Albers) Smalley; Gina (Albers) Hommertzhelm; Liana (Albers) Torkelson; Susie (Albers) Saville; Sister Celeste Albers

Front row: Kathy Albers, Diana (Albers) Wegerer, Diane Albers, Marge (Albers) Sterneker, Mary Jane (Albers) Elpers

One Injured; Many Left Homeless After Kingman Fire

Press Release

On Saturday September 17th, 2022 at approximately 8:18 a.m. the Kingman Fire Department, Kingman Police Department, Kingman County Sheriff's Office, Kingman EMS, Norwich Fire Department, Cheney Fire Department, Cunningham Fire Department, Kingman Health Department,

Kingman Emergency Management, Pratt Emergency Management, and Rice County Emergency Management responded to the report of a 20-unit apartment complex fire at 501 North Thompson St. in Kingman, Kansas. There were no fatalities reported. One injured person was transported for treatment.

The American Red

Cross as well as multiple local charitable organizations assisted displaced tenants and first responders.

The incident remains under investigation by the Kingman Police Department and the Office of the Kansas Fire Marshall.

Updates will be provided as information becomes available.

Mark Holland Will Meet with Public

Press release:

Reverend Mark Holland, who is running for the US Senate in Kansas, will be visiting Pratt again on Thursday, September 29th at 7 p.m. in the Pratt Community Center, 619 North Main Street. Anyone interested in hearing his presentation is invited to attend.

Kingman Historic Theatre

2 Concerts on Saturday September 24th!

The Other Guys Band has offered to play a TWO FREE WILL DONATION Concert for the fire victims at The Kingman Historic Theatre on Saturday, September 24th. The first will start at 7pm. Doors will open at 6pm. The second will start at 10pm. Doors will open at 9pm.

Joining The Other Guys Band on Saturday, September 24th for the Eagle Acres Benefit will be Caden Barber. Caden will take the stage at 9pm, playing between The Other Guys Band 7pm and 10pm Concerts. The Other Guys Band has offered to play a TWO FREE WILL DONATION Concert for the fire victims at The Kingman Historic Theatre on Saturday, September 24th. The first will start at 7pm. Doors will open at 6pm. The second will start at 10pm. Doors will open at 9pm. Caden Barber will play at 9pm between The Other Guys Band Concerts.

We are now doing a raffle to go with the Fundraising Events we have scheduled at the theatre on September 24th and 25th.

We will begin the raffle on the September 24th at The Other Guys Band Concert and will continue through the movie on September 25th. Drawing will be live on our Facebook page after the movie on Sunday.

Both events FREE WILL DONATION at the door. All donations will go 100% to the fund being set up at a local bank. More info to follow

Please message if you would like to donate, call the theatre at 620-532-1253 and leave a message, or email us at kingmancommunitytheatreassoc@gmail.com.

FREE WILL DONATION MOVIE

(an Eagles Acres Benefit)

The Secret Life of Pets

Rated: PG

Concessions will be sold.

(Cash Only Please)

The Kingman Historic Theatre will be offering a FREE WILL DONATION movie on Sunday, September 25th at 5:30pm. TENANTS/FIRST RESPONDERS of the fire Saturday morning will receive a pass for FREE Concessions (Tenants: I have your name on a list so no worries). Doors will open at 4:30pm. First Come First Serve

YEARS AGO IN

The Cunningham Clipper

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1927

Sept. 23– The City Council passed an ordinance this week limiting truck parking to thirty minutes on First Street between Main Street and Henderson Street.

W. A. Lash, local Chevrolet dealer, announces in an advertisement this week that prices on a new 1928 Chevrolet Coach start at \$595.00, Touring Roadster at \$525.00, Coupe at \$625.00, 4-door Sedan at \$695.00, Sport Cabriolet at \$715.00, and Imperial Landau at \$745.00. One-half ton Truck (chassis only) price is \$395.00, and 1-ton Truck (chassis only) price is \$495.00.

1932

Sept. 23 – “Ham” Watkins, pioneer resident of Cunningham and vicinity, and one of the few remaining “Boys in Blue” in this section of the state, attended the Annual Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic in Springfield, Illinois, last week. “Ham” is a member of the Wichita Fife and Drum Corps of that organization.

1937

Sept. 24 – Mr. and Mrs. August Meyers are the proud parents of an eleven-pound baby boy, born at their home Friday, September 17. He has been named Leroy Aloysius.

Mr. and Mrs. Waldo Shelman have moved to the H. S. Bonar farm. Mr. and Mrs. Bonar have moved to town and are now living in the J. P. Glenn property.

1942

Sept. 25 – Mrs. Annice Hendrixson has taken over the management of the Fairmont Creamery, which has been operated through the summer by Miss Eugenia Crow and her brother, Deem.

Skelly Oil Company’s Sitton No. 1 oil well has been given a potential rating by the Kansas Corporation Commission of more than eighteen million cubic feet of gas daily.

1947

Sept. 26 – New Company Formed Here
A new sales company wholesaling and retailing equipment invented by farmers for farm usage has been formed in the past two weeks in Cunningham. The Cusenbary Sales Company, originated by Dan Cusenbary, son-in-law of C. H. Sheldon, will distribute six new items: the Poland level, E-Z-2-C Tank Gauge, Tractor Hydraulic Drawbar, Sure-Lock Safety Grain Gate, and a Trip Rope Release. The Company will also be the sales agent for the Sheldon Tractor Fillers.

1952

Sept. 26 – Mr. and Mrs. Herman Hayes have purchased the Alf Cooley residence in the south part of town, but will not occupy the home until spring. The house is rented to Mr. and Mrs. Roy Lewis at the present time.

The high school baseball team won their game

with Partridge, Tuesday afternoon, by the score of 8 to 5. Melville Melford started on the mound for the Wildcats but gave way to Leonard Schnittker in the fourth inning.

1957

Sept. 26 – Cunningham Rural High School returned to competitionin football after 27 years, Tuesday evening, and made an auspicious debut with a 20-18 victory over Harper High School’s “B” team at Harper.

Prior to Tuesday night’s opening game of the 1957 season, the local high school played their last football game at Partridge, Friday afternoon, November 21, 1930. They suffered a 26-6 defeat in that game.

The contest, billed as Cunningham versus the Harper “B” team, actually was Cunningham against Harper, as the entire Harper squad saw action against the Wildcats.

Coaches Lam and Allen are quick to pass the praise on to the team members for their determination and spirit throughout the game which climaxed the short 20-day training and practice session.

Leading ground-gainer for Cunningham was Becker with 91 yards, followed by Hartle with 50, Zrubek with 48, and Winters with 25.

The St. Leo boys came to Cunningham for a game last Friday afternoon and went home on the short end of a 21-0 score. Robert Leiter, Mike Krug, and Mickey Miles shared the pitching mound, with Mike Westbrooks and Marshall Swander handling the catcher’s chores.

1962

Sept. 27 – We are sorry for the omission of three student’s names from last week’s item of Cunningham students attending Pratt County College this year.

The three, in addition to the 10 named in last week’s item, are Janet Graves, Joe Raney, and Don Young.

Mrs. Jim (Ruth) Weir, employed at the Kingman Manufacturing Company of Cunningham, enrolled in the commercial department at the local high school, Monday morning, for postgraduate work.

Consecration services for the new Methodist Church pastonage will be held at the parsonage, Sunday afternoon, Sept. 30, at 2:30 o’clock.

Mrs. Roy Rose is a new employee at the First National Bank.

Mr. and Mrs. K.C. Jones announce the birth of a daughter, Thursday, Sept. 20, at the Nashville Hospital. She weighed five pounds, 13 ounces, and has been named Dana Rae.

Maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Ray Shafer of Cunningham, and the paternal grandmother is Mrs. Calvin Jones of Clarksville, Ark.

Cunningham won their second straight football victory of the current season last Friday evening, downing Arlington by a 40-19 score in a Ninnescah League game played at Arlington.

Five months, three resident engineers, and \$93,459.55 equals 19 blocks of curbing, guttering, and soil cement paving in Cunningham’s current street improvement program during the past summer.

The program is complete except for one block of curbing and guttering across the railroad tracks. The decision to straighten the “jog” now rests with Santa Fe officials in Chicago.

1967

Sept. 28, 1967 – The Cunningham Wildcats and the Sharon Cardinals played to a frustrating 26-26 tie in their Golden Plains League football game at Sharon last Friday night.

Charles Yingling, Cunningham School Band Director, will return to his alma mater, Southwestern College of Winfield, Saturday evening, with his band.

The group is practicing a skit to present at half-time of the Southwestern football game that evening.

The band will also make a scheduled appearance at the Indian Peace Treaty Celebration in Medicine Lodge, Saturday, Oct. 14.

The four grade schools in Unified School District

No. 332 will begin their annual softball tournament this afternoon (Thursday) at the St. Leo ball diamond.

YEARS AGO IN

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1977

September 29, 1977 – Beginning with this school year, 1977-78, each of the high schools shall schedule only one Homecoming either in the fall or winter, and the choice for either a fall or winter homecoming is the decision to be made by each high school. Alumni of the respective high schools are welcome to the one Homecoming. The student bodies of each high school are permitted to raise money and to hire a live band for its one Homecoming function. Other school sponsored dances scheduled by either high school are open only to students and their dates, the music to be furnished by the students using records or a paid dj.

The Kayettes honored the Cunningham faculty members with hot rolls, coffee, hot chocolate in a get-together in the Home Economics Room on Monday morning, September 26 at 7:50 a.m. The Faculty enjoyed the delicious rolls and the attention they received from the Kayette girls who served.

Kingman County Sheriff Wade S. Kerns says he will resign as soon as he can find a new job, claiming that his department is not getting enough money to provide good law enforcement in Kingman County.

According to Kerns, county commissioners have failed to provide enough money for new equipment and greater manpower. He and some of his staff have been working up to 80 hours a week to efficiently enforce the law.

A group of 22 Spanish students, teachers, and friends attended the Ballet Folklorico de Mexico presentation in the Convention Hall at Hutchinson on September 21.

This two-hour program with its lively music, gorgeous costumes, and spectacular dancing was presented by a company of 35 dancers, singers and musicians who are famous worldwide.

Those from Cunningham attending the event were Donna Beat, Gayla Golden, Debbie Mills, Bobbie Ross, Janice Stillwell, Naola Thimesch, Joe Harbert, Wade Ruckle, Mike Beat, Scott Long, Eric Meyers, Duane Panek, Dale Panek, Kevin Stillwell, Roger Theis, Pat Ulenhop, Joan Stillwell, Loretta Holcomb, Rubie Cusenbary, Mr. and Mrs. John Baber, Mr. and Mrs. Herb Ewing, John Baber drove the bus.

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Consider this... White Knuckle Winds

Charlotte Harbor had just become a white-knuckle roller-coaster ride.

Perhaps it was the fact that we had insisted on keeping our sailing date, even as Hurricane Andrew spun toward us,

just 20 hours away. Or perhaps, it was because we had sailed steadily toward an approaching afternoon rainstorm, thinking we could turn back in time. Or maybe it was because the captain of the boat had seemed so calm and confident. At what point does judgment turn sour?

In any event, we found ourselves slamming over whitecaps at 20 knots, propelled downwind from the storm which had

overtaken us. The unpredictable bursts of wind made steering the 19 foot catamaran a challenge of major proportions. It was one of those times when you realize that as a passenger you have no control whatsoever, and just hang on, hoping the captain is as skilled as he acts.

It was at this point that insight paid a visit.

This boat had no motor and yet we were hurtling along at scary speeds.

By merely sticking our 20 foot sail in front of a powerful force of nature—an invisible force at that—we found ourselves part of a controlled explosion, clinging to a piece of shrapnel that just happened to be going in the same general direction of our choice.

When our captain was able to align his sail perfectly with the invisible wind, our ride, although fast, smoothed out. During those mo-

ments he was unable to adjust to the changing force of nature, our journey became a terrifying roller-coaster ride.

Isn't this what we do when we insist on having things our way, even though life has provided something else instead? We refuse to realign our sails, to channel what life has given us for our benefit. We then blame the resulting stormy ride on life's ill winds, failing to recognize that only our

refusal to adjust has created the turbulence we encounter.

We are not able to change the wind. Our role is to adjust our sails, adapt ourselves, to the things that life blows our way.

Back safely on shore, I sat thinking about that for a long time...

Road Trip Across America. A discovery of what unites us.

The early morning sun shelters behind the Rocky Mountains, and it's not until you reach Wyoming that it's up full. Seeing America by car has re-emerged. Perhaps pent-up travelers want to move about with no schedules and restraints. In doing so, you discover things that can't

be seen from 30,000 feet. It is time for the classic American road trip — a journey that so often reminds us that despite our differences, we are family.

In Rawlins, Wyoming, a father, his son, and the teenage grandson stop at the convenience store for a mid-morning donut. They kick the dirt off their boots on the running board of the pickup truck. They are already sweating. The young man grabs the door for his elders, smiles and heads straight for the choco-

late milk. Somewhere west of North Platte, Nebraska, farm families and workers have gathered at weathered picnic tables surrounded by the haze of a smoker stuffed with brisket. By Iowa, it's evening, and small town streets are buzzing with kids on bicycles and teenagers lined up at burger sheds while their parents stretch out on the grass.

The next morning, the wind is blowing, laundry is out on lines, truckers are moving to the right lane to let you pass. Each stop for gas and food reveals more groups on the road. Old and young, pillows on the dashboard, bicycles strapped to the back, stiff-legged drivers making their way to restrooms. At first glance, it's like a family reunion. Seems everyone says hi or howdy or how's it goin'?

Diverse in looks and backgrounds, united in the common need to reconnect, to belong, to talk about the rain, traveling with kids, where the best burgers are, and where everybody is headed. In Indiana, Amish folk work the fields and tend to the horses while a few young children play hide-and-seek in the corn. Chicago rises out of the alfalfa fields of Illinois, and city dwellers spray the streets from fire hydrants for the community's children. A fuel stop in Albany leads to the best ice cream stand and more waves and "safe travels" from the adults. There are stops in Massachusetts where college kids are returning to school—moving tubs of clothes and small mattresses accompanied by their parents. They borrow rope and buy duct tape, and every-

body smiles at them, remembering the freedom of youth.

Up the coast in Maine, the hamlets are teeming with families from Camden to Kennebunk. The most crowded spot in small-town bookstores is the children's book section. Inland, on the byways to Rangeley, Maine, lemonade stands appear at the edge of long rolling lawns, and there's a creamery along the fenceline of every dairy farm. It rains, but people still gather. Neighbors and tourists, family vacationers and retirees, orchard keepers and maple-syrup makers chat and get to know each other because after all, everybody has come from somewhere, has a friend or family member somewhere, and that's good to talk about. It's what we want to talk about.

At the top of Maine, just a few miles from the Canadian border, is a small lake. Families gather there in the summer, some from many states away. The sun breaks through the trees in the morning, becoming a million points of light all scattered on the water's surface. It won't be long before the stillness gives way to the echoes of children laughing, and people gathering in groups they'll call family no matter where they're from. And all of them will breathe a sigh of regret when it's time to go back to where they came from.

By *The Foundation for a Better Life®*

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Christian Humor: Jokes You can Tell in Church

A married couple were arguing who is making the coffee, the wife said that in the Bible it says that men should make the coffee and the husband asked her where it said that. The wife opened the Bible and said: "Right here in HEBREWS!"



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UMW Seeking Donations to Help with Kenyan Drought

The Cunningham United Methodist Women are asking for donations of money to be sent to our Pastor's home area in Kakindu, Kenya. There is a serious drought in the area and food is very scarce.

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tribute the food to the area families. It will be distributed to the same families that are receiving the water that is being hauled in on trucks. The water project is being sponsored by the Lions Club.

Donations can be dropped off at the UMC Bread Ministry on Tuesday afternoons, mailed to the

UMC @ Box 368, or given to any UMC church member. Please make a check out to the UMC and write Kenyan famine in the memo. Because of the extremely urgent need for food, we are setting a date of October 10th to have donations collected. Thank you very much for your support and generosity.

“I try not to speak about all the charities and people I help, because I believe we can only be truly generous when we expect nothing in return.”
— *Muhammad Ali, The Soul of a Butterfly: Reflections on Life's Journey*

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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)

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JH Wildcats Cruise Past A&A

On Thursday, September 15, 2022 the Cunningham JH football played host to the A&A (Attica & Argonia) Titans and came away with a 42-8 victory. The Wildcats took just 50 seconds to get into the scoring column with a 47 yard run by Layne Green (PAT failed.) 6-0 Wildcats.

After a touchback following a punt from the Titans on their first possession Cole Hageman took a handoff and got some good blocks from his line and raced 65 yards for another Cunningham touchdown (PAT failed) Cunningham 12, A&A 0. Later in the first quarter, with the Titans in Wildcat territory they attempted a pass that was intercepted by Hageman, he returned it 62 yards for a TD, (PAT L. Green run good.) Cunningham led 20-0 after one quarter.

Early in the second quarter the Wildcats took over after another Titan punt, they would march

down inside the Titan 15 when Stephen Kerschen got in on the scoring when he raced 11 yards for a Wildcat touchdown, (PAT L. Green run good.) 28-0, Wildcats. Cole Hageman would score his third touchdown on the evening on Cunningham's next possession, this time from 48 yards out (PAT L. Green pass to Andrew Kerschen good.) CJH 36 Titans 0. With just over a minute to go in the first half, Green would round out the scoring when he scooped up a Titan fumble and returned it 8 yards for the final Wildcat TD of the night, (PAT failed.) Wildcats 42 Titans 0 at the half.

The Titans were able to score their lone touchdown with 50 seconds left in the 4th quarter to bring the final score to 42-8. The win moved the Wildcats to 3-0 on the season, they will travel to Kiowa on 9/22 to take on the 2-1 South Barber Tornadoes.

by Coach Bart Ricke



#15 Sevi Romine on defense.

photos by Molly Morgan



A Note of Thanks

A huge shout out to all our Cunningham Booster Club WILDCAT flag sponsors for the 2022-2023 school year. We appreciate all the support the community members and businesses have given to the booster club. In addition to the flag sponsors, we would like to thank the City of Cunningham for donating the poles.

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If you would still like to be a sponsor or have a flag hung in memory of a loved one, it is not too late! Contact Sarah Thimesch or Judy DeWeese or drop off your check for \$40.00 to the school office. We would like to get around 10 more sponsors, so the Cunningham Booster Club can purchase an additional 20 flags to fill all the flag poles in town! Thanks again for all the support. GO WILDCATS!!!!

Commerce and Patterson Family Foundation Announce More Funding Available for Revitalizing Downtown Buildings

TOPEKA – Lieutenant Governor and Secretary of Commerce David Toland today announced a second round of Historic Economic Asset Lifeline (HEAL) grants intended for revitalizing downtown buildings in small communities across the state. The HEAL program, which is funded by the Department of Commerce and the Patterson Family Foundation, will invest \$850,000 in projects in the Fall 2022 grant round.

The HEAL program is designed to bring downtown buildings back into productive use as spaces for:

- New or expanding businesses
- Housing
- Arts and culture
- Civic engagement

Childcare or Entrepreneurship

“The first round of the HEAL program is supporting the revitalization of 32 commercial buildings in small towns across the state,” Lieutenant Governor and Secretary of Commerce David Toland said. “The need for this program was staggering, with more than 200 applications received. Thanks to our strong partnership with the Patterson Family Foundation, we are able to offer another round of the HEAL program allowing us to invest in more communities and continue to create new jobs and services for Kansans across the state.”

HEAL is intended to close financial gaps in restoring underutilized properties and making downtown districts throughout the state more economically vibrant. Projects submitted must show potential as economic drivers in the community.

There are a few changes to this round of the HEAL program. HEAL matching grants will be awarded for either 1)

façade or 2) building construction projects. Eligible applicants must be organizations applying on behalf of building owners and may include designated Kansas Main Street programs, economic development organizations, cities, counties, 501c3 or 501c6 organizations, and local community foundations. Communities that received a previous HEAL grant are not eligible to apply in this round.

A virtual webinar on the specifics of the program is scheduled for 11:30 a.m. Tuesday, September 13. Registration is required and the Zoom link will be provided after registration. Organizations and building owners interested in applying should register and attend the webinar.

Information about the HEAL grant program and the online application can be viewed at www.kansascommerce.gov/healfall2022.

Hey, Look, Mom, No Hands! (or maybe just one)

Cameron McClendon and Leo Hageman at the Homecoming Game.
(photo sent in by Teresa McClendon)

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CHS Volleyball Team Continues to Improve

The Cunningham Lady Cats hosted our second home tri game of the season on September 13th. We hosted South Barber and Fairfield. We started off with South Barber and took them to three sets. We fell short in the first set, but rallied back and won the last two. We competed and played well. Our serves have improved in the last several weeks and that has been a key to helping us get some wins. The last several sets of South Barber were fun to watch the girls come together and fight back and win.

Our last game of the night was against Fairfield. We started off really strong and had a couple of set backs and ended up losing in two sets. Both sets were close and we played great, just couldn't jump ahead. We grew and have things to work on before our next game so make sure to catch us in action! Our next game is the 20th at Skyline!

Coach Ariel Haskin



Maranda Lohrke



Shanelle Romine

Molly Morgan photos

Wildcats Take Kats in Homecoming Game

Week three of the 2022 football season was homecoming for the Wildcats playing host to the Chase Kats. It was all about the Wildcats from the opening kickoff. The Wildcats got on the board in just three plays with a 30 yard touchdown pass from Trey to Luke Albers. Dagim kicked in the extra point for an eight to zero lead.

Defense did their job quickly, stifling the Kats on their first possession, keeping them negative yardage on their first three plays. The punt did not gain the Kats much, and the Wildcats scored in short order with a pass from Trey to Dagim for 11 yards. Dagim scored 2 more with the extra point kick, which put the home team up 16-0. It took two plays for the Wildcats to get the ball back with a pick by Trey. Luke M scored on a 55 yard run. Dagim kicked another 2 point conversion to put the Cats up 24 to 0.

The very next possession Trey intercepted the visitors and returned the ball for a 45 yard score. Dagim completed a pass

to Luke for a point on the PAT. Cats over the Kats 31 to 0. The Chase Kats went backward on their next possession. With great field position, Trey got to the end zone yet again on a 9 yard TD pass from Luke M. Dagim made another PAT kick for a 39-0 lead.

Inno time, Jack Ruckle pressured the backfield, and with a little assist from Carlos scooped up a fumble and returned it 16 yards for another TD. Skyler tackled on a PAT run. Wildcats up 46 to 0 at the end of the first quarter.

The next wave of Wildcats took the field on defense and held the visitors, then scored a touchdown of their own. Lucas Hageman found the endzone on a 20 yard TD run. Skylar Timesch got the extra point run for a 53 to 0 lead. Rick King pounced on a fumble to give the Cats another offensive possession which ended with a 15 yard TD from Skyler.

The Chase Kats finally got on the board late in the second quarter with a TD and extra point,



Trent Schnittker



Kory Morgan and Jack Ruckle

photos by Molly Morgan

but the Cats were quick to answer with a 10 yard TD run by Skyler. Chase got another score right before half. Game over! Final score Cunningham Wildcats 65 Chase Kats 13.

-Coach Lance McGuire



Kendall Rogers (#40) and Lucas Hageman

Where Have All the Students Gone?

If the melody from the folk song “Where Have All the Flowers Gone?” by Pete Seeger entered your mind when you read the title—good! That song was a lament over serious political concerns. This continuing disappearance of K–12 students during these pandemic years is no less serious.

Data released last Wednesday by the National Center for Education Statistics (NCES) show that chronic absenteeism continues to rise among students at public schools. Data were collected during May 2022 from 868 schools nationwide. The NCES, the agency that oversees the NAEP (the “national report card”), is charged with measuring the impact of COVID-19 on the national’s public schools.

Chronic absenteeism was already a problem in the U.S. before the

pandemic. The U.S.D.E. website reported: “Over 7 million students missed 15 or more days of school in 2015-16. That’s 16% of the student population—or about 1 in 6 students.” It is more severe in later grades. “Overall, more than 20% of students in high school are chronically absent compared with more than 14% of students in middle school. The chronic absenteeism rate was the lowest for elementary school students.... “Chronic absenteeism is widespread—about one out of every six students missed three weeks or more of school in 2015-16. That translates to more than 100 million school days lost.”

NCES data released last Wednesday found that in the 2021-2022 school year, 45 percent of schools reported student chronic absenteeism had “increased a lot” from before the pandemic. This problem varied by regions, with 59% of schools in the West reporting student chronic

absenteeism “increased a lot.” This was less in the Midwest (45%), Northeast (39%) and South (38%).

At the same time student absenteeism has increased, student behavioral issues also increased for those in attendance. Schools report higher levels of classroom disruptions from student misconduct (56%), student tardiness (55%), rowdiness outside the classroom (49%), and “student acts of disrespect other than verbal abuse directed at teachers or staff” (48%).

Chronic absenteeism is defined “...as missing at least 10 percent of days in a school year for any reason, including excused and unexcused absences.” In those cases where a student has unexcused absences in excess of the number of times allowed by the school district, this becomes “truancy.” In legal terms this is considered a “status offense” that would be a crime if it was an adult. Truancy

law varies among states. If a student is under 17 or 16, a variety of penalties can be applied, from being banned from sports participation to school suspension or expulsion to referral to juvenile court. In many states, parents are also subject to criminal charges.

Parents who withdraw their child from the local public school can enroll them in private or parochial schools, or even homeschool them. However, there are still requirements the child be educated. Some states designate a home school curriculum to be taught. Some require home-school students to pass certain assessments. And some merely request the parent notify the state education department that they are homeschooling.

Nevertheless, all of these requirements get diluted during a time when there is widespread difficulty avoiding contagion, some parents are working in high risk essential services, etc.

To me the most

poignant situation is the family without a home, where the parent and child/children are living in a car or couch-surfing with friends. For these students, their daily contact with their teacher was an important connection with someone who really cared for them. Many are now among the disappeared.

Our society contrasts dramatically from schools in China. A few years ago, I walked down the hall of a middle school attached to a normal (teacher training) university. I could select any class. We entered a large classroom with 60 students. They were facing the front of the room and did not know we were present. All were reading and taking notes.

“There is no teacher,” I whispered to the headmaster.

“Yes, it is a study hall,” he replied.

“But they are all quiet,” I continued.

“Yes, they are studying very hard,” he replied, not recognizing my

puzzlement.

“But without a teacher present, why don’t some misbehave?” I whispered bluntly.

“Oh, if they do that, they know they will be replaced by a student who will work hard.”

In a culture where parents and students greatly value education, I cannot explain our problem of chronic absenteeism. When they had to close schools for two months in early 2020 to eliminate transmission, they soon returned to school and forfeited the summer holiday to catch completely up. China has no chronic absenteeism because their culture highly values education.

But in the U.S. and across K–12, our students attending school suffered substantial learning loss, with some young students who are dropping out of education completely.

by John Richard Schrock, 1101 West 18th Avenue, Emporia, KS

Area Forensics Student Performs at State Fair

Press Release:
Taylor Shultz, Cunningham High School student, was among the two dozen from around the state of Kansas who performed at the sixth Kansas State Fair Forensics Showcase. The event held at the State Fairgrounds in Hutchinson last Thursday, September 15 and was sponsored by the Sterling College Forensics/Debate team. Forensics is competitive speaking and interpretation events.
Students who had medaled at the State

Forensics Championship Tournaments last May were invited to bring their award-winning performances to the State Fair audience. Shultz performed her poetry pices entitled “My Honest Poem” and “Complainers” by Rudy Francisco. The Cunningham Forensics Coach is Carrie Vahsholtz.
“It was impressive to see so many strong performances,” said Sterling College Forensics Coach Ken Troyer who hosted the event. “Taylor had an exceptionally strong, poised performance and represented herself and her program well. She is talented and could certainly continue performing and competing at the collegiate level.”

First year Forensics Coach Ida Piper from Hugoton brought two showcase students as well as other students to the event. She had never been to the State Fair Forensics Showcase before and said, “I was impressed. This was a great event for me and my students to see a variety of quality forensics pieces and performances from across the state. I’m so glad we came, and I want to bring even more students next year.”
As the sponsor of the event Sterling College’s Forensics/Debate team was highlighted as having last year’s National Champion Novice Debater and being consistently named to the top 25 teams nationally.

Offering competitive forensics scholarships commensurate with athletics scholarships, was also highlighted.
Sterling College is a Christ-centered, four-year college located in Sterling, Kansas, with a mission to develop creative and thoughtful leaders who understand a maturing Christian faith. For more information, visit www.sterling.edu.



Taylor Schultz

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I would like to take this opportunity to thank EVERYONE for their support of the paper over the last three months. I do so appreciate those subscribers who sent in a little bit more with their subscription renewals and those who have supported it by becoming a school spotlight sponsor. I want to thank everyone for words of encouragement and support during these months of financial worries about this paper. I think we can keep in print a bit longer. The paper means a great deal to me and to all its subscribers who use it as a means of staying in touch with the community. I am not sure what Cunningham would be without it. It has been a part of our community for over 100 years and is so important to us.

Please check over the ads and the list of sponsors. If yours is missing or has errors of any kind, please let me know a.s.a.p. THANKS. Roberta

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Puerto Rico Adventure: Part 2: The Scouting Trip

by Lyn Perry

If it all started 12 years ago (see Part 1 of our Puerto Rican Adventure, The Brainstorm), then the tipping point came last year when Julie and I decided to take a serious look at whether or not we wanted to move to PR... and where!

We'd traveled there three times by now and had toured quite a bit of the island. The roads are fine (if sometimes narrow and twisty in the mountains), and we'd

circumnavigated this bit of paradise twice.

So when travel restrictions eased in 2021, we decided to take a serious scouting trip and circle the island once more, this time with an eye on where we would land if we did indeed decide to move.

We'd already determined that San Juan was too congested for us. We're not really big city people. And although Viejo San Juan has charm and so much to offer tourists, it's a bit busy and crowded for us. Great place to visit, wouldn't want to live there. Same with the urban areas surrounding the capital.

Bayamón, Carolina... nice but not for us.

Our top priority was to live close to the beach. We have wonderful friends in Orocovis, the geographic center of the island. And the slightly cooler temperature associated with mountain living has its appeal. But ultimately, a front row spot at the ocean is where it's at.

We weren't going to travel all the way from the wide open plains of Kansas to settle for a non-beachfront view!

Whenever we mentioned to our friends in PR that we were thinking about retiring to the island, invariably someone

would ask if we'd live in or near Rincón. This famous surfing beach is on the west coast – a beautiful place. And we had a great visit there on our first trip in 2010.

You see, a lot of “expats” live in the communities that dot the north-west section of the island—Aguadilla, Rincón, Mayagüez. So naturally, some Puerto Ricans assume this is where people from the USA go to live. Well, we're not wanting to be expats.

My understanding of the term expatriate is a person living somewhere other than his or her own country, and yet remaining a bit aloof from the

locals. We want to embrace our new culture and become part of the community. Yes, we'll likely end up in a condo community, but we don't want to be separatists.

In fact, I'm learning Spanish. Julie is already fairly fluent. We'll order our breakfast sandwiches in Spanish. We'll meet and greet, do business, and ask directions in Spanish. And we plan on finding a Spanish speaking congregation to worship with. (Primera Iglesia Bautista de Orocovis might be a bit too far for us to attend regularly.)

All of this figured in to where we would like to

live. Smaller community, by the beach, not touristy or specifically catering to those from the mainland USA. And within budget! The goal: sell our house in Kansas and buy an equivalently priced condo that we could also rent out on occasion as an AirBnB for a bit of income.

With this in mind, last May we pointed out rental car west from San Juan and stayed a few nights at a number of ocean view properties in towns we hadn't really visited before.

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Fall is football, apple picking...

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Kids: color stuff in!

...crisp air and getting ready for winter.

I love the excitement of the fall. Leaves drop from the trees. Some birds flock together to fly south for the winter. Animals gather seeds and nuts to eat during the cold winter months.

Children play soccer, football and other fall sports. Some people pile logs for fires that will take off the evening chill in their homes. Families start to cook more hot meals, and bake more goodies in the oven! Yum!

Some things fall “down” during the autumn season and some things go “up”. Read the clues in the 2 puzzles to find out what!

Falling Down . . .

- get out sweaters when these fall
- the scurrying _____ tumbled down into their burrows
- roasted over a fire and eaten
- clusters of _____ hang down heavily on their vines
- crisp and fresh! pies! sauce!
- fields of _____
- rake them up!
- umbrellas, raincoats needed
- coats the grass and windowpanes
- fall from mighty oak trees

chipmunks

Wheeee!

apples

leaves

grapes

frost

acorns

chestnuts

We're just here because we are cute!

nuts

flowers

moon

logs

birds

smells

seeds

Scarecrows go up in farmers' fields when crows come down to eat the corn. Caw!

Going Up . . .

- stacking _____ in piles for heating
- picking _____ to dry for fall bouquets
- flocking together to fly south
- kicked up over the goal post
- piled into silo for winter feeding of animals
- harvest _____ rising into the sky at night
- _____ of baking pies, hot cider
- milkweed pods open and their _____ float away
- _____ from fires warming houses
- squirrels pick up _____ to store

temperatures

hay

rain

Fall flowers are picked and put in vases or used for fall wreaths placed on doors.

If I have to come down in the fall, I want to have a soft landing. Help me fall into the pile of leaves!

A Soft Landing!

These orange and black flying insects group together to move south for the winter.

By the thousands they land in trees, clinging to branches to rest!

Orange Clouds Moving South?!

Falling all Around!

Grab your colored pencils and fill this in to see what is falling: B = Brown, Y = Yellow, T = Tan, R = Red, O = Orange

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Pets Saved from Eagle Acres Fire

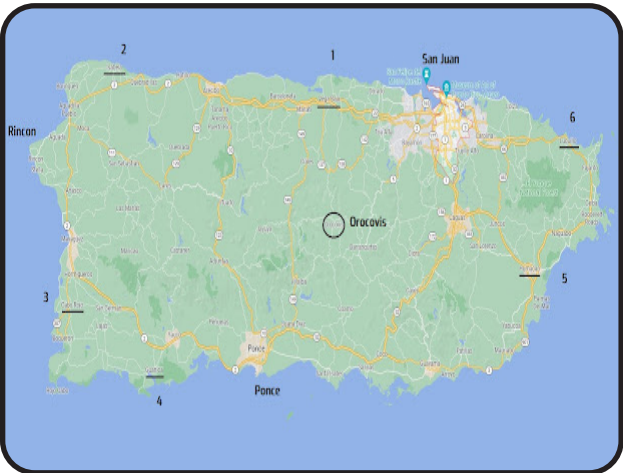


Kingman EMS has been on standby at the apartment fire on Thompson St this morning and afternoon. Firefighters were able to find this little guy and Paramedic Lord and EMT Shelton were able to administer some oxygen thanks to our pet masks generously donated years ago by Sheriff Randy Hill and his wife Susan. The cat was taken to Dr. Swaney for further care. EMS did transport one patient from the scene with a medical issue.

courtesy of Kingman County Sheriff's FB page

“In his grief over the loss of a dog, a little boy stands for the first time on tiptoe, peering into the rueful morrow of manhood. After this most inconsolable of sorrows there is nothing life can do to him that he will not be able somehow to bear.”

— James Thurber



Puerto Rico

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...(1) Vega Baja (north) and (2) Isabela (northwest), (3) Cabo Rojo (southwest), (4) Guanica (south), (5) Humacao (east). On our way, we visited Ponce again, as well as our sister church in Orocovis. And we gave (6) Luquillo (northeast) another stay. This is where we came to the conclusion on our 30th Anniversary (our 2015 trip) that yes, in-

deed, we could live in a condo on the beach! After 5 or 6 different AirBnB experiences, though, we found ourselves leaning more and more to the first place we stayed – the Chalets de la Playa near Vega Baja. There’s a nature preserve and large lagoon and park nearby, as well as the beautiful beach, Playa Puerto Nuevo, which boasts a nice stretch of sand and offers safe swimming. Between the Chalets and the playa is a small but welcoming beach-front community with

a couple of bakeries, kioskos, stores, and restaurants. Plus, we’ll only be a few minutes from a Walgreens and grocery store in the actual town of Vega Baja. And San Juan and the airport is only an hour away!

So that’s that. The scouting trip was a success! We think we know where we’re going to end up later this summer. Haven’t bought a condo yet. We’re still at the beginning of our transition – in the downsizing part of our adventure right now.

In Part 3 (whenever I get to it), I’ll share all the little steps we’ve taken and are taking to make the dream a reality. And it’s not all beaches and sunshine, let me tell you! But we can see the beach already in our mind. And feel the sunshine. It’s only a matter of time.

Thanks for joining us on our journey. Tell us about your transitions. Are you heading somewhere wonderful? Drop us a line or comment below. We love stories of change and adventure. Until next time!



The author and his wife in Old San Juan



The lighthouse at Cabo Rojo

Kingman County Humane Society Pets Ready for Adoption

Doc

Sponsored by Baker Accounting

Male Domestic Shorthair

Weight: 3 pounds

Age: 3 months

Adoption Fee: \$75.00

Intake Date: June 28, 2022

KCHS Donation Wish List

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

13-gal. kitchen trash bags

dry cat and kitten food

clumping cat litter

canned dog food

Purina Puppy Chow

long-lasting chews

stainless steel flat-sided water buckets

paper towels

bleach

liquid laundry detergent

poop bag rolls

disposable gloves (large)

The items can be brought to KCHS at 811 East C Avenue in Kingman

Monetary donations can be sent to KCHS

P.O. Box 103

Kingman KS 67068

Sonny

Sponsored by The Cunningham Courier

Male Husky, Siberian

Weight: 46 pounds

Age: 2 years, 8 months

Adoption Fee: \$180.00

Intake Date: August 27, 2022

Good with other dogs

People friendly

Shy boy but super nice!

Just needs a loving home where he can develop some confidence.

Cher

Sponsored by The Cunningham Courier

Female Husky, Siberian

Weight: 47 pounds

Age: 2 years, 8 months

Adoption Fee: \$180.00

Intake Date: August 13, 2022

People friendly

Single Dog Home

All terrain ready! Outgoing and friendly. This gorgeous girl is one of a pair of huskies looking for new homes. Friendly, loyal, vocal, smart, stubborn.... Husky lovers, you know what I mean!

Please consider volunteering or adopting or fostering or donating! or all four!

KINGMAN COUNTY HUMANE SOCIETY

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday, from 8:00 - 5:30 (except during lunch 12-1) on Wed., from 8:00 - 12:00 Call for Saturday hours. 1015 East U.S. 54, Kingman, KS

Orange Clouds Moving South?!

These orange and black flying insects group together to move south for the winter. By the thousands they land in trees, clinging to branches to rest!

Monarch butterflies

Going Up...

Falling all Around!

Falling Down...

Scarecrows go up in farmers' fields when crows come down to eat their corn. Caw!

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Minutes from Kingman County Commission on September 12, 2022

Chairman Foley called the Board of County Commissioners meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. on September 12, 2022, in the County Commissioners room at the Kingman County Courthouse. Present: Fred Foley, Chairman; Jerry Henning, Commissioner; Jack Thimesch, Commissioner; Carol Noblit, County Clerk; Brandon Ritcha, County Counselor

Visitors: Bob Morris, Kingman Leader-Courier; Leslie Schrag, Economic Development Director; Frank McClellan and Kevin Halderson.

Online Visitors: Caller 01; Joyce

Staff: Macay Ewy, Emergency Manager; Amber Hartley, Appraiser; LaDawn Stegman, Financial Officer; Stan Goetz, HR/Planning/Zoning/Wastewater Director; Steve Bachenburg, 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 Henning moved to approve the agenda with no additions. Commissioner Thimesch seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County

Commissioners.

Chairman Foley asked if there was any public comment.

No public comment was made.

Macay Ewy, Emergency Manager was in with updates on what he has accomplished.

Mr. Ewy discussed replacing his current pick-up with a smaller vehicle because he felt that a ¾ ton pickup is not needed.

Mr. Ewy let the Commissioners know that he has Emergency Manager training Tuesday through Friday in Mulvane.

Carol Noblit, County Clerk was in to discuss that the air conditioner in her office is throwing black stuff from it even after cleaning the filter and asked if she should get quotes for a new a/c or have it repaired.

Commissioners would like Ms. Noblit to look at getting it repaired.

Ms. Noblit discussed with the Commissioners about appointing two people of opposite parties to view the shredding of the 2020 General Election ballots.

MOTION: Commissioner Henning moved to appoint Carolyn McClafflin (Republican) Tiffany Aumiller (Democrat) to shred the 2020 General Election ballots. Commissioner Thimesch seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Ms. Noblit submitted the August 29th, 2022, Commission meeting minutes for approval.

MOTION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to approve the commission minutes for

the August 29th, 2022 meeting. Commissioner Henning seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Amber Hartley, Appraiser was in to request purchasing a new computer for her office and she submitted a quote from Integris for a new Dell OptiPlex 5000 Desktop Computer for \$1,365.26.

MOTION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to approve the purchase of a new desktop computer for the Appraiser office from Integris in the amount of \$1365.26. Commissioner Henning seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Commissioners let Ms. Hartley know that they had received notice from the State commending the Appraiser’s work being in compliance.

Commissioners discussed the tax sale and how they will handle the sale of the property since there is only two properties at this time.

Commissioner Henning discussed an article in a publication he received on fence viewing and that it would help with Commissioner viewings in the future.

Commissioners signed county vouchers in the amount of \$198,660.87.

Commissioners signed road & bridge vouchers in the amount of \$363,345.22.

Commissioners signed and approved abatements.

Commissioners approved the summary of

transfers & corrections for August 31, 2022 in the amount of \$484,776.18.

Leslie Schrag, Economic Development Director was in to discuss the façade program application from the City of Norwich for the Dotzour Center and to get approval.

MOTION: Commissioner Henning moved to approve the application for Façade program for the City of Norwich, Dotzour Center. Commissioner Thimesch seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Ms. Schrag presented a letter of support for the Champion program to have the Commissioners sign.

LaDawn Stegman, Financial Officer was in and went over the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) and the planned use of funds.

Ms. Stegman reviewed monthly budget reports with the County Commissioners and all departments are trending well.

Charles Arensdorf, Public Works Director and Steve Bachenberg, County Engineer was in to discuss the widening of 1 mile of shoulders on Mile 14 FAS 359 North of Cunningham on NW 170 Avenue.

Frank McClellan was in to discuss that when you meet a vehicle on the NW 170 Avenue there is not enough room.

Kevin Halderson, Township officer was in to discuss the issue with the width of the road and that shoulders are needed.

Commissioners agreed that the shoulders need

to have something done and would like to have Mr. Arensdorf and Mr. Bachenberg look into it.

Mr. Bachenberg discussed that he talked with Mr. Lavarentz with the County Commissioners.

Mr. Bachenberg let the Commissioners know that he has worked on the cost share program and the application can be filled out online.

Brandon Ritcha, County Counselor let Mr. Bachenberg know that he has put a support letter together for the cost share program and Commissioners have helped get the signatures from business owners.

Stan Goetz, HR/Planning/Zoning/Wastewater Director let the Commissioners know that he plans on going out to Murdock.

Mr. Goetz discussed the boiler and presented a proposal from Specialty Mechanical Inc. to take care of the maintenance of the boiler in the amount of \$2548.00.

MOTION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to approve the proposal from Specialty Mechanical Inc. of \$2548.00. Commissioner Henning seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County

Commissioners.

Mr. Goetz requested an executive session.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to go into executive session with Stan Goetz, HR and Brandon Ritcha, County Counselor at 12:00 p.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 12:12 p.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 12:12 a.m. with a new hire form and a promotion form approved and signed.

MOTION: Commissioner Henning moved to approve Resolution 2022-R12, A RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE APPROPRIATE GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS OF KINGMAN COUNTY, KANSAS TO ESTABLISH A SELF-INSURANCE RESERVE FUND. Commissioner Thimesch seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Commissioners discussed the EMS Contract with Mr. Ritcha.

MOTION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to adjourn the regular board meeting at 12:30 p.m. Commissioner Henning seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.



Keeping Watch

Kim Baldwin, McPherson County farmer and rancher

Last spring my father-in-law purchased a handful of ewes to graze a pasture near his house. The pasture had not been grazed in a few years, and he liked the idea of having some animals on his farm after getting out of the cattle business about six years ago. He decided to purchase the ewes and make it a project with the grandkids.

After the trailer of sheep arrived, each

grandchild was allowed to pick out two ewes to claim as their own. Even before the sheep arrived, the kids helped their grandpa build the fencing and prepared the area for the animals.

Since their arrival, the kids have attempted to help tame these ewes that were born and spent the early part of their lives in the Flint Hills. The grandkids have helped feed and vaccinate the ewes. Some days I’ve found one of the kids sitting on the fence talking to the ewes as they anxiously eat their grain before returning to the pasture.

At the end of March,

the kids watched as we turned out a ram with the flock. Soon blue chalk markings began appearing on the ewes.

Fast forward to September where we are now on alert for lambs to begin arriving any day now. While the kids are simply excited to have some little lambs running around, my father-in-law is more focused on maintaining the health of the soon-to-arrive lambs and their mothers. I’m most concerned about how many lambs we could possibly bottle feed at once and being prepared with the supplies needed to ensure we can successfully feed multiple

babies.

It reminds me a lot of when I was pregnant with my two children and the different areas of concern people within my family focused on.

While I know my concern is one that can easily be addressed with a quick trip to town, I still want to be ready for the scenario in which we have bottle babies.

A handful of years ago my son was given a newborn calf whose mother had unexpectedly died on the coldest day of the year. My husband brought the tiny heifer home just a few hours after being born, and we quickly made

adjustments to housing and bottle feeding the calf. In that scenario we weren’t even expecting a calf, but we were able to pivot quickly and begin caring for it.

That calf is now Sunflower the cow, and she, too, is due to have her calf any day now. Although she is an experienced mama cow, my son and I are still on alert as we await her newest arrival.

The anticipation of baby animals on the farm this fall is exciting, and to have my two children observe life through their animals is something I am so thankful to expose them to. As we patiently

await and prepare for these new little additions on the farm, we have begun to embrace and understand the importance of the task of keeping watch.

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Kingman County Sheriff's Report

Sunday, September 11th		
Traffic Stop	1	
Traffic Complaint	9000 NE 10 St, Murdock	
Check Welfare	1534 SW 30 St, Kingman	
Monday, September 12th		
Traffic Stop	1	
Traffic Complaint	NW 170 Ave & NW 40 Street, Cunningham	
Traffic / Disabled Vehicle	12000 E Hwy 54, Cheney	
Animal Complaint	SW 50 Ave & SW 30 St, Kingman	
Tuesday, September 13th		
Traffic Stop	1	
Traffic Complaint	SE 110 & SE 70 Ave, Rago	
Traffic Complaint	16000 E Hwy 54, Cheney	
Traffic/Abandoned Vehicle	SW 70 St & S Berry Ave, Spivey	
911 Accidental Dial	3464 NE 110 Ave, Murdock	
911 Accidental Dial	752 NE 120 Ave, Murdock	
Wednesday, September 14th		
Traffic Stop	1	
Traffic Complaint	15000 W Hwy 54, Cunningham	
Traffic / Check Tag	11500 S Hwy 14, Rago	
Suspicious Person	10225 SE Third St, Murdock	
911 Accidental Dial	752 NE 120 Ave, Murdock	

Thursday, September 15th		
Traffic Stop	1	
Traffic Complaint	NE 100 Ave & E Hwy 54, Kingman	
Traffic Complaint	16000 E Hwy 54, Cheney	
Traffic Complaint	4911 NE 150 Ave, Cheney	
Traffic Complaint	600 N Main, Spivey	
Traffic Complaint	4911 NE 150 Ave, Cheney	
Traffic / Check Tag	SE10 St & SE 90 Ave, Murdock	
Harassment	445 E Leiter, Cunningham	
Fire Investigation	NE 40 St & NE 150 Ave, Cheney	
Friday, September 16th		
Traffic Complaint	5000 E Hwy 42, Rago	
Traffic Complaint	SE 20 St & SE 140 Ave, Cheney	
Traffic Complaint	SE 20 St & SE 100 Ave, Murdock	
Saturday, September 17th		
Traffic Stop	1	
Animal Complaint	SW 90 Ave, Zenda	
Agency Assist / Fire	501 N Thompson St, Kingmn	
Fire Investigation	SE 20 St & SE 130 Ave, Murdock	
Fire Investigation	E Hwy 42 & SE 100 Ave, Rago	
911 Accidental Dial	507 N Four Wheel Dr, Kingman	

Minutes from the Pratt County Commission Meeting on September 12, 2022

The Pratt County commissioners met in regular session Monday, September 12, 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.

Heather Morgan, economic development/ COVID consultant, reported she had attended the western Kansas alliance meeting. They discussed the economy in western Kansas. Secretary Lorenz talked about the 54 by-passes, there is a group pushing for the four lanes across the state. High priority for citizens west of Pratt to Liberal. Economic development impact is ag related and affects

ag business growth. Legislative forum, discussed taxation, what to cut, property tax, sales tax and income tax. Also, gas tax was discussed. With electric vehicles in the future the taxation on those will need to reviewed. KDOT is considering how to replace the gas tax that will be affected. There will be a need for electric charging stations. She presented information on the funding for bridges and transportation. \$225 million total available in the bridge formula program over 5 years. \$8 million annually for electric vehicle charging stations. Some questions to answer, how long to charge and how far they can travel.

Escalating inflation is affecting asphalt paving. Cyber security grants, money will come from Washington, possibly to state maybe to counties, she suggested Mark review what might be needed to provide security. There is \$50 million for businesses that received no other assistance during COVID. They can contact Heather for more information.

Talked to city of Preston, she is looking for grants to help with removal of the old school building.

DJ McMurry, appraiser, presented an employee’s six-month raise. Commissioner Shriver made a motion to approve a six month raise for Ryan Frazier in the amount of \$1.00. Commissioner Jones seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Jon Roach, noxious weed, reported his truck was repaired and is working fine. They have been spraying. Casey and himself will be gone Tuesday through Thursday for a conference.

Commissioner Jones made a motion to approve the minutes from September 6, 2022. Commissioner Shriver seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioners signed the official canvass from the Aaugust 2, 2022 primary.

Commissioner Shriver made a motion to approve payment to Harman Huffman Construction in the amount of \$20,000 for the final retainage payment. Commissioner

Jones seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Shriver made a motion to approve payments to Kirkham Michael for the NE Road project, in the amount of \$297.50 and \$4525.00. Commissioner Jones seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Tyson suggested reviewing the employee handbook now that the budget is finalized. It will be discussed at a future meeting.

Darcie van der Vyver, health, no COVID boosters are being given since August 31, 2022. She has ordered the new boosters, she doesn’t know how many she will receive, she should have them this week. She reported she is repairing her lawn from the concrete work.

Commissioner Shriver made a motion to recess into executive session at 2:26 p.m. for five minutes to discuss non-elected personnel to discuss an evaluation. Commissioner Jones seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. Commissioner Jones made a motion to return from executive session at 2:29 p.m. with no action

taken. Commissioner Shriver seconded the motion. Motion carried. Commissioner Shriver made a motion to approve Kinzie Milburn’s six month raise of \$1.00. Commissioner Jones seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

An anonymous viewer asked when the internet will be finished at the new building.

Mark stated installing was the last thing to be done, supply chain issues have held up some of the work being done.

Commissioner Shriver stated the city is concerned with the water meter at the new building, it runs backwards which will ruin the meter. It will be covered by the contractor. Both water lines were crushed and have been repaired, waiting on the cement to be repaired.

Commissioner Jones made a motion to approve the payment vouchers for September 12, 2022. Commissioner Shriver seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Tara Pagenkopf, RSVP, presented checks for signatures. She reported October 1, 202,2

the new bus hours will be Monday through Friday 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., with preferred 24-hour notice. No hours on Saturday and Sunday. The buses will run for Octoberfest as a safe ride, 8:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.

Commissioner Shriver made a motion to recess into executive session at 2:48 pm for ten minutes to discuss non-elected personnel concerning a legal matter. Commissioner Jones seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. Commissioner Jones made a motion to return from executive session at 2:52 p.m. with no action taken. Commissioner Shriver seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Jimmy White, sheriff, reported the city court has stopped or bonding for municipal court, so they are being sent to jail. He reported with the cost of food and supplies it will affect his budget. He is looking into raising his rates per day.

Chairman Adams made a motion to adjourn at 3:01 p.m. Commissioner Jones seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

K-State’s Gerken Explains the Consequences of Drought on Ponds, Streams and Rivers

By Maddy Rohr, K-State Research and Extension news service

MANHATTAN, Kan. — No one needs to tell Kansas’ farmers that the state is suffering from drought. The agricultural industry is well aware of the negative impacts, from failing crops and erosion runoff to decreased livestock grazing and hay inventory concerns.

“Right now, 90% of the state is in a drought status and just below 60% of the state is in severe, extreme, or exceptional drought status,” said K-State Research

and Extension fisheries and aquatics specialist Joe Gerken. “To put that into perspective, at this time last year less than 1% of the state was in those statuses, so it’s a very dry year.”

“Some of the areas in northeastern Kansas are experiencing normal rainfall, but a lot of the state is experiencing drought this year.”

Soil degradation is a major concern, Gerken added, because when soil dries out it is unable to pick up as much moisture as before, which may lead to wind erosion and runoff. When there is rainfall, sedimentation, nutrient runoff and eutrophication may increase in waterways, potentially resulting in oxygen depletion from plant and algae growth.

Blue-green algae and wildlife populations

Gerken said blue-

green algae blooms worsen in areas with a moderate drought because of the concentrated nutrients in low water levels and warmer water conditions.

“Blue-green algae can be a concern for pets, livestock and humans,” he said. “If you see something that looks like paint on the top of your pond or stream, you definitely want to give the department a call so we can check that out.”

While blue-green algae are present all the time, the blooms are what cause sickness. Fish have adapted to live with the presence of blue-green algae and usually remain unaffected.

“You wouldn’t want to eat the liver of a fish. If you’re handling the outside of a fish while fishing make sure you wash your hands,” Gerken said. “But the fish generally

don’t get hurt from blue-green algae, so they’re safe to eat otherwise.”

But Gerken said drought does negatively impact fish populations. A decrease in water surface area means less oxygen and more fish kills.

“After drought, you get fragmentation events where the streams aren’t connected anymore and the populations tend to homogenize,” Gerken said. “We lose some important species that maybe aren’t as high in density. Focusing on how to get the streams back connected and having water flow in them once we get out of the drought conditions is important.”

The severe impacts of drought in western Kansas pose a threat to pheasant and quail populations, as well. Nesting habitats are decreased when native grasses thin and food may become

scarce with reduced broadleaf vegetation and forb growth.

Gerken said hunting usually is still allowed during periods of drought because it is hard for hunters to have a meaningful impact on bird populations compared to drought-induced habitat changes.

“We just want to make sure we’re making some improvements in their habitats on good years so we can increase their populations moving forward,” Gerken said.

Recovery

Depending on the severity and length of drought, recovery can take months or even years. Having a plan to reduce the effects is needed in preparation for drought conditions.

“Maybe it means we’re going to reduce grazing a little bit in good years so that the plants

aren’t as heavily forged and can have a chance to sustain themselves and handle the drought a little better,” Gerken said. “Maybe it means we’re going to reinvest in some irrigation so that we have more water efficient irrigation systems.”

Gerken added that drought is a natural part of the ecosystems and having a management plan for different agricultural practices is needed to prevent extreme impacts.

For more resources, Gerken recommends reaching out to local extension agents, contacting the Natural Resources Conservation Service, or looking into resources available from the United States Department of Agriculture..

Governor's Administration Signs Significant Wheat Deal with Taiwan

TOPEKA – During a state visit from a Taiwanese delegation, officials from the east Asian country agreed to purchase 66 million bushels of wheat from U.S. farmers over the next two years. The grain deal, which is worth approximately \$576 million, will be fulfilled significantly by Kansas wheat farms.

The Kansas Departments of Agriculture and Commerce jointly hosted a Taiwanese Wheat Procurement Signing Ceremony at the Kansas Capitol today as part of the current Taiwan Agricultural Trade Goodwill Mission. Representatives from the Taiwan Flour Mills Association (TFMA) and Taipei Economic &

Cultural Office (TECO) were included in the event.

“Through strong partners like Taiwan, Kansas is indeed feeding the world,” Governor Laura Kelly said. “Last year, Kansas’ agriculture exports surpassed \$5 billion for the first time in history. Our farmers, ranchers and producers are contributing mightily to the state economy – and solidifying our status as a global powerhouse in agriculture.”

Since 1998, Taiwan has dispatched a total of 13 agricultural trade missions to the U.S. in an effort to strengthen trade relations. This year’s mission included a to visit Washington, D.C. and select agricultural states, including Kansas, to demonstrate Taiwan’s intention to continue purchasing quality wheat from the United States.

“We are sincerely grateful for our continued partnership with

the Taiwanese people and their commitment to purchase wheat from Kansas,” Lieutenant Governor and Secretary of Commerce David Toland said. “Taiwan continues to be a significant partner in many of our export markets, including wheat, soybeans, aircraft and aerospace components, to name a few. We value our relationship and will continue to pursue even more mutually beneficial opportunities moving forward.”

The TFMA and the Kansas Wheat Commission signed a joint letter of intent this morning related to Taiwan’s purchase of 66 million bushels of wheat in 2023 and 2024. While a significant portion of this commitment will be from Kansas farmers, the terms, quantities, prices and conditions for the purchase and sale of wheat will be negotiated privately between the

individual importers and suppliers.

In 2021, Taiwan was the fifth largest export market for Kansas agricultural commodities – with the procurement of more than \$224 million of Kansas agricultural goods including beef, oilseeds, cereal grains and wheat flour.

“Kansas values its economic and agricultural trade relations with Taiwan. This goodwill mission showcases the close relationship that has developed between Kansas and Taiwan over decades of agricultural trade,” Secretary of Agriculture Mike Beam said. “We give heartfelt thanks to the representatives from TECO and the Taiwan Agricultural Trade Goodwill Mission for spending time in Kansas. These agricultural purchase commitments will directly benefit Kansas farmers, agribusinesses, and rural communities across our

state.”

Taiwan Agricultural Trade Goodwill Missions take place every two years and demonstrate Taiwanese consum-

ers’ preference for top-quality U.S. agricultural products.

Public Notice

First published in the Cunningham Courier, Thursday, September 15, 2022.

IN THE THIRTIETH JUDICIAL DISTRICT

DISTRICT COURT OF KINGMAN COUNTY, KANSAS

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF:
JILL MILLER, Deceased.
Case No. 2022 PR 54

(Petition Pursuant to K.S.A. Chapter 59)

NOTICE OF HEARING

THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:

You are hereby notified that a Petition has been filed in this Court by Valerie A. Nichols, an heir of Jill Miller, deceased, praying:

Descent be determined of the following described real estate situated in Kingman County, Kansas:

The Northwest Quarter (NW/4) of Section Twenty-nine (29), Township Thirty

(30), Range Nine (9) West of the 6th P.M., Kingman County, Kansas

and all personal property and other Kansas real estate owned by decedent at the time of death. And that such property and all personal property and other Kansas real estate owned by the decedent at the time of death be assigned pursuant to the laws of intestate succession.

You are required to file your written defenses thereto on or before October 4, 2022 at 10:00 o'clock a.m. in the city of Kingman, in 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.

Valerie A. Nichols

Petitioner

BY: Matthew W. Ricke

349 N. Main, PO Box 113

Kingman, KS 67068

(620) 532-3103

Attorney for Petitioner

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Gene Freund

Eugene Raymond “Gene” Freund, 87, passed away Sept. 15, 2022, at Hilltop Manor, Cunningham, Kansas.

He was born Jan. 29, 1935, at Nashville, Kansas, the son of Ferdinand and Marie Georges Freund.

A lifetime resident of Kingman County, he was a carpenter and farmer.

Gene was a member of St. Leo Catholic Church in St. Leo; and was a U.S. Marine Corp veteran, serving in the Korean War.

On Nov. 16, 1957, he married Clara Mae Spade at St. Leo. Other Survivors include sons Steven (Ronda) and Douglas (Jenn); daughters Annette (Keith) Befort, Patricia (Glynn) Hensley, and Kristen (Dan) Beat; brother Richard (Rosemary); sister Emma Jane (Marvin) Reif; 13 grandchildren; and 14 great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by daughter Cheryl Marie Freund; sister JoAnn Moore, Margaret Turner; brother Elmer; and son-in-law Keith Befort.

Mass of Christian Burial was Monday, at St. Leo Catholic Church. Burial was in the St. Leo Catholic Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to the Eugene Freund Memorial Fund in care of the funeral home.



Wayne Culp

Wayne Culp, 57, died Sept. 20, 2022 at his home in Zenda.

He was born Oct. 31, 1964, at Kenton, Ohio the son of John Gary and Barbara Crawford Culp.

A longtime resident of the Zenda community, he was a oil field worker and custom cutter.

Wayne was a former City council member and former Mayor of Zenda; and was on the Zenda Voluteer Fire Dept.

Survivors include his daughter Dani Rau and her husband Paul; his mother Barbara; sisters Karen Sturchio, Betty Cope and Amy Culp; and grandchildren Paul IV, Isaac and Carter.

Funeral services will be 2:00 p.m., Friday at the Livingston Funeral Home, Kingman. The family will receive friends from 12:00 p.m. until service time at the funeral home. Burial will be in the Pleasant Hill Cemetery outside Zenda.

Memorials may made with the Zenda Fire Dept. in care of Livingston Funeral Home.



Rita Adelhardt to Celebrate 100th Birthday



Over ninety relatives gathered at the St. Leo Catholic Hall on Sunday, September 4th to honor Rita Adelhardt of rural Cunningham with a surprise fried chicken and potluck dinner in honor of her upcoming 100th Birthday. Special guests were her first cousin Fannie Fischer Treece and daughter Donna of Wichita. Rita will turn 100 years on Thursday, September 29th. Birthday greetings may be sent to her at:

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Arlene Zerger

Arlene Mae Zerger passed from this life in the early morning hours on September 20, 2022.

Arlene was born July 5, 1936 to Jonas and Hulda (Kaufman) Schrag. She grew up on the family farm south of McPherson, Kansas. On June 30, 1962 she married Carrol D. Zerger at Eden Mennonite Church. They were married 59 years. This union resulted in three children, Charlene, Linn, and Darrin.

Arlene was a member of Kingman Mennonite Church along with her husband and in recent years also attended First Mennonite Church of Pretty Prairie. She is survived by her daughter Charlene Zerger Childs and grandchildren Chelsea Childs Sibley (William), Claire Childs, and Connor Childs. Her sons Linn Zerger and Darrin (Sheri) Zerger and grandchildren Elizabeth and Michael. Also surviving are her brother and his wife, Dennis (Pam) Schrag and sister-in-law’s Esther Schrag and Twilla Schrag.

Arlene was preceded in death by her husband Carrol on December 27, 2021. She was also preceded in death by her parents and brothers and their wives, LaVerne (Irma) Schrag, Gilbert (Vida) Schrag, Jacob Schrag, Delmar Schrag, and a sister and her husband Marilyn (Earl) Flickner.

The family will receive friends from 5:00 to 7:00 Friday at the Livingston Funeral Home in Kingman. Graveside services will be at 1:30 Saturday afternoon at Bethany Cemetery. Memorial service is at 3:00pm at First Mennonite Church of Pretty Prairie.

Memorials may be made to First Mennonite Church of Pretty Prairie or Kingman Healthcare Center / Hospital.



Free COVID-19 Tests Now Available for All Kansas Communities

TOPEKA – The Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE), in partnership with The Rockefeller Foundation’s public charity, RF Catalytic Capital, and Project Access to Covid Tests (Project ACT), is now offering free at-home COVID-19 tests to households in all Kansas communities. All Kansas households can now visit AccessCovidTests.org and enter their zip code to place an order for 5 at-home COVID-19 test kits. Amazon will deliver the test kits directly to your house.

Frequent testing is especially important for those with more exposure outside the home, such as kids in school or people who spend time in a group setting. By visiting AccessCovidTests.org, Kansans will be able enter their zip code to order free, rapid, at-home COVID-19 test kits.

Kansans who need more support in ordering may call 866-534-3463 (866-KDHEINF).

This opportunity is currently limited to one order per household. If you need additional testing, please visit KnowBeforeYouGoKS.com to find a free testing site in your community.

Nominations Now Being Accepted for Kansas Health Champion Awards

Exceptional efforts to promote health and fitness in Kansas to be recognized

TOPEKA – The Governor’s Council on Fitness is now accepting nominations for its annual Kansas Health Champion Awards. Awards are given to one outstanding individual and two outstanding organization, that make an exceptional effort to model, encourage and promote health and fitness in Kansas. Award recipients will be recognized at the Community Health Promotion Summit on January 26, 2023. The deadline for nominations is Sept. 30.

“The Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE) is proud to play a part in this important initiative that works to improve the health and wellness of Kansans,” said KDHE Secretary Janet Stanek, “Many people and organizations throughout the state are making healthy living a priority, and it’s important that we recognize their efforts and the impacts it has on individuals, families and communities.”

Nominees would be expected to have demonstrated: Work that goes beyond what is expected to model, encourage and promote a healthy lifestyle.

Work that overcomes health inequities that lead to sedentary lifestyles and/or undernourishment.

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“In addition to promoting effective models for increasing physical activity, nutrition and tobacco-free living for replication by organizations and communities around the state, the awards also allow us the opportunity to honor the outstanding work of one individual and one organization this year,” said Jody Hoener, Awards Committee Chair, Governor’s Council on Fitness. Eligible nominees might include an outstanding volunteer, a school, a local community, a newspaper or individual reporter, a local or State policy maker, or an employer, among others.

For more information and to submit a nomination, go to getactivekansas.org, and click on the nomination form link. If you have questions about the nomination process, contact Jody Hoener at jhoener@hbc.org

The Governor’s Council on Fitness advises the Governor and others on ways to enhance the health of all Kansans through promotion of physical activity, good dietary choices and prevention of tobacco use

Happy Birthday, Stevi McGinnis!!



A Note of Thanks

I want to send out a special thank you for the kindness and support in my time of need. The cards, food, and visits are much appreciated and show what an amazing community Cunningham is.

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