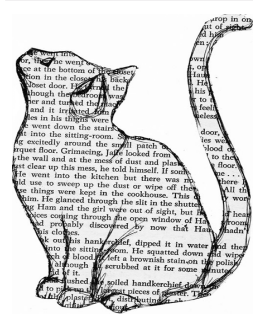




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Meanderings

After years of spam emails from Nigerian millionaires or Ugandan princes, and yes, even descendants of Scottish

Lords, asking for my help retrieving their fortunes that were stolen from them, (help, that is, via the use of my banking account) a whole new world has opened up. I have been receiving emails like this: “Hi Vendor: Your payment of 2,300.00 has been made and the bill payment stub is attached to this email. You should receive a check from our bank in the next 10 days. Thank you for your

business. we appreciate it very much. Thanks Jerico Metal Specialties, LLC 812-339-3182 www.jerico-metals.com” and this one: “Hello and good day! I am Ken Klee of Gz Charleston Inc. i am reaching out to express our interest in obtaining a quote from your esteemed firm for our upcoming project. After conducting research and reviewing your portfolio, I am impressed by

your team's expertise and reliability. We are considering your firm for this project and would appreciate it if you could provide us with a detailed quote outlining your services, timeline, and costs.” I am sure Ken Klee is a common enough name, and I have ruled out the hockey player/coach by this name. I doubt he needs a stadium built. The messages all say something a bit different,

but they all have a building/construction theme. There is always an attachment to click on. And, no. I do not click on said attachment. I have responded once to an email, and, of course, received nothing in reply. At least once a day I get one of these and most of the time I find them in my spam folder, but occasionally one lands in my inbox. I’ve often thought about accepting the ‘job’ to see if some-

one would actually hire me (and my team of reliable experts) to build a stadium or arena. Although it is somewhat amusing, it is mostly just incredibly annoying. Always reading, and currently reading, “Critical Mass” by Sara Paretsky, Roberta

Tallgrass and Tumbleweeds by Gaille Pike

Dear Readers, Football season is well under way and though I am a fan of certain teams both collegiate and professional I am not a fanatic. But football is woven so tightly into our national fabric it is virtually unavoidable between August and February. And from Friday Night Local Lights to Monday Night Football and everything in between there are so many other facets

of the game worth exploring. Final scores and conference standings are all well and good, and we track these things week to week with great devotion. But I’m talking about some of the lesser components of the game. The things we take for granted or that simply never cross one’s mind. Things like how did they come up with their team colors? What is the origin of their mascot? What is their fight song? And over the course of the season I am going to revisit many of these topics, starting right now. Today I am going to

address the one thing we’ve all seen and that also has a seminal connection to the State of Kansas. And that is the Gatorade Dump. Or more kindly put—the Gatorade Shower. I bet there are things you did not know about it. I know I didn’t. To start with it has been around for over forty years. And it was never intended as a form of celebration but as a form of revenge. It goes back to Bill Parcells and the New York Giants. In 1984 after the G-Men defeated the two time defending NFC Champion Washington Redskins

37-13. It was a pretty big win. And nose tackle Jim Burt picked up the cooler, dumped it over Parcells and not only made history but began a tradition. That’s a lot of accomplishment considering all he was trying to do was get even with Parcells for a particularly brutal week of practice in which Burt received some “special attention.” That singular act of pique is now as much a part of football as screaming at the referees. And none of this would be possible if not for the H.P. Gott Manufacturing Company

of Winfield, KS. In 1916 Gott began making metal water coolers for industry and leisure. They added a plastics division in the 1960s and there, among many other products, the familiar orange and white ten gallon water cooler was added to the product line. In the 1980s Gott was acquired by Rubbermaid, who soon began personalizing that iconic cooler for sports teams all over the world. The rest, as they say, is history. Frankly, it is unclear as to whether the cooler Burt dumped on Parcells was filled with ice water

or Gatorade but I don’t think that really matters. What is clear as instant replay in photos of the event is that yes, it was a Gott designed, Rubbermaid manufactured cooler. Thank you, H.P. Gott! And well done, Winfield! Your contribution to popular culture is to be lauded. And while I’m at it I will mention one more contribution Winfield has made to the National Zeitgeist. Crayola Crayons. But that’s a tale for another day. Until next week-keep your eyes on the stars and your back to the wind.

Better Times Ahead

Greg Doering, KFB It’s hard to imagine waking up and going to work on payday only to find you have less money than you started with at the beginning of the pay period. That’s the reality many farmers are facing as fall harvest enters full swing in Kansas. Almost every acre of corn and soybeans across the state is expected to cost more to plant, grow and harvest than farmers will receive when they sell their crops. Revenue from wheat, soybeans and corn is forecasted to decline by 12, nine and six percent,

respectively, in 2025. It will be the third year in a row with declining receipts for those commodities while expenses have remained the same or risen. Buying at retail, selling at wholesale and paying the freight both ways has always made farming a tough business, but this year is a good example of why farmers do what they do for reasons other than money. Good weather and good yields don’t make up for low prices, and most producers will end up selling their crops at a loss if conditions don’t change in a hurry. Grain is a global commodity, and buyers have more options today than

they did 10 or 20 years ago thanks to competition in South America. That’s made it far easier for China to use U.S. farmers as leverage in trade negotiations. China hasn’t purchased a single order of soybeans from the U.S. to date this year, despite representing more than half of U.S. soy exports in 2024. Domestically, the picture isn’t much better. Livestock and grain markets rarely move in the same direction. High grain prices make each additional pound of beef more expensive in the feedlot, and the inverse is true. The drought-induced slimming of the cattle herd means there’s

fewer mouths to feed, putting additional downward pressure on grain prices while beef is near record levels. The slowdown in the crop economy will show up beyond the fields. There will be fewer cups of coffee at the local café. Fewer remodeling supplies sold at the hardware store. Fewer loan originations at the bank. Fewer pickups bought at the local dealership. School bond issues to invest in the next generation will face uphill battles at the ballot box this year in farm country. This downturn is discouraging but not quite dire. Farmers will use a variety of tools to make

it through. Grain will go into storage in hopes prices are better tomorrow. Balance sheets were healthy entering this current slump and land values are holding on, for now. That equity will be used to buy time. Hopefully there’s good news on the trade front soon that will lift prices. It’s also likely the estimates of strong yields aren’t fully realized once harvest is further along, reducing the spread between an abundant supply and scarce demand. There’s always hope the markets will turn before harvest ends. Or they’ll rally over the winter to more than cover the cost of storing grain. Or next year will be better.

It’s an eternal mindset that gets tested over and over again. Most have made it through rough spots like these before and come out strong because of it. Looking back, it won’t seem as bad as it feels right now. There’s no shame in admitting to being scared or stressed. And help is available if you’re struggling. Visit www.kfb.org/ruralmindsmatter for a list of resources or call 988 if you’re experiencing a crisis. Believe better times are ahead. And above all, take care of yourself and those around you. Copyright © 2025 Kansas Farm Bureau, All rights reserved.

Poetry From Daily Life

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

Poetry from Daily Life: Prepare to be surprised By Heidi Mordhorst My guest this week on “Poetry from Daily Life” is Heidi Mordhorst from Silver Spring, Maryland — a short bike ride from Washington, D.C. Heidi was a poet from early childhood (and now publishes an online journal of poetry by kids); both then and now her poems often address the climate crisis. A unique fact about Heidi is that she used to sit and write on a green sofa once owned by Ezra Jack Keats, whose birthday she shares. ~ David L. Harrison “No surprise for the writer, no surprise for the reader.” When Robert Frost wrote these words in 1939, they were part of a sophisticated essay on “The Figure a Poem Makes,” and I’m guessing he hadn’t spent much time with child poets. I often share this quote when I lead workshops for novice adult writers. There’s always someone who wants to first decide what their poem should say, and then write it out in orderly fashion. They haven’t learned yet that the act of writing a poem is, as Frost

says, an opportunity to “remember something I didn’t know I knew ... as if I had materialized from cloud or risen out of the ground.” Children, on the other hand, don’t need reminders to allow for surprise. When young writers of 4-9 years old put pencil to paper (or voice to air, speaking their poems for someone else to scribe) they rarely have an orderly plan in mind, only the most general intention: “I’m writing a recess poem!” If they are stuck I ask, “What do you love? Oh, your baby sister? Chicken nuggets? The dark? Just write that down to start.” Usually that’s enough — they compose word by surprise word, line by surprise line. Frost describes this so: “It begins in delight, it inclines to the impulse, it assumes direction with the first line laid down, it runs a course of lucky events, and ends in a clarification of life ...” This initial openness to the surprise of a poem is precious. Often a kid’s first poem of the workshop is energetic, wild, impossible, shining — and many kids keep this shine as long as I know them. But for a few, the second poem suffers from a layer of dullness. Receiving positive reactions to the first poem, a fast learner thinks, “Now I know how to do this!” They try to repeat the initial success, avoid the risk of letting a new thing rip, of letting the next poem ride “like a piece of ice on a hot stove ... on its own melting.” Even we experienced poets have to remind ourselves that while we know a lot about crafting poems, our freshest, truest ones come when we relinquish control and welcome surprise, closing our eyes and typing without looking. To write poetry from daily life, take a lesson from Frost and these young writers: Grab hold of some delight and let impulse lead you to surprise — surprise for the writer, surprise for the reader.

new baby sister by Camron D. i have a new baby sister so i'm so happy so i'm asking my mom if i can feed her but i don't know her name but i still love her so i'm feeding her baby food because i love her so much she's so cute so i hug her before i go to sleep

Ode to chicken nuggs by Daniel Oh chicken nuggies I love the way you slay all day order the best in the west So chicken nuggies it's time to thrive and dive so you swim in a box of tomato smashing and dashing. Finishing the job with looking at the sunset and no one is snappy but very happy. After night the nugget of morning shines bright. Dark Wish by Caroline B. I have a dark wish it's not what you think I love the dark I love creepy I love peace the dark is all those things and more I am darkness to the core I don't seem dark but I have personalities galore one two three four I also love nature and trees That's my dark wish Do you believe?

Heidi Mordhorst is the author of two poetry collections for young readers and regularly contributes to journals and anthologies for all audiences. She taught in classrooms for 37 years, has been a Poetry Judge for the Cybils Awards, and has served on the NCTE Excellence in Poetry Award Committee. Heidi is now a Teaching Poet with the Maryland State Arts Council and carries out her mission of Poetry and Justice for All through her 501(c)3 organization WHISPERshout Writing Workshop.

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Community Bulletin Board

Thursday, October 2 3:30 p.m. HS/JH Corss Country at Pratt *** JH VB at Norwich with Burrton *** 6:00 p.m. JH FB at Inman *** 2:40 Iron Man Volleyball	Tuesday, October 7 HS VB at Central Christian with Fairfield *** Lions Club Meeting
Friday, October 3 HS FB vs Otis Bison at HOME *** HOMECOMING *** 2:00 PowderPuff Football *** 2:45 Pep Rally	Wednesday, October 8 7 - 12 Health Screenings *** 4th Grade Field Trip to Great Salt Plains
Saturday, October 4 12:00 p.m - 5:30 p.m. Fall Festival *** HS VB Tournament at Burrton	Thursday, October 9 Fire Safety Presentation at School *** JH VB at Argonia with Attica *** HS Cross Country at Bethel College/Goessel *** JH FB at Argonia
Monday October 6 K-6 Health Screenings *** 6:00 p.m. HS JV Football vs Norwich at HOME	Friday, October 10 1st School Quarter Ends *** 1:30 School dismissal *** HS FB at Chase
	Saturday, October 11 HS VB at Fairfield HOPL Tournament *** JH Dance

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Mon., Wed., Fri.
2:00 - 6:00 p.m.
Tues., Thurs., Sat.
9:00 - 11:30 a.m.
Closed for Holidays
298-3163



Zenda
Public Library

Monday
8:30 a.m.- 12:30 p.m.
Thursday:
4:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
Saturday:
8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
620-243-5791



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Thurs. : 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.
Fri. : 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
Sat. : 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
620-532-3061



Pratt Public Library

Mon. - Thurs.
10:00 - 7:00
Friday: 10:00 - 6:00
Saturday: 10:00 - 2:00
Closed on Sundays
(620) 672-3041

Please come to

St. John's
FALL DINNER

October 12, 2025
4-7 pm

All you can eat
Chili and Chicken Noodles
Cinnamon Rolls & Desserts
Adults \$10 Kids 5-10 \$5
Kids under 4 eat Free

Parish Hall
Zenda, KS



2nd Annual
Adult Spelling Bee

Do you have some fantastic spelling skills to show off?
Come sign up at the library or call in to participate in
our Adult Spelling Bee. Free entry!

Registration is now open and will close on
October 15th, 2025.

Prizes awarded to the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place participants.

Sponsored by Kingman Carnegie Friends of the Library.

When: 10/18/25 @ 1 PM
Where: Kingman Methodist Church
Why: Popular Demand

Kingman Historic Theatre

October 3 - 5

Taylor Swift: The
Official Release
Party of Showgirl

Friday and Saturday 7:30
Sunday at 5:30
All Seats \$12.00 - No passes.
(Production Company set pricing and rules)
The box office will open one hour prior
to each showtime for ticket purchases. No
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The production company set the prices,
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Thank YOU for supporting YOUR
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Cunningham KS 67035

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(Beginning Sept. 29, we will open at 6:30 a.m.)



SCTelcom
Announces
the Launch of
SmartTown for
Education

A Community-
Wide Wi-Fi Solution
Medicine Lodge,
Kansas: SCTelcom to-
day announced the
launch of SmartTown
for Education, a commu-
nity-wide Wi-Fi solution
designed to transform
the educational experi-
ence by providing secure,
seamless internet access
for students and educa-
tors—both inside and
outside the classroom.
SmartTown enables
broadband service pro-
viders to extend Wi-Fi
coverage throughout en-
tire communities. This
ensures students and edu-
cators have reliable inter-
net access wherever they
are, helping bridge the
digital divide and sup-

port equitable learning
opportunities.
“As we continue to
invest in our neighbors
and the communities we
serve, we are thrilled to
work with the schools to
extend the reach of
our safe, secure, and re-
liable networks,” says
Carla Shearer, CEO at
SCTelcom.
The platform uses
the Wi-Fi Alliance
Passpoint® standard,
which allows devices to
automatically and secure-
ly connect to Wi-Fi net-
works without needing
to manually select SSIDs
or enter credentials. This
is especially useful for
school-issued devices
like Chromebooks. In
addition, SmartTown for
education also provides
advanced network secu-
rity, content filtering and
safe browsing environ-
ments tailored for educa-
tional use.
“We are incredibly
excited about the imple-

mentation of SmartTown
for Education and are
glad to be partnering with
SCTelcom on this initia-
tive. This will significant-
ly enhance our students’
access to critical technol-
ogy, equipping them with
the tools they need to suc-
ceed in a rapidly evol-
ving digital world. With
SmartTown, our students
will have internet access
from nearly anywhere in
the SCTelcom service
area, further supporting
their learning. It also
positions South Barber
as a leader in leveraging
advanced technology to
provide the best possi-
ble learning environ-
ment,” says Dr. Miller,
Superintendent at South
Barber USD 255.

With SmartTown for
Education, students can
access digital textbooks,
educational apps, and
online platforms from
anywhere, promoting
flexible learning, real-
time collaboration, and

Minutes from the City
Council August Meeting

(continued from front page)

connections in a timely
manner (hose evolutions
and tactics.)
AirMedCare
Presentation – Scott
Coppenbarger presented
an offer to participate in
EagleMed Membership
for an annual member-
ship fee of \$75 per per-
son. Membership fees are
payable either by the City
or a payroll deduction
(employee paid.)
Fall festival Banking
– Motion by Newell,
second by Woodard, to
approve opening a new
account, “Cunningham
Fall Festival,” requiring
two signatures of which
one will be City Clerk,
Molly Morgan. Motion
carried, 4/0.
Resolution 2025-03 –
Motion by Newell, sec-
ond by Ricke, to approve
Resolution 2025-03 to
fix the cost-of-service
responses by City Staff
necessitated by the ac-
tions of others. Motion
carried, 4/0.
Fall Festival CMB
Licenses – Motion by
Woodard, second by
Schultz, to approve the
request for temporary
extension of premises of
Cozy’s Pizza on October
4, 2025, with the event
ending at 5:00 p.m.
Motion carried, 4/0.
Motion by Newell,
second by Ricke, to ap-
prove the special event
CMB license for Cozy’s
LLC on October 4, 2025.
Motion carried, 4/0.
September Meeting
– Motion by Schultz,
second by Newell, to
approve the meeting
time of 5:00 p.m. for
the September Council
Meeting due to a schedul-
ing conflict with a school
event. Motion carried,
4/0.
Bulk Water Sales –
The City Clerk gave a
report of 2024 and 2025
bulk water sales.
Maintenance Report
– Mesa gave the re-
port. Currently, prog-
ress meetings are set up
to move forward with

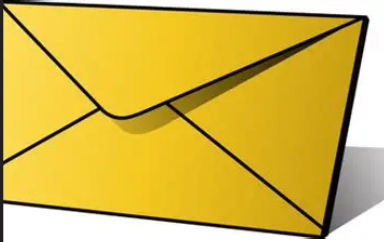
Hometown Grants and
EBH Engineering to sub-
mit a technical assistance
grant application for a
new water tower to the
Kansas Water Office.
*Stadium Street was
patched in preparation
for the overlay that was
completed by Pearson
Construction.
*Concrete has been
poured on the Lincoln
Street water main repair
and the waterway at the
sewer plant driveway.
*Stickers have been
sprayed at several loca-
tions in Lion’s Park.
*The Leak Investigators
came out with an acoustic
device to find leaks at the
swimming pool. A leak
was found in a return
jet under the stairs at the
shallow end. He recom-
mended cutting out a step
to replace the pipe and
will send an estimate for
the work.
*KRWA came out and
used an acoustic device
as well as a camera to
identify a significant
crack in the plumbing
under the deck in front
of the guard house. The
blueprints for the pool
showed no plumbing in
that area. The area is
marked and will be inves-
tigated further after the
end of the season.
*Most sprinkler head
leaks (on the football
field) have been fixed by
Chris Rohling.
Swimming Pool
Report – Last Day is
September 1st, but there
will be a high school
event after the football
game on September 5th
from 8:30 to 10:30 p.m.
Financial Report –
Motion by Woodard, sec-
ond by Ricke, to accept
the financial report and
pay the bills as presented.
Motion carried, 4/0.
Adjournment –
Motion by Ricke, second
by Schultz, to adjourn.
Motion carried, 4/0.
Mayor Murphy ad-
joined the meeting at
8:11 p.m.

Oak Heart Foundation Sponsors Magic Mailbox Event

Our very first Oak Heart Foundation event was a Success! The Magic Mailbox brought kids and adults together to share kindness through letters. A big thank you to USD 332 and Tammy Beat for letting us host this special day. Here's to the first of many.

Oak Heart Foundation is rooted in Ephesians 3:17 — 'Rooted in Love, Growing in Grace.' We work to strengthen our community and surrounding communities by caring for children, supporting families, and honoring the elderly. Through faith, compassion, and service, we aim to spread kindness and provide hope for generations to come.

courtesy photos



1 John
2:11 NJV
"But whoever
hates another
believer is in
darkness, walks
in the darkness,
and doesn't
know the way
to go, because
the darkness
has brought
blindness."
quote submitted
by Alan Albers

Lessons and Carols

December 14, 2025

Gaudete Sunday 3:00pm

Hello again Cunningham churches and surrounding communities. I would like to invite everyone to a community choir opportunity of Lessons and Carols! We had a great time back in 2023 with our last lessons and carols service. You are all invited! We would love to have you there with us sharing your musical gifts or just to listen and be inspired by beautiful music and the Word of God in scripture.

Rehearsals will take place Sunday afternoons from 3:00-4:00 p.m .at Sacred Heart Catholic Church starting November 9th and continuing through December 7th.

If you have any other questions please feel free to reach out and contact me.

Director: Eric Kerschen eric.kerschen@usd332.com
620-491-1688



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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 Tuesday of the month
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 620-770-9507 for immediate food assistance needs. This institution is an equal opportunity provider.

Giving Opportunities in our Community

4C Day Care Leave a donation with the Methodist Church.

West Kingman County Education Foundation
Use your Dillon's Card! (to donte contact Janet 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

Cunningham Museum (to donate contact Alan Albers or Mike McGovney)

Cunningham Public Library (to donate, contact Kerri Steffen)

Cunningham EMS (to donate, contact Monte Rose or Kathy Albers)



Catholic Churches
Sacred Heart, Cunningham
Sunday 8:30 a.m.

St. Leo
Saturday 5:30 p.m.
Father Daryl Befort 316-706-1627

St. John, Zenda
Saturday 4:00 p.m.

St. Peter Willowdale
Sunday 10 a.m.
620-246-5370



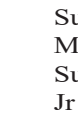
St. John, Nashville
620-246-5220
Sunday School & Bible Class
9:45 a.m.
Worship Service
8:30 a.m.

Trinity, Medicine Lodge
620- 886-3397
Sunday School & Bible Class
9:15 a.m.
Worship Service
10:30 a.m.



Church of Christ
Penalosa
Sunday 11:00 a.m.

Pastor vacancy until further notice.



First Christian Church
Cunningham
Sunday School 9:15 a.m.
Morning Worship 10:45 a.m.
Sunday Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.
Jr High Youth Group 4:00 p.m. Sunday
Sr High Youth Group 7:30 p.m. Sunday
Wednesday Prayer Service 7:00 p.m.
Pastor Mike McGovney 620-770-9507



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

Cunningham
Worship 10:45 a.m.



Zenda Methodist Church
Worship 9:00 a.m.
Sunday School: Children 8:30 a.m. Adults 10:00 a.m.
Pastor J L Nichols 620-243-6953

YEARS AGO IN

The Cunningham Clipper

W. A. Bradley / William Bradley

1950

October 13, 1950 - Recruit A.J. Schafer, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Schafer of Cunningham, is now stationed at Fort Riley, Kans. He is the first draftee to go into military service from this community since Selective Service was re-organized this year.

1955

October 13, 1955 - Members of the Christian Church of Cunningham, observed their Golden Anniversary last Sunday. About two hundred and fifty members, former members, and friends of the church were registered during the day, which included special Sunday morning worship services, a basket dinner at noon, and the anniversary program in the afternoon.

Raymond Baldwin of Topeka, Secretary of the Kansas Missionary Society, delivered the sermon at the morning worship services. Special music was provided by Donald Hoagland, trumpeter, and Mrs. Waldo Graves, soprano soloist. Mark White of El Dorado, former member of the church, was the guest Sunday School teacher for the day.

tend this fiftieth anniversary celebration.

1960

October 13, 1960 - Den One of the Cunningham Cub Scout Pack met at the home of Den Mother Mrs. Floren Rose, Monday evening, with Mrs. Albert Harris assisting.

The members answered roll call with fire safety rules, after which they practiced on their skit, "Ghost in the Firehouse," for the October Pack Meeting. The remainder of the meeting was spent making fire hats and safety reflector cans for cars.

Refreshments were served to Layne Harris, Dennis Dellinger, Frankie McClellan, Harold Lee Stark, Jerry McMillian, George Kampling, and Monte Rose.

The Cunningham WSCS held their regular monthly meeting in the Methodist Church undercroft last Thursday afternoon.

The devotionals were given by Mrs. John McGovney, after which Mrs. Dale Sheldon presented the lesson on Citizenship. She was assisted by Mrs. Weldon Allen, Mrs. Albert McGovney, and Mrs. Zola Pearson.

1965

October 14, 1965 - A Kansas State University veterinary medicine student from Cunningham is serving on a committee for the ninth annual Veterinary Medicine Open House on the K-State campus in Manhattan, Saturday, Oct. 16.

He is Joe Baber, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Baber, who is a member of the large animal committee.

The regular monthly meeting of the Cunningham 4-H Club was held in the high school recreation room, Monday evening.

New officers were installed for the coming year. They are Shirley Park, President; Don Hellar, Vice President; Mary Cusenbary, Secretary; Sue Hellar, Treasurer, and Kristy Sheldon, Reporter.

1970

October 8, 1970 - The tragic plane crash last Friday afternoon near Loveland Pass, Colo., killing 30 and injuring 12 Wichita State University football players, athletic administrators, and friends, has touched the hearts of all, from the City of Wichita, across the state, over the nation, and around the world, and the shock was felt in Cunningham.

Jack Vetter of McPherson, who perished in the crash, was a former roommate of Jim McCune, when they were playing football at Butler County Junior College in El Dorado; Bob Renner of Garden Plain, who was injured in the crash, is a second cousin of Victor Renner, and Tom Reeves, team trainer who survived the crash but later died in a Denver hospital, was a good friend of Fr. Eugene Robl. Fr. Robl plans to attend his funeral services in Wichita this morning (Thursday).

YEARS AGO IN

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Reporter: Marie Ann Mantooth

1975

October 2, 1975 – Announcing the engagement of Peggy Cain to Kevin Halderson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Halderson of Glasco, Kansas, and her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ivan G. Cain, of Cunningham, Miss Cain is a senior at Cunningham High School.

Her fiancé is a 1972 graduate of Glasco High

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(Volunteers Needed at the museum)

School and attended NCK Vocation School. He is now engaged in farming with his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Wetherall. A December wedding is being planned.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Raney visited their daughter and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Schluntz, at Stamford, Nebraska from Friday until Monday.

Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Delmer Crick were Josie Owens of Wichita, Marie Yates of Enid, Oklahoma, Alice Johnson of Cunningham and Roxa Smith of Turon. The ladies are all aunts of Delmer Crick.

Terry Elliot visited his aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Durall, Curtis and Tom, at Coats over the weekend. Terry and Mr. Durall went on the Gypsum Hill Trail Ride near Medicine Lodge last Saturday and Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Davis and son, formerly of Carmen, Oklahoma, is the new Christian Church pastor and recently moved into the Christian Church parsonage.

Stacie Marie is the name chosen for the new daughter of Mr. and Mrs. LeeRoy Ford of Wichita, born Monday, September 29, at 3:31 p.m. in St. Francis Hospital. She weighed 7 pounds, 9 ½ ounces.

Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Edward Hageman, Cunningham and Mr. and Mrs. Roy Ford, Isabel.

Great-grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. George Thimmesch, Cunningham, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Hageman, Kingman, Mr. and Mrs. John Schaller, Nashville and Mrs. John Adelhardt, Cunningham.

Mrs. Ford is the former Gail Lynn Hageman. They have another daughter, Tonnia, two years old.

Miss Donna Schaller, bride-elect of Robert Bainum, was honored with a miscellaneous bridal shower September 7 at the St. Leo School Hall. Hostesses were Rita Strohl, Geneva Ricke, Janet Rohling, Elaine Webster, Connie Leierer, Janet Hartley, Cathy Simon, and Edna Bishop.

I would like to thank everyone for their prayers, flowers, cards and visits while I was in the hospital.

Terri Dupee

YEARS AGO IN

The Cunningham Clipper

Publisher: Charles G. Barnes

Editor: Vickie Lohmann

Reporter: Florine Kampling

1980

October 2, 1980 – Eva Cundiff, Yearbook Advisor, has received notification that the Cunningham High School Yearbook for 1979-1980, has rated the "Big-E" award. This honor, offered by Josten's American Yearbook Company, is given only to select schools that produce a quality yearbook. Receipt of the award was based on efficiency and outstanding achievement in the planning, and preparation and completion of the photographic and editorial material for the yearbook.

Scott Long was the editor for the yearbook, assisted by other seniors of 1980, who were Mahlon Stuck, Eric Meyers, Randy Hageman, Troy Rohr, Brian DeWeese, Paula Fitzsimmons, Nancy Kerschen, Brenda Vierthaler, Nancy Albers, Mary Hageman, Bonita Thornhill, Connie Meireis, and Kelly Welch. Troy Rohr was the photographer. Editor the 1980-1981 Yearbook is Janice Stillwell. She will be assisted by other seniors and Mrs. Cundiff.

Ruth Shelman and Karen Eck will conduct a Story Hour for pre-schoolers ages three ad up at the Wildcat

Den beginning Oct. 10 from 9:15 until 10 a.m.

Marlene and Melva Oller entertained with a birthday supper for their dad on his birthday Sunday, Sept. 28. Additional guests were Mrs. Oller, Matt, and Mr. and Mrs. Mike Oller and Mikey, Pratt.

Much concern went into last Friday night's football game with Skyline. The coaches and players both knew they were (1) facing an undefeated team; (2) Skyline had not been scored on this year; (3) they had scored a total of 126 points in two games; and (4) they were a state ranked team by both Hutchinson News and the Wichita Eagle. The Wildcats, however, soon eliminated one of their concerns, when they scored 26 points in the first quarter, and held skyline scoreless. Early in the second quarter the cats scored again; but a clipping penalty canceled this score. Skyline scored their first points on a TD pass just before halftime. Their receiver was well covered, but still made the reception for halftime score of Cats 26 to Skyline 6. Several injuries and a feeling of letdown allowed Skyline to come back in the second half and tie the game at 26-26 in the fourth quarter.

The Cats final score came after a sustained drive from their own 13-yard line to the eventual game winning TD by Kent Moore.

A Cunningham native has been promoted to a supervisory position with a Kansas City, Mo., firm.

Clareen "Tommie" Lampe, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Thome of Cunningham, has been promoted to sales supervisor for Baghouse Accessories Co., a division of Standard-Havens, Inc.

Lampe formerly was a project specialist for the firm's air pollution control and construction products groups.

Lampe is a graduate of Cunningham High School.

1985

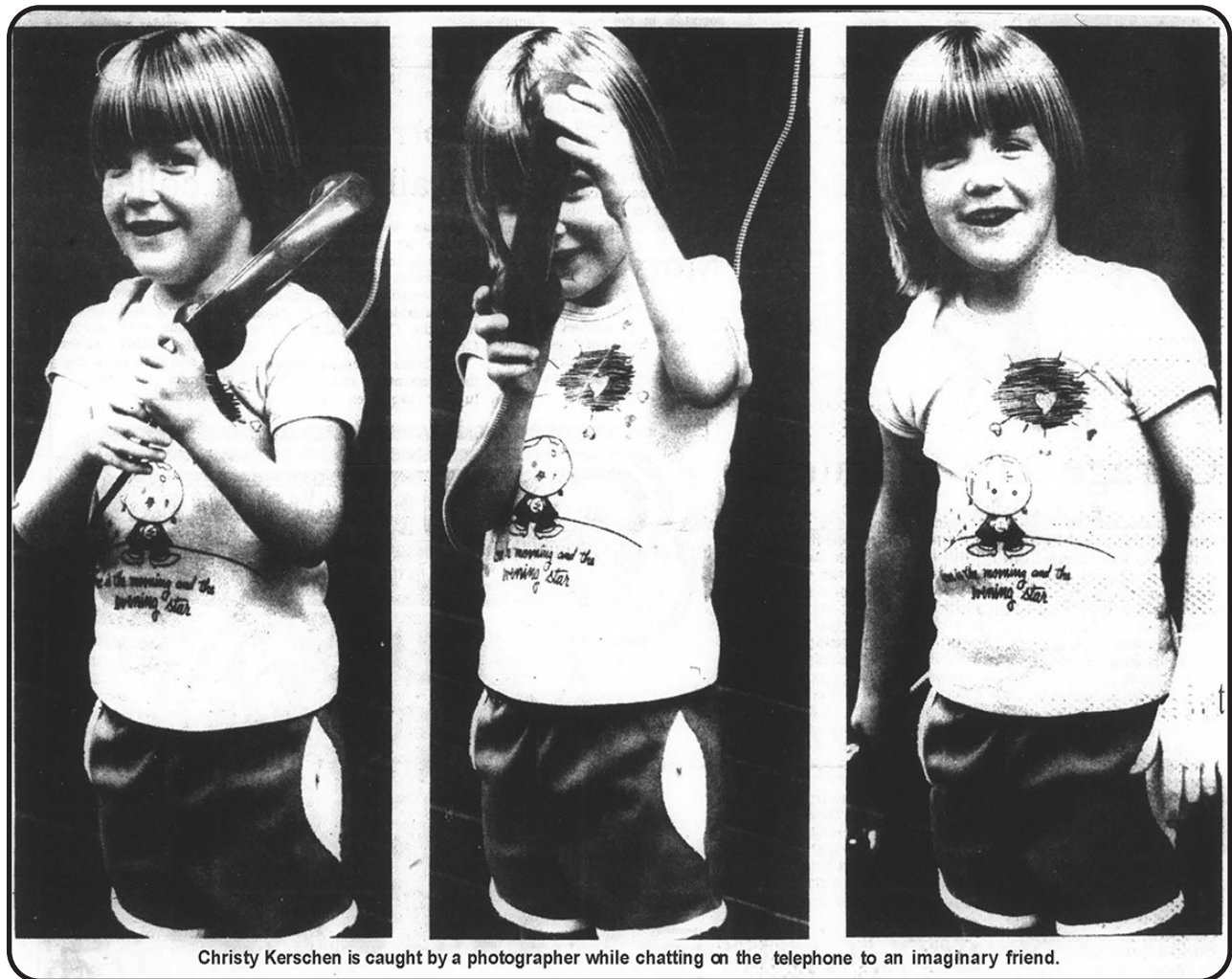
October 3, 1985 – Mike and Melva Oller are proud to announce the birth of their son, Jason Eugene. He was born Thursday, Sept. 19, 1985 at Central Kansas Medical Center in Great Bend. Jason weighed 9 pounds 1 ½ ounces. He is welcomed home by his brother, Michael 5. Grandparents are Edwin and Mary Tatro of Pratt and Melvin and Mary Oller of Cunningham. Great-grandparents are Ethel Tatro of Pratt and Clara Oller of Pratt.

On Saturday, Sept. 28, the Cunningham High School band traveled to Manhattan to participate in K-State Band Day 1985. Despite some rainy weather on the trip to K-State, the rehearsal was held as scheduled. However, a continual drizzle accompanied by cold winds followed the rehearsal, and the half-time show was eventually canceled. Although the performance was called off, the students did have the opportunity to play with the full ensemble during the practice.

The September meeting of the Cunningham Library Board of Trustees was held Sept. 24 in the Library. Chairman Jane Meyers presided. Minutes were read and approved and a treasurers report given.

The position of Librarian has not been filled. A job description and application forms are available from Jane Meyers. It is hoped a Librarian can be hired to begin work Jan. 1, 1986.

Cunningham Wildcats saw their string of 33 consecutive Great Golden Plains League wins come to an abrupt end last Friday night, Sept. 27, at the hands of the Attica Bulldogs by the final score of 26-23.



Christy Kerschen is caught by a photographer while chatting on the telephone to an imaginary friend.

From October 2, 1980 Cunningham Clipper

Wildcat Cross Country Team Runs at Larned

The Cunningham Cross Country team traveled to Larned to compete in their 4th meet. Sixout of 8 boys once again ran season best times!!!

Colton Zwierzychowski ran a 7:32 for 40th place in the 7th grade mile.

The senior boys ran varsity with Blake Swope getting 26th in 20:36 and Sean Kostner placing 55th in 22:55.

The freshmen/sophomore runners competed in JV while running with the varsity today and they came away with a 2nd place JV team finish! Newt Heatherman was 3rd in JV, 17th overall in 19:57. Will Halderson was 4th JV, 20th overall in 20:03. Larry Heatherman was 10th in JV with 23:10. Hank Adams was 11th JV in 23:33 and Kane Reid was 28th in JV with a 29:10. I

was extremely proud of these young men and I'm excited to see what they do the remainder of the season. Way to go Wildcats!!! - Coach Ingrid Ricke



JH Football Wildcats Take Down Norwich

On Thursday, September 25, 2025, the Cunningham Jr. High football team hosted the Norwich Eagles in HOPL action and came away with a 50-20 win, in a game that saw seven different Wildcats score.

The Wildcats jumped out to a 6-0 lead just 27 seconds into the game on a 32-yard run by Landon Green. The Eagles, however, answered the score with a kickoff return to make the score 6-6. Green would score

again on Cunningham's next possession, taking the ball into the end zone on a 22-yard run to make the score 12-6. After a quick 3 and out by Norwich, the Wildcats would go to the air for the third score, when Casyn Miller would connect with Brody Halderson on a 31-yard pass play, Halderson would run in the PAT and CJH led 20-6.

Following a fumble recovery by Landen Hageman, the Wildcats would add to their lead when Jace Oldham would race in from 13 yards out, Miller would connect with Cooper

Neufeld for the PAT to make the score 28-6, still in the first quarter. The Eagle would once again turn it over on their next possession as Halderson would recover a fumble setting up a 3-yard run by Miller on the first play of the second quarter, Brody Henning would run in the PAT to stretch the lead to 36-6.

Midway through the second quarter Jace Oldham would get his second touchdown of the game, this time on a pass from Jax Thimesch from 13 yards out, Thimesch would run in the PAT making the score

44-6 midway through the second quarter. Norwich would find the end zone once again before the half to make the halftime score 44-14.

Each team would score just once in the second half, Cunningham's score would come on a 25-yard Thimesch run late in the third quarter and Norwich would answer with a TD run early in the fourth to bring the final to 50-20. The win moved the Wildcats to 4-0 on the season.

Coach Bart Ricke



New Teachers at Cunningham Schools



Amy McGuire is in the yellow shirt next to her husband, Coach Lance McGuire

I may be new to the USD 332 full-time staff, but it feels like coming home! A 20-year resident of Cunningham with my volunteer fingerprints smudged all over town, Lance and I are forever grateful for God's creative provision as I was largely available to raise and support our tribe of six after leaving my first teaching job at Maize East Elementary in 2005. Now that three of our kids are forging their own successful adult paths, I'm thrilled to get back to teaching sixth grade! When not at school, I'm probably in the stands cheering for my kids and yours, baking in the kitchen, enjoying a long walk in my weighted vest with an audiobook in my ear, or discovering clearance deals in the aisles of my favorite stores. I most definitely am not at home cleaning!



both profiles are courtesy of USD 332 Facebook page

USD 332 would like to introduce one of our new faculty members, Cortnea Wilson.

I graduated from Sterling College with a bachelor's degree in biology in 2010 and began working in schools that same year. I earned my teaching degree from FHSU in 2013 and completed my master's degree in education in 2015. I taught science in the Great Bend School District from 2011-2025. Outside the classroom, I enjoy spending time with my family—my husband and our four sons, Mav (12), Eli (10), Koy (6), and Jake (3 months). I love being outdoors, attending sporting events, listening to live music, staying active, reading, and diving into whatever hobby I'm currently hooked on.



Help! These Books Have Been "Ghosed"!

To ghost, Merriam-Webster dictionary version: the act or practice of abruptly cutting off all contact with someone (such as a former romantic partner) usually without explanation by no longer accepting or responding to phone calls, instant messages, etc.

To ghost, Cunningham Public Library book version: to fail to check out ... ever ... or, at least since the library collection was automated over ten years ago.

There is a "Haunted Boooooooks" display at the library featuring a selection of poor, ghosted books. These, and more, are facing being weeded (removed from the collection) if not shown some love. Some fiction, some non-fiction, some children, youth, and adult – something for everyone. Why not come in and browse the display?

Speaking of weeding, mark Saturday, October 25th, on your calendar. The library will be hosting a book sale from 9-1. Come in and shop and enjoy a cinnamon roll, compliments of board member Rogene Jarmer and her husband, Wayne. A popular fall fund-raiser is returning as well, with fall baskets available for raffle, including one with yummy baked goods. Tickets are available at the library or a board member can help.

-submitted by Mary Stackhouse

Always a Good Skill to Have



Dr. Katie Poland (Kingman County Athletic Trainer) came to teach the sophomore Heath class the basics of 1st Aid.

USD photo



"I will admit you are the finest if not the loveliest rose in the garden. But you see, my dear, I was looking for a sunflower."

— Richelle E. Goodrich, *Being Bold: Quotes, Poetry, & Motivations for Every Day of the Year*

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Another Wildcat Victory

The Wildcats welcomed the visiting Chetopa Hornets for the first time ever on the Cunningham field Friday, September 19. Hopefully the Hornets left with more than the sting of defeat in a lopsided game.

The Cats got the ball first and scored in 5 plays. Highlights were a 19-yard run by Stephen and a 14-yard passing TD from Logan to Dylan. Brody kicked the extra points kick for an early 8-0 lead. After a 3 and out defensive stand the offense made short work of the Hornet defense. JP had back-to-back 16-yard runs. Stephen rushed for a 6-yard TD.

On the next defensive series Dylan caused and recovered a fumble. Logan passed the ball to Andrew Schultz for a short score. Cats up 20-0 before most of the spectators had time to visit the concession stand.

The defense continued their aggressive behavior. Stephen got a sack, then on the next play the Hornets fumbled under some serious pressure. Kollin pounced on it for another Wildcat score. 26-0.

On the very next kick-off Dylan showed perfect tackling form and caused another fumble. Kollin came out of the pileup with the ball to set up the offense with great field position again. Tyler used the position to scramble for a 17-yard TD. Cats

up 32-0. After holding the Hornets on the next series, the Cats took over around midfield. Tyler completed passes to Weston (10yd), Kendall (15yd), Liam (17yd), and Kendall (10yd TD). Liam kicked the ball for the extra points to put the Cats up 40-0. The Cats were just getting warmed up.

In two defensive plays the Cats struck again. Andrew K. scooped up a loose ball and went 19 yards to pay dirt. Cats up 46-0. Andrew repeated the scoop on the very next defensive play but saved the score for Weston Rogers. He took the offensive handoff and scooted into the endzone for a 14-yard TD run. Weston rushed in the extra point for a 53-0 lead.

Caden Johnson got a sack, and the defense held again as the first quarter was ending.

Early in the second quarter Andrew K got loose and sprinted for a 46-yard TD run. Weston scored the point after. Cats up 60-0. The teams traded possessions several times in the second quarter with our varsity cheering loud for the JV Wildcats on the field. The next big play was a busted scramble play, and Tyler found Andrew K for a 24 yard TD pass. Cats win at the end of the first half, 66-0.

Coach McGuire



Brody Bock kicks for field goal



photos by Molly Morgan



Offense line: Brody Bock, Andrew Schultz, Stephen Kerschen



Dylan Halderson



Andrew Schultz

Have Team. Will Play 8-Man Football

After an unfortunate series of events caused us to miss several 6-man games last year, the decision was made to PLAY. Whatever it takes. Whomever is willing. The Wildcats are not strangers to a CAN-DO attitude and effort, and on Friday, September 26, that meant going on the road to face off against a solid Minneola Wildcats 8-man team.

Like always, the team rolled with it. They want to improve. They want to play. They welcome the competition. Anyone who saw the

game would most likely say they played quality minutes against a quality opponent. Hopefully, we can all look back at last week and say we also got better.

The Cats kicked off, and Minneola marched right down the field to score. It was a “Whoa!” drive, and we’re all awake down 0-8. The Cats dug in and answered their first series as well. Behind some good blocking, Skyler tallied an 11-yard run and Stephen sprinted into the endzone on a 26-yard TD run, followed by a rushing extra points play. Tied up 8-8. After a stop on downs, the Cats marched again. Gains were not big but big enough to move the

chains. Stephen capped the drive with a 19-yard TD run. Cats up 14-8. The Cats defense stopped the home team on a 4th and short when Stephen dropped the opposing running back for a loss on a 4th down play. Logan connected with Dylan on a 25-yard TD pass. Skyler tackled on the extra points run. Cats 22-8. Minneola scored again the next drive 22-14. Skyler got back to back runs of 12 and 14, but the drive stalled. Minneola put together a scoring drive even though Stephen got a tackle for loss on the drive. 22-20. The half ended with a turnover on a hail mary pass. 22-20. Skyler returned the 2nd half kickoff for 30

yards to set up the offense with great field position. After a couple of solid runs, Stephen ripped off a 30-yard TD run. Cats up 28-20. The Cats stopped Minneola on their next drive. Stephen logged another sack on the drive. However, the Cats gave the ball back on a punt return fumble. The Cats rallied and stopped Minneola before they did any damage. Stephen logged another sack on the drive. The run game was slowed, but Logan found Dylan with a 27-yard TD toss. Cats 34-20.

Logan picked off a ball and returned it 20 yards to stop the home team yet again. The offense failed to do anything with the ball and

Minneola got it back. The defense stepped up with Kollin ending the drive with a sack. Still no score for the Cats who stalled deep into Minneola territory. Minneola took over and moved the ball right down the field to get a score. 34-26 No score for the Cats again, but Brody ripped the ball out of the running back’s hands. The Cats had to punt, something fairly foreign to the team, but JP ended the Minneola drive with an interception! Unfortunately, the offense went backwards and had to punt again. The Cat defense slowed Minneola down, but gave up a few crucial 3rd and long or 4th down plays. Minneola scored on the

drive and got the inside kick. Skyler got a tackle for a loss to end regulation tied 34 to 34.

Minneola scored first in overtime and got the extra points while the Cats scored on a TD by Stephen but failed to convert their own extra points. 40-42 final. While never happy with a loss, The Cunningham Wildcats’ first varsity 8-man football game in a decade wasn’t a failure; the silver lining is the experience and maturation of a team that still needs to grow as district play starts now.

Coach McGuire



Congratulations to Macy Neufeld for hitting 500 career assists at the Central Tournament! The CHS VB team finished in 4th place out of 10 teams.

-courtesy of U.S.D. 332

Other Lady Wildcat Action



Rylee Miller and Grace Hageman

Kingman County Sheriff's Report

Sunday, September 21	
Traffic Stops	7
Agency Assist / KMPD / Arrest	400 Blk E E Ave, Kingman
Miscellaneous	NE 40 St & NE 120 Ave, Pretty Prairie
Disabled Vehicle	18000 Blk W Hwy 54, Cunningham
Disabled Vehicle	3000 Blk W Hwy 54, Kingman
Traffic Complaint	200 Blk E 1st St, Kingman
Medical	7500 Blk SE 70 St, Kingman
Monday, September 22	
Traffic Stops	2
Civil Paper Service	1
Injury Accident	16000 Blk E Hwy 54, Cheney
Suspicious Vehicle	SE 20 St & SE 160 Ave, Cheney
Disabled Vehicle	10000 E Hwy 54, Murdock
Miscellaneous	3600 Blk SE 120 Ave, Murdock
Accidental 911 Dial	16000 Blk SE 10 St, Cheney
Traffic Complaint	E D Ave & N Main St, Kingman
Tuesday, September 23	
Traffic Stops	2
Traffic Complaint	W Hwy 54 & S Valley St, Cunningham
Traffic Complaint	15000 Blk W Hwy 54, Cunningham
Traffic Complaint	13000 Blk E Hwy 54, Cheney
Non-Injury Accident	14000 Blk SE 70 St, Norwich
Miscellaneous	2600 Blk SE Viney Ave, Murdock
Court / Inmates	130 N Spruce St, Kingman
Miscellaneous	200 Blk S Parkway St, Norwich
Animal Complaint	11000 Blk SE 60 St, Murdock
Animal Complaint	2000 Blk NE 70 Ave, Kingman
Animal Complaint	1100 Blk S Hwy 14, Kingman
Traffic Complaint	N Coronado St & E F Ave, Kingman
Miscellaneous	200 Blk E Leiter Ave, Cunningham
Wednesday, September 24	
Traffic Stops	4
Civil Paper Service	14
Animal Complaint	11000 Blk W Hwy 54, Cheney
Animal Complaint	SE 25 St, Murdock
Traffic Complaint	16000 Blk S Hwy 14, Rago
Agency Assist / KMPD	E G Ave & N Spruce St, Kingman
Miscellaneous	200 Blk W Kansas Ave, Kingman
Miscellaneous	2600 Blk SE Viney Ave, Murdock



Thursday, September 25	
Traffic Stops	13
Civil Paper Service	2
Animal Complaint	SE 50 Ave & E Hwy 42, Rago
Animal Complaint	N Douglas Sr & W Leiter Ave, Cunningham
Animal Complaint	8000 Blk W Hwy 42, Zenda
Miscellaneous	5000 Blk NE 35 St, Kingman
Traffic Complaint	NW 50 Ave & E Hwy 54, Kingman
Damage to Property	SE 30 Ave & SE 10 St, Kingman
Animal Complaint	SE 50 St & SE 100 Ave, Murdock
Follow Up	2100 Blk N Koch Industrial Rd, Kingman
Unlock Vehicle	2500 Blk N Main St, Kingman
Animal Complaint	SE 150 Ave & SE 60 St, Norwich
Warrant Service / Arrest	16000 Blk SW 120 Ave, Zenda
Traffic Stop / Arrest	400 E E Ave, Kingman
Friday, September 26	
Traffic Stops	2
Civil Paper Service	3
Transport Prisoner	120 N Spruce St, Kingman
Non-Injury Accident	E D Ave & N Coronado St, Kingman
Check Welfare	SE 50 St & SE 70 Ave, Kingman
Unlock Vehicle	400 Blk E Copeland Ave, Kingman
Animal Complaint	14000 Blk SE 10 St, Kingman
Follow Up	E D Ave & N Coronado St, Kingman
Littering	SE 10 St & SE 130 Ave, Murdock
Court	130 N Spruce St, Kingman
Follow Up	4500 Blk NE 10 St, Kingman
Suspicious Person	700 Blk E 1st Ave, Cunningham
Disabled Vehicle	1000 Blk W Hwy 54, Kingman
Follow Up	12000 Blk SW 40 Ave, Rago
Miscellaneous	120 N Spruce St, Kingman
Miscellaneous	2600 Blk SE Viney Ave, Murdock
Disabled Vehicle	NE 100 Ave & E Hwy 54, Murdock
Fire / Structure	1200 Blk SE 30 Ave, Kingman
Saturday, September 27	
Traffic Stops	2
Civil Paper Service	3
Non-Injury Accident	3400 Blk SW 70 St, Kingman
Follow Up	120 N Spruce St, Kingman
Follow Up	12000 Blk SE 40 Ave, Harper
Miscellaneous	120 N Spruce St, Kingman
Miscellaneous	1500 Blk W Hwy 54, Kingman
Injury Accident	NW 50 St & NW 140 Ave, Cunningham
Traffic Complaint	8000 Blk E Hwy 54, Murdock

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series will be held on **November 5, November 19, and December 3 from 6–8 p.m.** at a location in Kingman (to be announced). Topics include: **Session #1 (Nov. 5): Forage Testing & Interpretation, Session #2 (Nov. 19): Soil Testing Basics, Session #3 (Dec. 3): Navigating Extension Resources.** The registration fee for the entire series is \$10, and participants are asked to register by October 31. To register, contact the Kingman County Extension Office at (620) 532-5131 or email gschnei@ksu.edu.

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ACROSS

1. *The Big Bad Wolf: “I’ll ____ your house down”

5. Edgar Rice Burroughs’ Kerchak or Kala

8. Cosine’s buddy

12. Target of grand theft

13. Influencer’s journal

14. Food-grinding tooth

15. Bear’s hang-out

16. Like a maxi skirt

17. Get up

18. *Robert McCloskey’s “Make Way for ____”

20. March Madness org.

21. Expenditure, in the olden days

22. *”Four and twenty blackbirds baked in a ____”

23. Turn pale

26. Lachrymatory agent (2 words)

30. Swimmer’s distance

31. Rinse and ____

34. Consequently

35. Join forces

37. Bruin legend Bobby

38. Jury duty event

39. Per person

40. Hockey player, e.g.

42. Approximated landing time

43. What naughty children do

45. Fortification made of wagons

47. Preceding month

48. Unnecessary embellishment

50. Customs document

52. *He had a terrible, horrible, no good, very bad day

56. Popular pie nut

57. Not final

58. Just a little

59. Choice dish

60. ____-do-well

61. Sudden and brilliant success

62. Doofus

63. Is, in France

64. Fail to mention

DOWN

1. Like a certain eagle

2. Oahu shindig

3. Related to ear

4. Exert persuasive powers (2 words)

5. Jennifer Aniston’s movie “____ Came Polly”

6. *Canine father in Dodie Smith’s “The Hundred and One Dalmatians”

7. *Dr. Seuss: “I do not like green ____ and ham”

8. *Philosopher in American edition of “Harry Potter and the Philosopher’s Stone”

9. Hipbone

10. U.S. space agency, acr.

11. *”I heard him exclaim, ____ he drove out of sight, Merry Christmas...”

13. Not serious

14. Bipolar disorder phase

19. Filthy cabbage

22. Favorite student

23. Protected steel from rust with coating

24. Hawaiian veranda

25. Long stories

26. *The Queen of Hearts baked more than one of these

27. “In the Hall of the Mountain King” composer Edvard ____

28. Popular gemstone

29. Type of renewable energy

32. *Janette Sebring Lowrey’s

“The ____ Little Puppy”

33. Pitcher’s stat

36. *”One ____ and One Nights”

38. ____ - ____ -la refrain

40. Group of exercise reps

41. a.k.a. philosopher’s stone

44. Flavorless

46. Aluminum+nickel+cobalt, magnetic alloy

48. What time does

49. Button on electrical outlet

50. Bride’s cover

51. International Civil Aviation Organization

52. *Green Gables resident ____ Shirley

53. Gloom’s partner

54. Evening purse

55. Wholly engrossed

56. Pipe material, acr.

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Kingman County Commission Minutes

Chairwoman Lyon called the Board of County Commissioners meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. September 22nd, 2025, in the County Commissioners room at the Kingman County Courthouse. Present: Julie Lyon, Chairwoman; Jack Thimesch, Commissioner; Carol Noblit, County Clerk; Brandon Ritcha, County Counselor

Visitors: Bob Morris, Kingman Leader-Courier; Taylor Durr, DCS Services; Aaron Parsons, AP Roofing.

Conference Call: AR Roofing

Online Visitors: AS, Caller 01, Caller 02; hd;

Staff: Tonja Stamm, Courthouse Maintenance; Mary Schwartz, Health Nurse; Sheriff Brent Wood; Jamie Smith, County Treasurer and Charles Arensdorf, Public Works Director.

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

Chairwoman Lyon would like to add an atty-client privilege executive

session. MOTION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to approve the agenda with the addition of an atty-client privilege executive session. Chairwoman Lyon seconded the motion. The motion was approved with a 2 for-0 against vote.

Brandon Ritcha, County Counselor submitted the contracts received from Oleg Alba for consultation services. MOTION: Chairwoman Lyon advisory services contract between Kingman County and Acre Strong, LLC. Commissioner Thimesch seconded the motion. The motion was approved with a 2 for-0 against vote.

MOTION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to approve the professional services agreement for Solar, Wind and Battery Energy services between Kingman County and Acre Strong, LLC. Chairwoman Lyon seconded the motion. The motion was approved with a 2 for -0 against vote.

Tonja Stamm, Courthouse Maintenance and Mary Schwartz, Health Nurse were in with AR Roofing on a

conference call to explain his bid and the procedure they proposed.

Commissioners requested that AR Roofing put together a bid for a roof replacement.

Sheriff Brent Wood was in to discuss the renewal of Accurate Controls Service Agreement as it has come due for renewal.

MOTION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to approve the renewal of 1 year agreement with Accurate Controls Service Agreement. Chairwoman Lyon seconded the motion. The motion was approved with a 2 for and 0 against.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to go into executive session with Brandon Ritcha, County Counselor at 9:14 a.m. to discuss the County's position in pending mediation pursuant to the exception under the Kansas Open Meetings Act, and that they will return to open session in the Board meeting room at 9:24 a.m. Chairwoman Lyon seconded the motion. The motion was approved with 2 votes for and 0 against.

Commissioners returned to regular session

at 9:24 a.m. EXECUTIVE SESSION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to go into executive session with Brandon Ritcha, County Counselor at 9:24 a.m. to discuss the County's position in pending mediation pursuant to the exception under the Kansas Open Meetings, and that they will return to open session in the Board meeting room at 9:29 a.m. Chairwoman Lyon seconded the motion. The motion was approved with 2 votes for and 0 against.

Commissioners returned to regular session at 9:29 a.m. with no action taken.

Aaron Parsons, AP Roofing was in to discuss his procedure that he bid on for the Health Department roof repair with the Commissioners, Mary Schwartz, Health Nurse and Tonja Stamm, Courthouse Maintenance.

Jamie Smith, County Treasurer was in to request an executive session.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to go into executive session at 9:48 a.m. with Jamie Smith, County Treasurer and Brandon Ritcha, County

Counselor to discuss an individual employee's performance pursuant to the exception under the Kansas Open Meetings act, and will return to open session in the Board meeting room at 9:58 a.m. Chairwoman Lyon seconded the motion. The motion was approved with a 2 for and 0 against.

Commissioners returned to regular session at 9:58 a.m. with no action taken.

Charles Arensdorf, Public Works Director was in with the August Financials for his department for the Commissioners review.

Mr. Arensdorf discussed the position that he has filled with the County Commissioners. MOTION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to approve the new hire for the Road & Bridge Department. Chairwoman Lyon seconded the motion. The motion was approved with a 2 for and 0 against vote.

Commissioners discussed with Mr. Arensdorf a drainage issue on a waterway.

MOTION: Chairwoman Lyon moved to approve the 2026 holi-

days. Commissioner Thimesch seconded the motion. The motion was approved with a 2 for and 0 against vote.

MOTION: Chairwoman Lyon moved to approve the September 8, 2026, Commission meeting minutes. Commissioner Thimesch seconded the motion. The motion was approved with a 2 for and 0 against vote.

MOTION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to approve the September 8, 2026, Commission Special Meeting. Chairwoman Lyon seconded the motion. The motion was approved with a 2 for and 0 against vote.

MOTION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to approve the September 15, 2026, Commission meeting minutes. Chairwoman Lyon seconded the motion. The motion was approved with a 2 for and 0 against. MOTION: Chairwoman Lyon moved to adjourn the regular board meeting at 10:53 a.m. Commissioner Thimesch seconded the motion. The motion was approved with a 2 for and 0 against.

Pratt County Commission Minutes

The Pratt County Commissioners met in regular session Monday, September 15, 2025 at 2:00 pm in the Commissioner Room, 1st floor of the Courthouse. The following members were present: Thomas W. Jones III, Rick Shriver, Morgan Trinkle, Tyson Eisenhauer, County Counselor, Cescha Hoffman, County Clerk and Mark Graber, IT Director.

Economic Development Update -Heather Morgan

Kansas Corporation Commission (KCC) Meeting

Heather reported she

will be attending in person and hoping for a resolution on the pending Sawyer gas line issue. A zoom option is available for other attendees as well.

Pratt Area Economic Development (PAEDC) Update

A meeting is scheduled for Wednesday to discuss a new housing reimbursement program. Heather is providing input on the program structure. The plan is for a pool of funds to provide a percentage of reimbursement for new housing or living units. Developers must complete at least two units to be eligible for reimbursement.

Love Kansas Program

Heather will be sub-

mitting a quarterly report for the Love Kansas Program, as the county is required to continue promoting it at least once per quarter, even though their direct activities for the program are concluded.

Pratt County Courthouse Roof Discussion

Jacob Andrews, commercial sales manager for Coryell, along with representatives Cody Womack and Jace Garrett, provided an overview of their company and assessment of the courthouse roof. The roof received a grading of "F", which signifies the roof has reached the end of its service life. They recommend a full tear-off and provided a rough estimate of around \$28 per square foot. Jacob will send the commissioners the Duralast contact information who can provide project specifications which can be provided at no cost to the county.

Noxious Weed Update

Jon Roach, Noxious Weed reported he is having issues with the Diesel Truck. The constant low-speed driving required for spraying weeds leads to carbon buildup, causing parts to fail. He expressed concerns for future repairs that will not be covered by warranty.

Disaster Relief Application

Brandon Rockenbach attended to start the process of submitting a Disaster Relief Application under KSA

79-1613, which allows for tax abatement in the event of a natural disaster. Brandon's property was hit by a tornado on May 18th• If approved by commissioners, it would result in the abatement applying to the building tax obligation from May 18th onward, around a 62% abatement. Additional documentation is needed then a written order for commissioners' approval will be drafted.

Sheriff Department Personnel Request

Motion to hire Keifer Garrett Tyler Burch, Part Time for the Sheriff Department at \$15/hr made by Commissioner Trinkle; seconded by Commissioner Shriver; motion carried 3-0.

Courthouse Elevator Security Camera Installation

Quotes were presented to install a security camera in the elevator at the courthouse. The installation was originally to be installed with a past project but was left out.

Motion to approve INA quote for \$2,368.44 to be paid out of Capital Improvement made by Commissioner Shriver; seconded by Commissioner Trinkle; motion carried 3-0.

Motion to approve TKE Elevator quote for \$3,886.10 to be paid out of Capital Improvement made by Commissioner Trinkle; seconded by Commissioner Shriver; motion passed 3-0.

Courthouse Building Maintenance

A revised quote from Anderson Wildlife for bird control on landings and balconies was presented in the amount of \$58,000. No action was taken.

Lemon Park Light Donation Request

Motion to approve a donation of \$1,000 to Lemon Park Lights made by Commissioner Shriver; seconded by Commissioner Trinkle; motion carried 3-0.

Executive Session -Attorney-Client

Motion to move to executive session under the Attorney-Client exception to the Kansas Open Meetings Act to discuss the KOOL Safety Audit with Mark Graber for 15 minutes at 2:52 p.m. made by Commissioner Shriver; seconded by Commissioner Trinkle; motion carried 3-0.

Commissioners returned to regular session at 3:01 p.m. with no action taken.

Hospital Rent Credit Discussion

Kevin Cowen, from Gilmore and Bell presented information for a proposal to use sales tax collected as credit toward Pratt Regional Medical Centers rent due to the hospital's current financial status. The sales tax is overperforming for the bond payments and the bonds are projected to be retired three years early.

Motion to approve Resolution 09-15-2025, which authorizes the application of certain sales tax proceeds to the

payment of certain outstanding public building commissioning revenue bonds and thereby affect a rent credit for Pratt Reginal Medical Center made by Commissioner Shriver; seconded by Commissioner Jones; motion carried 3-0.

Executive Session -Attorney-Client

Motion to move to executive session under the Attorney-Client exception to the Kansas Open Meetings Act to discuss the KOOL Safety Audit with Mark Graber for 20 minutes at 3:23 p.m. made by Commissioner Trinkle; seconded by Commissioner Jones; motion carried 3-0.

Commissioners returned from executive session at 3:43 p.m. with no action taken.

Motion to move to executive session under the Attorney-Client exception to the Kansas Open Meetings Act to discuss the KOOL Safety Audit with Mark Graber for 20 minutes at 3:45 p.m. made by Commissioner Shriver; seconded by Commissioner Trinkle; motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner returned from executive session at 4:05 p.m.

Commissioners unanimously approved the minutes of September 8, 2025.

Commissioners unanimously approved the vouchers from September 15, 2025

Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 4:16 p.m.

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Shalom

A Hebrew word meaning Peace. The broader meaning includes wholeness, completeness, well-being, health, safety and prosperity.

Meet Shalom Schuld! You met some of her horses and co-workers in last week's Courier getting coffee at the Daydrinkers Cafe. Shalom and her husband, Jason, are owners and operators of JSeven Farm located 3 miles west of Cunningham. She and her husband, Jason, live near Pretty Prairie where he operates the JSeven Towing and Auto. Three years ago they bought the old Finley McClellan property along Highway 54.

On a recent visit to Shalom's ranch with Pastor Mathew and his guest minister from Kenya, Steven Mzungu, Ms. Schuldt relayed how she came upon her name. Growing up on a family farm in northwest Kansas with 4 older brothers who have totally typical names, her parents were gifted a daughter.

Her mother, while pregnant had a dream where she went into a room and the word "Shalom" was written on the wall. When she awoke from her dream she realized she didn't know the meaning of "Shalom". After looking up the meaning of the word, she thought it was a cool word. It wasn't until she received a Christmas Card with the message of Shalom to her and her family did she decide she

needed to name her newborn daughter Shalom.

Most of the 65 horses that JSeven Farm owns are registered American Quarter horses (AQHA) with a few that fit into the Paint (APHA). They also have 4 bovines (cattle), 2 pigs, several chickens and multiple dogs (Bert and Ernie), my favorites. JSeven has 2 registered stud horses, barn names of "The Judge" and "Three Turns".

You met Jessie Shellhammer (the cowboy with a coffee) in last week's Courier. Jessie grew up near Fort Dodge, KS and is the ranch's colt starter/trainer. Shalom told Pastor Mathew and friend Steven that her parents ran a girl's rehab center in NW Kansas and took in wayward young women and used horses in the rehab process.

She was placed on her first horse when she was 6 months old and loved horses ever since. Possibly modeling her parents' experiences, she uses her horse knowledge to connect her horses with young people to enrich and expand their lives. She tries to match her for-sale horses and new owners with matching skills whether it be for barrel racing, roping, youth riding or just for pleasure.

Shalom insisted that no knowledge of horses is needed to come and enjoy a friendly caring atmosphere at her ranch. I know that is the case with me. I dropped in earlier this summer and asked if I could just enjoy looking at her beautiful

horses. Since I had horses all my life but just gave my last horse away to a better home than I could give him. She gave me a 4-wheeler ride through the pasture and a tour of her newborn foals.

The expanded definition of Shalom seems to fit her to a tee. She seems to have the wholeness, well-being and other traits that define the word, and is a great addition to the Cunningham community.

-- by Alan Albers



Photos submitted by Shalom Schuld



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IN THE THIRTIETH JUDICIAL
DISTRICT
IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF
KINGMAN COUNTY, KANSAS
IN THE MATTER
OF THE ESTATE OF
PHYLLIS L. BLACKER,
DECEASED.
Case No. KM-2025-PR-000039
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
THE STATE OF KANSAS TO
ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:
You are hereby notified that on
September 10, 2025, a petition
was filed in this Court by Kelli
McCormick and Kyla Eller,
heirs, devisees and legatees,
and a co-executors named in
the “Last Will and Testament of
Phyllis L. Blacker,” deceased,
dated October 2, 2017, request-
ing the will filed with the petition
be admitted to probate and re-
cord; petitioners be appointed
as co-executors, without bond;
and petitioners be granted
Letters Testamentary.
You are required to file your
written defense to the petition

on or before October 9, 2025, at
11:00 a.m. in the District Court,
Kingman, Kingman County,
Kansas, at which time and
place the cause will be heard.
Should you fail to file your writ-
ten defenses, judgment and
decree will be entered in due
course upon the petition.
All creditors of the decedent are
notified to exhibit their demands
against the Estate within the
latter of four (4) months from
the date of first publication of
notice under K.S.A. 59-2236
and amendments thereto, or
if the identity of the creditor is
known or reasonably ascertain-
able, 30 days after actual notice
was given as provided by law,
and if their demands are not
thus exhibited, they shall be
forever barred.
Kelli McCormick, Petitioner
Kyla Eller, Petitioner
Mandi J. Stephenson, #24694
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Cameron Reichenberger

Cameron Michelle Reichenberger, 25, passed away Sunday, September 28, 2025 in Pratt. She was born on June 22, 2000 in Wichita to Steven Allan Reichenberger and Tammy Lynn (Holloway) Peterson.

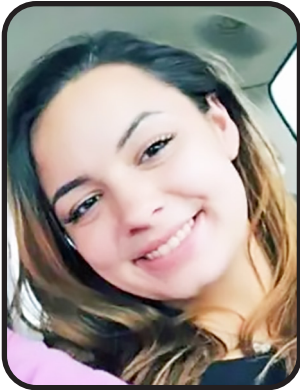
Cameron graduated from Pratt High School in 2018 and went on to attend Hutchinson Community College. She worked in retail sales. She was a member of Sacred Heart Catholic Church. Cameron was a former Pratt High School Cheerleader, played French Horn in band and was a drum major, played tennis, track and field and competed in Forensics. She was very artistic, was a supportive friend to all and loved her children.

She is survived by her mother, Tammy Peterson of Pratt; father, Steven Reichenberger of Stafford; siblings, Trent (Erin) Peterson of Haven, Jenifer (Leonard) Peterson-Piontkowski of Valley Center, Shannon (Tom) Jackson of Pratt, Stephanie (fiance', Angelo Leggitt) Reichenberger of Virginia, Nicole (significant other, Conner Lockhorn) Reichenberger of Meridian, Idaho and Rachel Reichenberger of Wichita; and children, Steven and Danielle.

Cameron is preceded in death by her grandparents, Gordon and Barbara Holloway and Allen and Donna Reichenberger.

Cremation has taken place. The family will have a Funeral Liturgy at 11:00 a.m., Friday, October 3, 2025 at Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Pratt with a lunch to follow at the Knights of Columbus. Inurnment will follow at a later date at Saint Paul's Lutheran Church Cemetery, Haven.

Memorials may be made payable to her Children Education Fund at Fusion Bank, Pratt. Online condolences may be made at www.larrisonmortuary.com.



Leonard Beat

Leonard George Beat of Toronto, died on Wednesday, September 17, 2025, at Greenwood County Hospital in Eureka, at the age of 92.

He was born on June 13, 1933, in Pratt, Kansas, the son of George A. and Madeline E. (Goetz) Beat. He was raised in the Pratt area and attended local schools. His mother passed away when he was only five years old. At age 13, he left home and began working. He became an expert at running heavy equipment and was so respected for his skill that he was often requested by name for jobs, working for many years for Fields and Sons in Pratt. In the mid-1950s, he was united in marriage to Shirley Kay Hubbel, and they had two children before their marriage later ended in divorce. In 1967, Leonard married Frances A. (Fruit) Jones, and her child from a previous marriage became his. They had one son and adopted two more children together. This marriage also later ended in divorce. He traveled to Europe in 1994 to visit his son, who was stationed in Germany. He finished his working life with many years of service at the Kingman County Highway Department, retiring in 2000.

In his retirement, he moved to Toronto Lake, spending his twilight years peacefully alongside his loving partner, Helen Olm. Leonard was a man of many interests, collecting stamps, coins, and semi-trucks—his collections a source of great joy and a miniature reflection of the heavy machinery he mastered. He loved doing puzzles, watching the Kansas City Chiefs, and spending time with his children and grandchildren. He had a robust sense of humor, known for his colorful language and a laugh as memorable as his curse. His unique use of language was a source of endless stories and laughter for those who knew him best.

Leonard will be remembered for his unwavering work ethic, his deep love for his family, and his uniquely spirited personality.

He is survived by his children: Steve Beat and partner, Jody Harbaugh of Hays, Kansas; Gerald and wife, Theresa Beat of Plano, Texas; Erica McKinney of Wichita, Kansas; Eric and wife, Cindy Beat of Ozark, Alabama; and Bret Jones of Daleville, Alabama; numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren; and four siblings: Gilbert Beat of Cunningham, Kansas; Georgina Beat of Las Vegas, Nevada; Don Beat of Kingman, Kansas; and Eugene Beat of Las Vegas, Nevada. He was preceded in death by his parents and stepmother, Esther; one daughter, Cheryl Spinks; son-in-law, Kevin McKinney; and two siblings: Kenneth Beat and an infant sibling.

Cremation has been effected and a private memorial service will be held at a later date. Condolences may be left for the family online at koupfunerals.com. In lieu of flowers, the family requests no contributions, only prayers for the family.



Celebration Reminder!

A come and go celebration is planned for Eilene Crick on Saturday, October 4th, at the Christian Church.

From 2:00 to 4:00, take a break from the Fall Festival activities and wander over to wish her a "Happy 90th Birthday!"

Cards may be sent to P.O. Box 126 Cunningham, KS 67035 (No gifts, please)

A Note of Thanks

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Robert 'Putt' & Donna (Schaller) Bainum will celebrate their 50th Wedding Anniversary on October 11, 2025. Lifelong residents of Cunningham, these high school sweethearts were married in the St. Leo Catholic Church in 1975.

Their family includes three daughters: Amber and husband Will Hartley of Kingman, KS, Anne and husband Austin Garrett of Franklin, TN, and Ashton and husband Jeff Blauvelt of Linn, MO. They have four grandchildren: Haidyn Hartley, Finley Garrett, and Harrison & Hawkins Blauvelt.

In August, Putt & Donna celebrated their anniversary with a trip to Florida with their kids and grandchildren. Please join in celebrating their special day by sending well wishes to:

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