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## County Commission Meeting Minutes April 5th, 2021

The Board of Kingman County Commissioners met in the Commission Room of the County Courthouse, Kingman, Kansas on April 5th, 2021. Those present:

Jerry Henning, Chairman; Fred Foley, Commissioner; Jack Thimesch, Commissioner; Carol Noblit, County Clerk; John Caton, County Counselor

Visitors: Leslie Schrag, Economic Development Director; Larry Landwehr; Bob Morris, Leader Courier

Staff: John Wimer, Noxious Weed Director; Mary Schwartz, Health Nurse; Sheriff Randy Hill; Stan Goetz, HR/Planning/Zoning/Wastewater Director and Charles Arensdorf, Public Works Director

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

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

Commissioners discussed adding items during Commission Comments.

**MOTION:** Commissioner Foley moved to approve the agenda with the addition of comments during Commissioner Comments. Commissioner Thimesch seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Chairman Henning asked if there was any public comment.

Larry Landwehr asked if the new Health(Emergency) trailer could be used to give shots daily with appointments still being made.

Commissioners let Mr. Landwehr know that would be a question for Mary Schwartz

Commissioners signed abatements.

John Wimer, Noxious Weed Director was in to let the Commissioners know that he is currently working on musk/bull thistle.

Mr. Wimer discussed that he has done bare ground treatment and that he is beginning right of way spraying as weather allows.

The Household Hazardous Waste will be on April 19th at the Expo Center.

Chairman Henning let the board know that the March 2021 Sales Tax received was \$82,643.83.

The County Clerk submitted the

March 29th, 2021 minutes for approval.

**MOTION:** Commissioner Thimesch moved to approve the March 29th, 2021 Commission meeting minutes. Commissioner Foley seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Commissioners discussed that the County Tax Sale process will start today, April 5th, 2021.

Commissioners discussed the storage building on A Ave.

Leslie Schrag, Economic Development Director was in with the following businesses that need approval for the CDBG-CV Grants:

Healthy Sprouts Daycare  
Fairchild Tree Service  
Swaney Vet Clinic

**MOTION:** Commissioner Foley moved to approve the CDBG-CV for Healthy Sprout Daycare for \$5000.00. Commissioner Thimesch seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

**MOTION:** Commissioner Thimesch moved to approve the CDBG-CV for Swaney Vet Clinic for \$5000.00. Commissioner Foley seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

**MOTION:** Commissioner Foley moved to approve the CDBG-CV for Fairchild Tree Service for \$5000.00. Commissioner Thimesch seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Commissioners discussed viewing individually the placing of a carport for storage.

Commissioners discussed the Law Enforcement Center and the fire marshal report received.

Commissioners agreed that the Fire Marshall will need to come back and inspect the facility.

Commissioners discussed the City of Kingman and the County Sheriff working together in the same building.

Sheriff Hill submitted the November 2020, December 2020 monthly reports and the Financial Statement for 2020 to the Commissioners for their review.

Sheriff Hill submitted bills from Eck Electric that need to be paid for water leaks and the Commissioners would like them paid with the retainage for the LEC.

Sheriff Hill submitted a quote received from Cummins for the annual contract for the LEC Generator and that it would include two inspections a year for review.

Sheriff Hill submitted a quote received from Pennicale for an annual contract for the LEC fire system with quarterly and annual inspections that are required by the fire marshal for review.

Sheriff Hill submitted a quote received from Glassman for an annual contract for the LEC ventilation system to review. Trane let the Sheriff know that the ERB filters should be checked monthly and replaced as needed.

Sheriff Hill would like to know if the Commissioners would like to go with Glassman from Hays or check with local vendors.

Locks and Cameras were installed by Acra Controls with an expiration of October 10th, 2021 and he submitted an agreement for the annual contract for review by the Commissioners.

Mary Schwartz, Health Nurse was in with updates. There are five active cases and 1 hospitalization.

Ms. Schwartz gave a vaccination clinic update and that she is working on getting an updated quote for the 800 radio antenna at the Health Department.

Stan Goetz, HR/Planning/Zoning/Wastewater Director was in with information on a dam blockage in Vinita Township.

Mr. Goetz submitted the following building permits:

Kevin Schrag for a shed in Section 8, Township 27, Range 5

Joel Potter for a house in Section 1, Township 30, Range 5

Norbert Blasi for a Pole Barn in Section 33, Township 30, Range 9

Charles Arensdorf, Public Works Director was in and requested an executive session for employee evaluation.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:** Commissioner Foley moved to go into executive session with Charles Arensdorf, Public Works Director; Stan Goetz, HR and John Caton, Counselor at 10:50 to discuss an employee's performance pursuant to the exception under the Kansas Open Meetings Act for discussion of non-elected personnel matters of nonelected personnel in order to protect the privacy interests of the individual(s) to be discussed, and they will return to open session in the board meeting room at 11:10 a.m. Commissioner Thimesch seconded the

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Mr. Arensdorf submitted a permit from Haviland Telephone Company Inc. Haviland Broadband to install fiber optic cable in multiple locations in Township 30, Range 5 (Bennett).

**MOTION:** Commissioner Thimesch moved to approve the FLAP Agreement for the Cheney Reservoir Access Project. Commissioner Foley seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Commissioner Thimesch would like to let people know that the Kansas Department of Wildlife & Parks is working with the County to improve the road at the Cheney Reservoir Entrance by helping fund the FLAP Project.

Mr. Arensdorf submitted the 2020 Annual County Engineer's Report for the Commissioners to review.

Mr. Arensdorf gave an update on the Evan #8-RCB.

Commissioner Henning discussed the current burn permits and the requirements in the resolution.

**MOTION:** Commissioner Foley moved to adjourn the regular board meeting at 11:47 a.m. Commissioner Thimesch seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

## COVID-19 Vaccine Update from the Kingman County Health Department

Out of an abundance of caution, The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) and the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) recommend the Johnson & Johnson (J&J) COVID -19 vaccine administration to be paused. As of April 12, nearly 7 million Johnson and Johnson COVID-19 doses have been given nationally. Out of all these vaccines given, six (6) people have developed extremely rare blood clots about 1-3 weeks after receiving this vaccine. Both the FDA and the CDC feel the best way to handle this latest development is to temporarily stop administering this vaccine while we all try to figure out what is happening!

◦ We want to stress that these blood clots are rare, but anyone receiving J&J vaccine need to contact their healthcare providers immediately with concerns of severe headaches, abdominal pain, leg pain, shortness of breath or any other concerning symptoms within 6-21 days after receiving the vaccine. None of these cases reside in Kansas.

◦ Vaccination continues to be one of the most effective solutions to end the COVID-19 pandemic; we continue to urge residents to consider vaccination with other vaccines. Moderna vaccines continue to be offered to Kingman County residents 18 years and older.

◦ Healthcare providers are also be-

ing advised by the FDA and CDC to not treat these potential blood clots with traditional heparin blood thinners-this particular type of blood clot requires different treatment.

CDC will meet with the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) tomorrow (Wednesday) to further review these cases and assess their potential significance. FDA will review that information as it also investigates these cases. Until those questions are better answered, there will be a pause in the use of this vaccine out of an abundance of caution.

## Chores Need Done? Who Ya Gonna Call? CHS!

In the morning on April 21 the Cunningham High School students will be participating in their annual Community Service Day. CHS students will have the opportunity to help you on tasks you may have around your house or yard. Examples of jobs to be completed are; raking leaves, moving furniture, washing windows, trimming trees, hauling brush, etc.

Please contact the school office if you have jobs for the students to complete on this day.

**CATHOLIC Masses**

**St. Peter's, Willowdale**  
Saturdays  
4:00 p.m.

**Sacred Heart, Cuningahm**  
Saturdays  
5:30 p.m.

**St. Johns's, Zenda**  
Sundays  
8:30 a.m.

**St. Leo**  
Sunday  
10:00 a.m.

Fr. Roger Lumbre  
620-243-5451  
620-298-2601  
620-246-5370

**CHURCH OF CHRIST Penalosa**

Worship  
11:00 a.m.

620-474-9131

**CHRISTIAN Cunningham**

**Contact the church for service schedule.**

Pastor Mike McGovney  
620-298-3201

**LUTHERAN St. John's Nashville**

Sunday School & Bible Class  
9:45 a.m.

Worship Service  
8:30 a.m.

**Trinity Medicine Lodge**  
Morning Worship  
10:30 a.m.  
620-656-7431

Sunday School & Bible Class  
9:15 a.m.

Pastor Dennis Fangmeyer  
620-246-5220  
Cell: 620-886-0911

Our Worship service is found on YouTube channel: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCCren-CH12I9nmpcojCFyYLA>. You can also find the service on Facebook by searching for either St. John Lutheran Church, Nashville or Trinity Lutheran Church, Medicine Lodge.

**UNITED METHODIST Penalosa**

Worship  
9:15 a.m.

**Cunningham**  
Worship 10:45 a.m.

620-298-2090  
Pastor Mathew Ndambuki Musyoki

**UNITED METHODIST CHURCH Zenda**

101 N. Main  
Sunday Worship  
9 a.m.

Sunday School:  
Children 8:30 a.m.  
Adult 10:00 a.m.

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<b>Thursday, April 15th</b> JH Track at South Barber	<b>Tuesday, April 20th</b> 3:00 p.m. HS track at Kingman ***** Lions' Club Meets
<b>Friday, April 16th</b> Cheerleading Tryouts JH and HS	<b>Wednesday, April 21st</b> Community Service Day (see front page)
<b>Monday, April 19th</b> Trap Team Reported Shoot Day ***** JH HOPL Scholars Bowl Championship at South Barber ***** 7:00 p.m. PreK - 5 Spring Music Contest	<b>Friday, April 23rd</b> 1:00 p.m. JH Track at Burrton ***** 3:00 p.m. HS Track at Norwich
	<b>Saturday, April 23rd</b> HS Prom

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— Mokokoma Mokhonoana

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237 N. Main in Kingman  
(620) 532-1253  
<http://www.kingmantheatre.org/>

**April 16th - 18th**

**The Girl Who Believed in Miracles**  
*Rated: PG*  
Showtimes are Friday and Saturday at 7:30pm and Sunday at 5:30pm.

**All Seats: \$2.00**  
Doors open 45 before showtime.

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

**Fundraisers & Charitable Opportunities in our Community**

**Cunningham Public Library**  
4C Day Care Shop [smile.amazon.com](http://smile.amazon.com) or contact Kathy Albers 620-298-2725 or 620-388-0774

**West Kingman County Education Foundation**  
Use your Dillon's Card! Shop [smile.amazon.com](http://smile.amazon.com) (Janet DeWeese 620-298-2717)

**Hands of Hope** (contact Fitzsimmons Insurance or any church)

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

**Cunningham Community Center** (leave donation at the bank)

**Lions' Club** (leave your old eyeglasses at the bank)

**Cunningham Museum** (to donate contact Donna Glenn)

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YEARS AGO IN  
**The Cunningham Clipper**  
W.A. Bradley, Editor

**1931**  
April 17-Maud School won the Kingman County Rural School Track Meet last Friday. Individual winners for the local school were Junior Shelman, Dean Cooley, Charles Cannon, Lola Shelman, and Letha Vermillion.

Cunningham place third in the Kingman County Grade School Literacy and Music Contest, Wednesday. Individual winners for Cunningham included Gwendolyn Price, Henry Hart, Joan Anderson, Jean Baber, Frances Groves, and Jessie Lee Lakin.

**1936**  
April 17-Cunningham High School won the Kingman County Music Contest by amassing 52 points. Norwich placed second with 46 points. The meet was held at Cunningham under the direction of Prin. W. F. Teague with Mrs. Edith Baldwin of Sterling as critic judge. The posting of the relative standing of the various schools throughout the day stimulated keen interest among the large crowd of parents, teachers, and friends of the 201 officially registered contestants.

Ratings in the individual events are: Boy's Medium Voice, Warren Allen, Cunningham and Earl Dungan, Norwich, both superior; Girl's Low Voice, Joanna Franks, Cunningham, superior, and Zelda Redia, Adams, excellent; Violin, Earl Dungan, Norwich, superior; Girl's Medium Voice, Eva Balduf, Spivey, and Luella Albrecht, Belmont, both excellent; Boy's Low Voice, Max Farrer, Norwich, superior.

The National Music Ensemble made up of national contest winners presented a varied program to demonstrate the possibilities of musical instruments. A number by the mass chorus composed of all the mixed choruses concluded the program.

Troop 104 of Cunningham held its first Court of Honor Monday night in the basement of M. E. church. Mr. Ridgeway, the Scout Executive was present and spoke in the interest of scouting and helped in making the awards. Several parents and friends were present. Phillip Fee, the newest Scout, gave a reading.

Elmo Huffman showed some very interesting pictures of wild animal and fishing life of the State Game and Fish projects.

The boys receiving advancement were: Delmar Huffman, Star Scout; John Raymond Fee, 1st Class and two Merit Badges-Animal Industry and Handicraft; Elmer Steffen, Merit Badge in Animal Industry. Leroy

McDonald, who was unable to be present.

Frankie Johnson was host to the Sixth Grade boys at a hike and hamburger fry, Monday evening. Guest of honor was Charles Turpen, a class member, who will be leaving soon for French Morocco, Africa. Those attending were Charles Turpen, Alan Dafforn, Mike Wesbrooks, Larry Millsap, James Rochell, Marshall Swander, Wesley Hendricks, Kenneth Garriques, David Duncan, and Frankie Johnson. As a result of the evening's activities, there was only one shoe in the creek and one sprained ankle.

**Hauser's Market**  
Borden's Bisquits 10 in a package 10¢  
Shurfine Frozen Orange Juice 2 six ounce cans 35¢  
Welch's Frozen Grape Juice 2 six ounce cans 41¢  
Birds Eye Frozen Peaches 10 ounce package-sliced 25¢  
Fresh Texas Corn -on-the-Cob 4 ears 29¢  
Fresh Texas Tomatoes Tube 19¢  
Fresh California Lettuce Pound 15¢

**1961**  
April 20-A Kansas State University agricultural economist, Dr. John Schnittker, will spend the coming year in Washington D. C., working on agricultural policies and programs.

Dr. Schnittker is a former Cunningham boy, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Schnittker of this city. He graduated from the local high school in 1941.

According to Glenn Beck, Dean of Agriculture at the university, Dr. Schnittker will be working with the United States Department of Agriculture attached to the Office of Director of Agricultural economics. The K-State agricultural economist is to be responsible for reviewing present agricultural policies and programs, and to study new proposals before recommendations for changes are made.

Dr. Schnittker is taking leave from the university until July 2, 1962, to accept the Washington position. He and his family have already moved to Arlington, Va.

This will be the second major assignment in Washington for Dr. Schnittker. He was on leave in 1958-1959 to serve on the staff of the President's Council of Economic Advisers.

Since his first Washington tour of duty, Dr. Schnittker has been increasingly active in the field of national agricultural policy. For instance, he was one of six land grant representatives who served on an interregional technical committee on national policies for agricultural prices and income in 1959.

Shortly after the November elections, President-Elect John Kennedy named Dr. Schnittker to head up a

**1941**  
April 18-Mr. Frank Albritten and Forrest Krug were responsible for getting Miss Franzen's psychology class to Wichita last Wednesday where they spent the day visiting various plants and industries of the city. This trip was in conjunction with the unit the class has been studying on vocations. Places visited were: Cudahy Packing Co.; Coleman Lamp Co.; Venus Beauty College; Police Station and Radio Station KFH; St. Francis Hospital; University of Wichita; and the Municipal Airport. The Wichita Chamber of Commerce made the visiting arrangements.

The Wonder Sunday School class of Cairo enjoyed a hamburger fry at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Briant Hardesty last Wednesday evening.

Those present: Messrs and Mesdames James King, Harry Fitzsimmons, Lois, Dorothy, and Harry Dean, Hubert Sellon, Vernon Fitzsimmons, Caren and Melva, Dell Goyen, Lester and Loren, Paul Fitzsimmons, and Colene, and Briant Hardesty.

**1951**  
April 20- The Lion Oil Company is moving in to drill a well three and one-half miles east and three miles north of Cunningham this (Friday) morning. The test is located on the old Rosendall quarter-section, now owned by Ed McMichael, of Kingman.

Entries of the high school music department who participated in the State Music Festival at Hays last week-end received good ratings. The girls' triple trio received a II rating, Robert Pelzl received a III rating in violin, Ann Hauser received a III rating in piano, and Norma Watkins received a II rating in girl's high voice. Members of the girls' triple trio are Shirley Lou Shafer, Shirley Neagle, Jane and Marilyn Oak, Jo Jean Copeland, Sibyl Spain, Colene Fitzsimmons, Elva Gagnebin, and Sally Stillwell. Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Spain, E. R. Smizer, and Mrs. Emmett Oak, of Penalosa, accompanied the group.

**1956**  
April 19- 97 men and boys attended the annual Athletic Banquet in the Lodge Hall, Tuesday evening, sponsored by the Community Men's Club.

Guests included about 65 boys, representing the athletic squads of the local grade and high schools, and their coaches.

Guest speakers were Fred Lighter and Oren Ison, Pratt Junior College Coaches. Lon Hoagland presided at the banquet on behalf of the Club President Rev. C. E.

## Attention! Sales Tax Special Election Editorial!

Many of my readers will remember the 'glory days' of Cunningham, when yours truly was mayor and we had a council moving things along and we were zoning and planning and annexing like crazy and making Cunningham a better community in which to live and raise kids and retire.

When the first ideas of a truck stop were being mulled around the coffee clatches and the city buildings and shops in town, the city council decided to have a 1% sales tax put on an election ballot.

Most of the folks liv-

ing in our city limits voted for this tax. Eighty-three voted Yes, 23 voted no. I do believe everyone was content when Love's built their travel stop on the newly annexed property and the sales tax was collected on the items purchased by travelers from all over the world.

During the 10 years since the sales tax went into effect, the city has received about \$550,000 in sales tax revenue. Some years have been better than others, but in the long run, we have done well.

We have new water well houses and a new water well, which was a much needed and very expensive necessity. I am sure there are a few other things that have been done thanks to the sales tax. That being said....

In a recent discussion of the renewal of this tax, the subject of city streets was raised. Basically, it was put out there that if we have had this much money brought into our city coffers, why are some of our streets in such crummy condition. I clearly see that point.

I can remember people coming to our meetings 10 years ago asking that their streets be paved, and those streets still aren't.

I would love to see the first two blocks of Stadium redone. Yes, I do live on Stadium, but not in the blocks that need work. When people come from out of town to attend various activities at the ballfields and the park and the pool, they can't have a very good impression of our street

situation when they have to travel that pot-hole infested mess that runs along the ball field. It is a disaster and no amount of patching and tarring and making-do is going to make it better. It just needs to be FIXED.

Then there is 4th street ... and Leiter... and .... our streets do need work.

And THAT being said, I am voting for the sales tax, hoping that the city council will see to it that the money is used to make our streets a better place.

I hope more folks will join me in voting 'yes'. We do need revenue it will generate, not just from us, but from the travel center and the restaurants and other businesses.

Roberta



## Meanderings

This morning I was listening to my favorite station -- KMUW 89.1. It is out of WSU, it carries NPR and I absolutely love it. NPR has interviewers who aren't afraid to ask hard questions and wait for answers. They cover a wide range of topics the world over, and they run BBC news four days a week.

On to what caught my attention this day. In March, the Library of Congress's chose for their 25 "national recording treasures." These recordings showcase the "range and diversity of American recorded sound heritage in order to increase preservation awareness."

I listened to the information and again and found it even more interesting. I also went online to the Library of Congress and gleaned more information including the list of recordings that the Librarian has chosen to add to their archives.

The first recordings were 'inducted' in 2002, and now there are more than 550 recordings in their archives. This year's choices are definitely diverse and definitely depict a broad heritage of national recordings. The list includes Cool and Gang's 'Celebration', a Thomas Edison recording, Louis Armstrong singing "When the Saints Go Marching In", the broadcast of Roger Maris hitting his 61st homerun in 1961, Patti LaBelle's "Lady Marmalade" and probably my favorite, "The Rainbow Connection" sung by Kermit the Frog.

This is a first time a frog has appeared on the list, and NPR did a bit of story about the song and the movie, which came out in 1979. The year I graduated from Cunningham High School.

When the movie opens, Kermit is sitting on a log in a forest. He is strumming a banjo and singing:

"Why are there so many songs about rainbows

And what's on the other side?

Rainbows are visions, but only illusions

And rainbows have nothing to hide"

I have never given any thought to HOW the movie was filmed or the tricks to get just the right scene, and this news story told of just this one scene. Cheryl, Muppet creator Jim Henson's daughter, was there for the filming. Jim Henson created the swamp in a 'back lot'. He brought in water and swampy things... trees from Georgia, logs, and such, and they filmed the scene in this homemade swamp.

Kermit is sitting on a log surrounded by water. Kermit. Puppet. How

is the puppet being manipulated sitting on a log surrounded by swamp water?

It was explained to the listening audience that during this scene, Jim Henson was in a sealed oil barrel behind the log. The only light is from a monitor on his lap. There is a whole in the top of the barrel with a plastic glove sealed to it so Henson can poke his hand up into the glove and manipulate Kermit. The scene took hours to film. And, yes, this claustrophobic editor is sweating just thinking about sitting in a sealed barrel surrounded by water.... Shiver... for hours.

One of the people being interviewed, maybe his biographer, Brian Jay Jones, said sometimes the filming could be dangerous. I guess this is one of those times.

"So we've been told and some choose to believe it

I know they're wrong, wait and see

Someday we'll find it, the rainbow connection

The lovers, the dreamers and me"

The song itself was written by Paul Williams and Kenneth Asher. Paul Williams was asked to write some of the songs for the movie, and he thought the songs needed to be somewhat elegant, so he asked Kenneth Asher to join him. 'The Rainbow Connection' was inspired by Jiminy Cricket's "When You Wish Upon A Star."

"Who said that every wish would be heard and answered?

We wished on the morning star

Somebody thought of that, and someone believed it

Look what it's done so far"

I have gone back and watched that clip of Kermit playing his banjo and singing in a swamp. I now miss the Muppets. What a great time when they were on every week. What a great time when their movies came out. Those were the days.

"What's so amazing that keeps us stargazing

And what do we think we might see?

Someday we'll find it, the rainbow connection

The lovers, the dreamers, and me

All of us under it's spell

We know that it's probably magic"

It was a simpler time. Before the internet; before the nastiness of social media.

"Have you been half asleep, and have you heard voices?

I've heard them calling my name

Is this the sweet sound that calls the young sailors?

The voice might be one and the same

I've heard it too many times to ignore it

It's something that I'm supposed to be

Someday we'll find it, the rainbow connection

The lovers, the dreamers and me"

Always dreaming reading, and currently reading,

"The Giver of Stars"

By Jojo Moyes

Roberta

## Years Ago

nine-man committee which was to formulate a national wheat program. In February and March, he spent four weeks in Washington as a consultant to Secretary of Agriculture Orville Freeman, working on legislative problems.

### 1966

April 21- Kansas 4-H Foundation Day will be observed in Cunningham, Saturday, according to Joe Pelzl, Cunningham 4-H Club Leader.

Ten local business firms are participating with the local club in this project. The names of the business firms may be found in an advertisement elsewhere in this issue of the Clipper.

You can support the Kansas 4-H Foundation when you buy from your local participating Cunningham business firm this Saturday. Present to him a 4-H Foundation ticket (available from any 4-H Club member) with the purchase of \$5.00 or more, and he will pay 50 cents to the Kansas 4-H Foundation.

The Better Homes and Gardens Club observed their annual "Guest Day" with a trip to Wichita last Wednesday, where they appeared as guests on the television show, "Party Line," over KAKE-TV (Channel 10).

Hostesses for the occasion were Mrs. Loren Cooley, Mrs. Vera Watkins, Mrs. Iona Shafer, and Mrs. Evan Thornhill.

Enroute to the television studio, the group enjoyed a coffee at the "Branding Iron" Restaurant in Wichita.

During the television show, prizes were won by Mrs. Alvin Cavin, Mrs. O. R. Benningfield, and Mrs. Everett Hauser.

The invited guests included Mrs. Cavin of Medicine Lodge, Mrs. Lon Hoagland of Pratt, Mrs. Clifford McCullough, Mrs. Elmer Freund and Cindy, Mrs. Ben Shafter, and Mrs. Otto Plagens, all of Wichita, Mrs. Hauser, Mrs. Ralph Baber, Mrs. Orville Shelman, Mrs. Kenneth Scripsick, Mrs. Shelly Stanley, and Mrs. Milton Brooks.

Members present were Mrs. Bedford Taylor, Mrs. Donald Thompson, Mrs. Benningfield of

Kingman, Mrs. Roy Wetherall, Mrs. Charles Ratcliff, Mrs. Lee DeWeese, Mrs. George McClellan, and the hostesses.

The group were guests of the television station at the Forum Cafeteria in Wichita following the program.

Three members of Ivanhoe Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star, are in Topeka this week attending sessions of the Grand Chapter of Kansas.

Miss Betty Amick left Tuesday to attend the opening session that night, and Mrs. Lee DeWeese and Mrs. Everett Hauser went Wednesday morning to spend the remaining two days of the session, which closes tonight (Thursday). All will return home Friday.

### 1971

April 15- A 60 pint quota is being sought by the Red Cross Bloodmobile when they visit the St. Leo-Cunningham Community, Monday, April 26.

The collection will be made at the St. Leo School Auditorium between the hours of 9:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.

Lunch will be served by the churches of the two communities.

Mrs. Alfred Thome of St. Leo, and Mr. and Mrs. Loren Cooley of Cunningham, are in charge of arrangements for the bloodmobile's visit. Mrs. Maud Wallace of Kingman, is the Kingman County Blood Chairman.

Recruiting donors will be Mrs. Doris Conrardy at Willowdale; Mrs. Bertha

Jarmer at Zenda; Mrs. Harry Hart at Nashville; Mrs. Thome at St. Leo, and Mr. and Mrs. Cooley at Cunningham.

Returns are now complete in the City Elections over Kingman County in the General Election, Tuesday, April 6.

There were no contests at Norwich. Robert J. Holder was re-elected Mayor, and the Councilmen are Kent Henson, Eldon Schrag, Andrew Scammerhorn, Dwight Burkett, and Earl Lee Caldwell.

City Elections at Nashville, Zenda, Penalosa, and Spivey, required write-ins for all positions as no candidates filed for office.

The results were as follows:

Nashville- Rex A. Bridgeman, Mayor; Joe Mattal, Harry J. Hart, Lloyd Dicke, Walter Kahmeyer, and Dale Keimig, Councilmen.

Zenda- Leon Vierthaler, Mayor; Clarence Ford, Alvin Ricker, Don Rohlman, Frdrick Zrubek, and Woodrow Graber, Councilmen.

Penalosa- Ed Webster, Mayor; Ralph Lackey, Ernest Tarrant, Cecil Sallee, Al Maloney, and Alvin Sale, Councilmen.

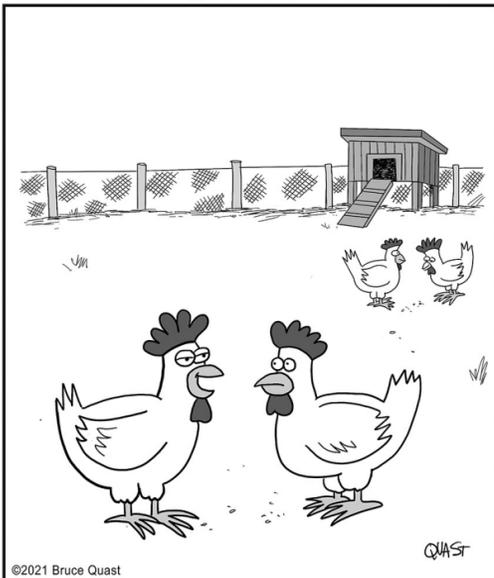
Spivey- Bob Oller, Mayor; H. N. Halley, Leland Oller, Vernon Olm, Chas. Helm, and Heartsel Lattimore, Councilmen.

In Kingman's City Election, two incumbent Commissioners, F. H. (Bert) Langley and J. T. (Jim) McBurney, were re-elected, along with a newcomer, Leonard (Bill) Morton.

*"As I try to zero in on what's important for the Muppets," Jim said years later, "I think it's a sense of innocence, naiveté—you know, the experience of a simple person meeting life." — Brian Jay Jones, Jim Henson: The Biography*

## Comfortably Dumb

by Bruce Quast



"My son has a great offer from Tyson, but we're also looking at KFC."

## Libraries -- call to verify openings/restrictions

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Pretty Prairie JH Meet Results

7th Grade Girls (4th Place)

200m Dash: Emily Ogg, 3rd Place, 31.07  
 400m Dash: Kate Jackson, 2nd Place, 1:16.7  
 200m Hurdles: Emily Ogg, 3rd Place, 39.79  
 4x100m Relay: Kyra Morgan, Brynn Wyatt,  
 Whitney Mead, Nora Huff- 5th Place, 1:18.96  
 800mSMR: Macy Neufeld, Grace Hageman,  
 Kate Jackson, Emily Ogg- 4th Place, 2:26.6  
 Triple Jump: Kaylee Mertens, 4th Place, 17'7"  
 Shot Put: Kyra Morgan, 3rd Place, 26'2"  
 Discus: Whitney Mead, 3rd Place, 57'9"  
 Kyra Morgan, 5th Place, 43'5"  
 Long Jump: Emily Ogg, 2nd Place, 11'9.5"  
 Kate Jackson, 3rd Place, 11'6.5"

8th Grade Girls (5th Place)

100m Dash: Ellie McGuire, 5th Place, 15.96  
 200m Dash: Julia Hageman, 6th Place, 35.83  
 400m Dash: Ada Adams, 4th Place, 1:19.21  
 800m Run: Kaitlyn Hennessee, 3rd Place, 3:05.84  
 200m Hurdles: Elizabeth Paris, 1st Place, 48.16  
 4x100m Relay: Ava Bock, Kaitlyn Hennessee,  
 Julia Hageman, Emma Harden, 4th Place, 1:11.89  
 800m SMR: Emma Harden, Ellie McGuire,  
 Kaitlyn Hennessee, 3rd Place, 2:31.36  
 Triple Jump: Ada Adams, 3rd Place, 25'2"  
 Elizabeth Paris, 5th Place, 21'5"  
 Shot Put: Ellie McGuire, 6th Place, 27'1.25"  
 Long Jump: Ada Adams, 6th Place, 11'4.25"  
 Discus: Ellie McGuire, 1st Place, 82'

7th Grade Boys (Second Place)

100m Dash: Kollin Fischer, 5th Place, 15.29  
 800m Run: Jack Harden, 3rd Place, 2:54.16  
 Kendall Rogers, 6th Place, 3:09.74  
 1600m Run: Jack Harden, 1st Place, 6:29.21  
 Kendall Rogers, 4th Place, 6:46.37  
 4x100m Relay: Kollin Fischer, Andrew Schultz,  
 Cole Ruckle, Layne Green- 2nd Place, 1:08.97  
 4x200m Relay: Kollin Fischer, Stephen Kerschen,  
 Skyler Thimesch, Dylan Halderson- 1st Place, 2:03.38  
 800m SMR: Jack Harden, Stephen Kerschen,  
 Dylan Halderson, Skyler Thimesch- 1st Place, 2:11.29  
 Pole Vault: Skyler Thimesch, 1st Place, 6'11"  
 Long Jump: Skyler Thimesch, 2nd Place, 13'2"  
 Triple Jump: Kendall Rogers, 2nd Place, 25'10.5"  
 Shot Put: Dylan Halderson, 1st Place, 31'3.5"  
 Stephen Kerschen, 3rd Place, 30'.5"  
 Discus: Dylan Halderson, 1st Place, 86'8"  
 Stephen Kerschen, 2nd Place, 81'8"

8th Grade Boys (1st Place)

100m Dash: Dagim Reed, 2nd Place, 13.03  
 Lucas Hageman, 3rd Place, 13.06  
 200m Dash: Wylan Betzen, 2nd Place, 26.84  
 Lucas Hageman, 4th Place, 28.5  
 400m Dash: Lucas Hageman, 3rd Place, 1:10.68  
 800m Run: Dagim Reed, 1st Place, 2:33.44  
 1600m Run: Dagim Reed, 1st Place, 5:29.25  
 100m Hurdles: Will Wegerer, 1st Place, 17.53  
 200m Hurdles: Will Wegerer, 2nd Place, 29.99  
 Pole Vault: Will Wegerer, 1st Place, 10'7"  
 Long Jump: Dagim Reed, 2nd Place, 15'10"  
 Lucas Hageman, 3rd Place, 15'0.25"  
 Triple Jump: Will Wegerer, 2nd Place, 33'11"  
 Shot Put: Trenton Schnittker, 1st Place, 37'3.5"  
 Wylan Betzen, 2nd Place, 36'11.25"  
 Nate Sterneker, 3rd Place, 31'3.5"  
 Discus: Wylan Betzen, 1st Place, 125'10"  
 Trenton Schnittker, 4th Place, 83'7"  
 Nate Sterneker, 6th Place, 78'



Will Wegerer setting the school record on the high jump



Nate Sterneker



Kollin Fischer  
 (Isn't this a great photo?  
 The look on this young man's face....just pure determination and focus)



Julia Hageman



Dagim Reed



Macy Neufeld & Rylee Miller



Grace Hageman and Kaylee Mertens



Kaitlyn Hennessee takes the baton from Ava Bock in the 4 x 100 relay



## Donate Blood on Tuesday, April 27th in Support of CHS!

**Cunningham, KS** — Donating blood is one of the simplest things a person can do to help save a patient's life. For the hour it takes to give blood, there could be a whole community of people thankful for another birthday given to their loved one.

The community is invited to help support Cunningham High

School and answer the call of patients in need by donating blood on Tuesday, April 27th from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Cunningham High School gymnasium.

Please help us earn a scholarship, collect 30 pints of blood, and save up to 90 lives by scheduling your appointment to donate!

To make an appointment please call Cunningham High School at 620.298.2473. Completion of a RapidPass® online health history questionnaire

is encouraged to help speed up the donation process. To get started, follow the instructions at [RedCrossBlood.org/RapidPass](http://RedCrossBlood.org/RapidPass). A blood donor card or driver's license or two other forms of identification are required at check-in. Individuals who are 17 years of age (16 with a parental consent form), weigh at least 110 pounds and are in generally good health may be eligible to donate blood.

## Sounds Like a Fun Night at CHS!

The CHS drama department would like to invite you to attend a night of entertainment on Tuesday, April 27, at 7:00 p.m. Coach Vahsholtz will be recognizing the forensics team and several members will be performing their pieces that have qualified to go to the State Championship Forensics Competition.

Following this, the fo-

rensics class will be performing the one act play, *Everyone Gets Eaten by Sharks* by Marshall Pallet and directed by Mrs. Huelskamp.

In this comedy, our leader, Adventure Dan, and his sidekick, Sweet Bonnie, give out advice on how to avoid getting eaten by sharks. The cast of actors will dramatize various ridiculous scenarios in which one could end up face to face with a man-eating shark and how to successfully avoid this peril.

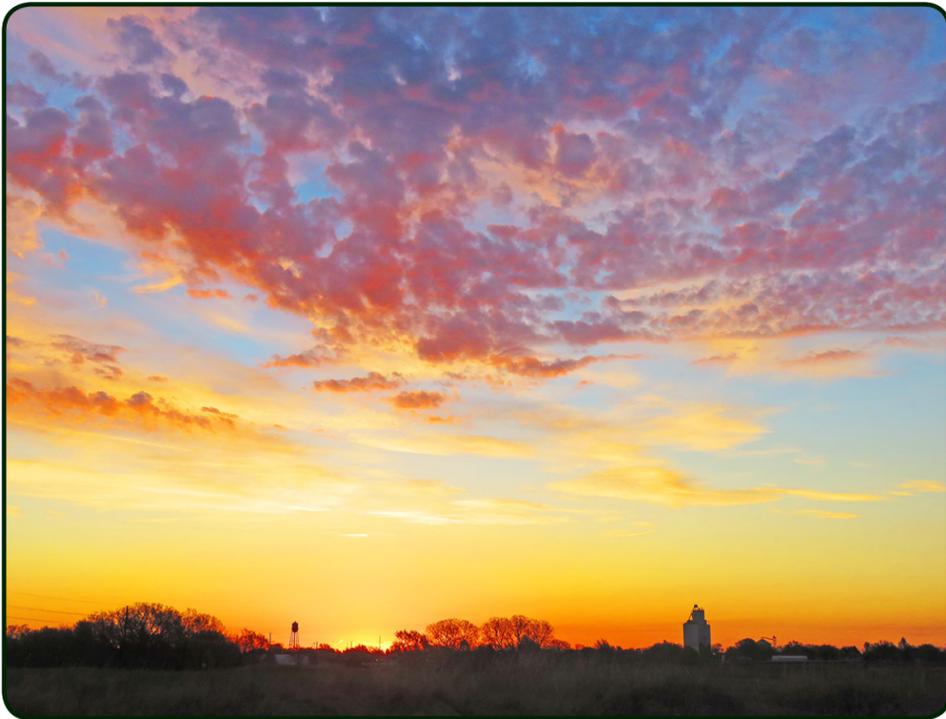
Admission will be

free. The drama department looks forward to providing you an entertaining show!

*(Editor's note: This is going to make me push myself to get the paper done. I love watching live performances. Put this on your calendar, and plan to attend. I know we won't be disappointed.)*



## And Just a Few Photos Sent In By Friends and Readers



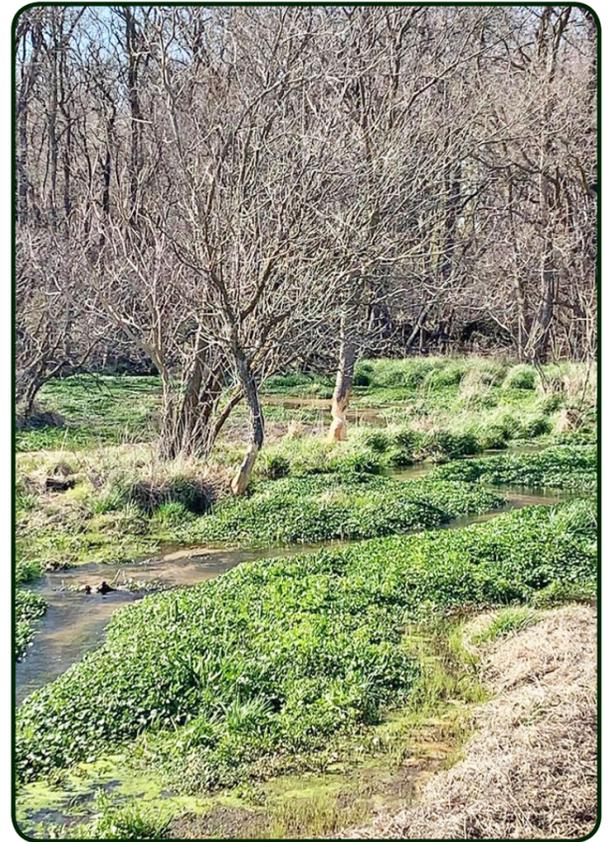
*Sunrise on Cunningham by Dan Frick*



*Horned toad by Joyce Depenbusch*



*a friend*



*by Joyce Depenbusch*



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— Walker Evans

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## Pratt County Commission Meeting April 5th, 2021

The Pratt County Commissioners met in regular session Monday, April 5, 2021 at 2:00 p.m. in the commissioner room, 1st floor in the courthouse. With the following members present: Thomas W. Jones, Rick N. Shriver and Dwight Adams, Tyson Eisenhauer, county counselor, Lori Voss, county clerk and Mark Graber, IT director.

The meeting was opened with the pledge of allegiance.

Tyson Eisenhauer, county counselor, reminded everyone the meeting is being streamed over zoom and to please state your name when speaking; Mark Graber,

IT director, will watch for any comments or questions from the public.

Heather Morgan, economic development advisor, reported the state had lifted the mask mandate. It is now up to the separate entities to decide if they want to continue the mandate. She reported on the different bills that were being considered. She has to keep reporting for the SPARK recovery until June 2021.

Scott Harris, EMS director, presented a six month evaluation and raise slip for Latasha Williams. Commissioner Adams made a motion to approve a .25 raise for Latasha Williams. Commissioner Jones seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Darcie Vander Vyver, health director, gave the covid update. She reported she will finish up the pods with second doses,

after that they will do walk ins on Thursdays. They have given 3,797 covid vaccines. There is one new active case.

Jimmy Wite, Sheriff, presented a raise slip of .25 to promote Justin Seaman to sergeant. Commissioner Jones made a motion to approve a .25 raise for Justin Seaman. Commissioner Adams seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Doug Freund, road supervisor, reported on work that will be done in the future by the state and the railroad.

Kristy and Ryan Powell of IMA benefits consulting services, gave a presentation on the services their company provides. They project they can lower the Blue Cross Blue Shield premiums for a flat fee of \$30,000. The commissioners will make a decision next week.

Commissioner Adams made a motion to approve the minutes from the March 29, 2021 meeting as presented. Commissioner Jones seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Tyson Eisenhauer, county counselor, reported he had some questions on the contract with Kansas Gas Service concerning the PSB, he is waiting to hear back. He reported PRMC is in the process of refinancing bonds to save money.

Commissioner Shriver made a motion to appoint Chase Galle to the PBC board. Commissioner Jones seconded. Tyson stated Jack Kennedy would need to turn in a resignation letter. He also wants to make sure all documents are signed concerning the PSB before that change can be made. Commissioner

Shriver withdrew his motion. Commissioner Shriver made a motion to adjourn into executive session at 3:35 p.m. for ten minutes to discuss non-elected personnel. Commissioner Jones seconded. Motion carried 3-0. Commissioner Adams made a motion to return from executive session at 3:45 p.m. with nothing to report. Commissioner Jones seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Adams asked Lori Voss, county clerk to send out an email to all department heads, that all statements turned in must have invoices for purchases attached.

Commissioner Jones made a motion to approve payment vouchers for April 5, 2021. Commissioner Adams seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Shri-

ver discussed the article in the Pratt tribune concerning burning regulations. He stated Pratt County does not have burn permits. He stated dispatch has no authority to tell people they cannot burn, only to give them information on wind speeds, fine amounts if fire departments have to be called and to inform the caller they need to call the township fire chief in the affected area about the controlled burn. He wanted to clarify dispatch is managed by the city not county. He asked that the burn regulations and resolution 091911a be put on the Pratt County web site.

Commissioner Jones made a motion to adjourn at 4:08 p.m. commissioner Adams seconded. Motion carried 3-0. Meeting adjourned.

## One Third of Kansans Have Received Their First Dose of the COVID-19 Vaccine

TOPEKA – Governor Laura Kelly today announced that more than one third of Kansans have received at least their first dose of the COVID-19 vaccine.

“Since the vaccine first arrived in Kansas, my administration has prioritized getting shots in arms as quickly and efficiently as possible –

and those efforts are paying off,” Governor Kelly said. “Getting a third of Kansans their first dose is a significant milestone for our state, and further evidence that we are well on our way back to that sense of normal we’ve been seeking for over a year.”

To date, the CDC reports that 37.7% of Kansans have been vaccinated with one dose, and 22.9% of Kansans have completed their COVID-19 vaccine series.

“Today’s announcement is a team effort and the result of a tremen-

dous amount of work from local public health departments, health care providers, community leaders, and countless others,” Marci Nielsen, chief adviser to the Governor for COVID-19 Coordination, said. “I want to thank everyone for their efforts. Governor Kelly’s administration will continue putting in the work to ensure every Kansan can get a vaccine as quickly as possible.”

Governor Kelly announced in late March that the State of Kansas would make the COVID-19 vaccine available to all Kansans 16

and older, entering the final Phase of the Vaccine Prioritization plan several weeks ahead of schedule.

All Kansans are encouraged to use the Vaccine Finder tool to find the nearest location with an available vaccine.

“Though more Kansans are getting vaccinated and case numbers are declining, we can’t take our foot off the gas,” Governor Kelly said. “The pandemic isn’t over. I encourage all Kansans to get vaccinated, and also continue wearing masks, physically distancing, avoiding large groups, and getting

tested.”

Governor Kelly announced recently that no-cost COVID-19 testing will continue to be available through the end of 2021 to everyone at community testing sites across the state.

The State recently launched a “Know Before You Go” campaign to remind Kansans that testing continues to be available. Kansans are encouraged to get tested before going or coming back from anywhere, even if they show no symptoms. This includes visiting family, friends, going on vacation, going shopping, or

even going somewhere local. Tests are one of the easiest ways Kansans can protect themselves, their families, coworkers, and members of the community.

To schedule a test, please visit [kdehs.gov/coronavirus](https://kdehs.gov/coronavirus) to find a testing site closest to you.

“Until every Kansan is vaccinated, testing will remain an essential tool in our COVID-19 response,” Governor Kelly said. “I urge Kansans to take advantage of this service.”

## An IRS Incentive To Save For Retirement

(NAPSI)—Saving for retirement can be difficult in the best of times but even harder during the pandemic and challenging economy. One thing that can make it easier is the Saver’s Credit, a tax credit made available by the IRS to eligible taxpayers. The Saver’s Credit could reduce your federal income taxes when you save for retirement through a qualified retirement plan, such as a 401(k) plan or an Individual Retirement Account (IRA).

The 20th Annual Transamerica Retirement Survey found that just 45 percent of full-time workers and only 32 percent of part-time workers are aware of the Saver’s

Credit. “People who are saving for retirement may be able to claim the Saver’s Credit and reduce their federal taxes,” says Catherine Collinson, CEO and president of nonprofit Transamerica Center for Retirement Studies®. “The Saver’s Credit is in addition to benefiting from the tax-advantaged treatment of saving for retirement. Many people could be confusing these two incentives, simply because the idea of a double tax benefit sounds too good to be true.”

What Is the Saver’s Credit?

It is a non-refundable tax credit for contributions an eligible taxpayer makes to a 401(k), 403(b) or similar employer-sponsored retirement plan, a traditional or Roth IRA, or an ABLER account. The maximum credit is \$1,000 for single filers or individuals and

\$2,000 for married couples filing jointly.

Tips for Claiming the Saver’s Credit:

1. Check Your Eligibility

To be eligible, the maximum Adjusted Gross Income (AGI) for single filers is \$32,500 in 2020 and \$33,000 in 2021. For the head of a household, the AGI maximum is \$48,750 in 2020 and \$49,500 in 2021. For those who are married filing jointly, the AGI maximum is \$65,000 in 2020 and \$66,000 in 2021.

You must be 18 years or older by January 1 and cannot be a full-time student or be claimed as a dependent on another person’s tax return. The IRS offers a quiz to easily determine if you qualify for the Saver’s Credit.

2. Save for Retirement

To claim the Saver’s Credit for 2020, you must have contributed to a 401(k), a 403(b) or simi-

lar employer-sponsored retirement plan or an ABLER account during 2020. Contributions to traditional or Roth IRAs are also eligible for the credit. You have until April 15, 2021 to make an IRA contribution for tax year 2020. Rollover contributions are not eligible for the credit.

3. File Your Tax Return and Claim the Saver’s Credit

Let the IRS help you file your taxes. It has nine Free File partners that offer online tax preparation tools for free to taxpayers with an AGI of \$72,000 or less. Learn more at [www.irs.gov/FreeFile](https://www.irs.gov/FreeFile).

•On your federal tax returns, you claim the Saver’s Credit by subtracting it from your total federal income taxes, it is a dollar-for-dollar reduction in your taxes.

•If you are using an online tax preparation tool, be sure to answer ques-

tions about the Saver’s Credit, also referred to as the “Retirement Savings Contributions Credit,” or “Credit for Qualified Retirement Savings Contributions.”

•If you are preparing your tax return manually, complete Form 8880, Credit for Qualified Retirement Savings Contributions, to determine your exact credit rate and amount. Then transfer the amount to the designated line on Schedule 3. Information from Schedule 3 is then used on Forms 1040, 1040-SR, and 1040-NR.

•If you are using a professional tax preparer, be sure to ask about the Saver’s Credit.

“Consistently saving for retirement is fundamental to helping achieve financial security in retirement,” says Collinson. “Another way to help you boost your retirement savings is to directly de-

posit any tax refund into an IRA. Saving more now could help you reap more later.”

This important tax credit may help reduce what you owe in federal taxes or increase your refund. With so many people’s income being reduced since the pandemic, more Americans may be eligible to claim this credit. Help spread the word about the Saver’s Credit by telling family, friends, and colleagues.

For more details and resources on the Saver’s Credit in English and Spanish, visit Transamerica Center for Retirement Studies at [www.transamericacenter.org/SaversCredit](https://www.transamericacenter.org/SaversCredit).

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## Red Cross Sound the Alarm Annual Campaign Returns

Campaign runs April 8-May 8 and helps families prevent and prepare for home fires

(April 8, 2021)- While the pandemic caused many things to slow down or stop, according to the American Red Cross, home fires continue and, in fact, since January 2021, increased 40 percent, compared to this time last year. To help families prevent and protect themselves from these tragic events, the Red Cross announces the

annual Sound the Alarm campaign running April 8 to May 8.

Of the more than 62,000 disasters requiring a Red Cross response last year, home fires accounted for the overwhelming majority. In an effort to spare families the trauma associated with losing one’s home, Sound the Alarm educates communities and stresses preparation tips and strategies.

“Home fires are such a devastating experience for those who we help when it happens,” said Mary Jane Coffman, Red Cross disaster program manager. “That’s why the Red Cross is so driven to do as much as possible to try to either prevent it or

help people to be as prepared as much as possible in the event a house fire does happen.”

In a home fire, family members often have two minutes or less to escape. Families can be proactive and better prepared by developing an emergency plan which includes escape routes from each room in the home and an agreed upon meeting spot where family members go after leaving the house.

“You have less than two minutes,” she said. “It’s shorter than ever, based on the way homes are built and on how fires spread. That’s why it is critical to already have a plan built into your muscle-memory so that you

and your family know what you are going to do. The more you’ve got a home fire emergency plan in place, the more you can deal with the unexpected when it happens,” Coffman said.

Coffman adds that families need to prac-

tice a two-minute escape drill and test their smoke alarms monthly.

To help facilitate the training, the campaign also offers community members an opportunity to volunteer to provide preparedness education in their own social net-

works, such as friends, neighbors and coworkers.

For more information on how Sound the Alarm, please go online to [www.redcross.org/sound-the-alarm](https://www.redcross.org/sound-the-alarm) or call 1-800-RED CROSS.

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# Celebrations of Life

## William Becker

William J Becker was born on December 22nd, 1931 at Nashville, Kansas the son of William Sr and Rosa (Hageman) Becker.

He joined the army (1952 - 1954) and was in the Korean War. He was sent home with honorable discharge and received a purple heart.

On February 17, 1958 he married Darlene J. Theis at Kingman Ks. This union produced 6 kids. She preceded him in death, on January 6th, 2014.

He was a farmer at St. Leo and Isabel. In 1973, he moved his family to Isabel where he started Becker Manufacturing, where they build livestock equipment. He belonged to the Knights of Columbus for over 71 years in Medicine Lodge. He was also a faithful member of the Catholic Church in Medicine Lodge and St. Leo. He loved his faith so much that he sponsored five priests starting in 1987 in Salesian Missions, Quito Ecuador, South America. He also was a city council member and mayor of Isabel for over 30 years. William also helped organize and was president of the Isabel Community Store along with several different stores in Isabel over the years. He also served on the local fire department, cemetery board and American Legion. He helped organize and run many Isabel events including the Isabel Centennial and Christmas parade.

His favorite past times included: gambling with his wife, watching World Championship Wrestling, spending time with friends and family, going to church and praying his rosary, and helping his family whenever they needed help. Most of his life was dedicated to helping others.

He is survived by 3 sons: Bill (Beverly) Becker, Richard (Judy) Becker, and John (Rachel) Becker. His daughters: Kathy (Gary) Balding, Barb Trott, Marilyn (Brad) Murphy. His brothers: Walt Becker, Vick Becker, Gene Becker, and Don Becker. His sisters: Loretta Schwartz, Gladys Randolph, Irene Spade, Carolyn Dyche, and Pat Zrubeck. He has also been blessed with 16 grandchildren and 20 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by the love of his life Darlene J Becker, his parents William Sr and Rosa (Hageman) Becker, grand-daughter Lacie Winter, brothers Herman and Elmer Becker, sisters Helen Kerschen, Marcella Orth, and Marie Cooley.

A Mass of Christian Burial was held Monday, April 12, at the St. Leo Catholic Church. Burial was in the St. Leo Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, please send memorials to St. Leo Church in St Leo Kansas, to the Local Food Bank or to Food for the Poor. Condolences may be left at Livingston Mortuary in Kingman, Ks.

## Ronnie Brack

Ronald "Ronnie" Joseph Brack, 66, passed away Saturday, April 3, 2021. He was born May 1, 1954 in Great Bend, KS to Esther (Henning) Brack. Ronald "Ronnie" married Joni (Jacka) Brack on June 18, 1973. They were married for 48 years.

Ronnie attended Garden City High School graduating in 1972. He worked for Neville Welding. He was a member of St. Peter's Catholic Church Willowdale, KS. He was a member of the Knights of Columbus. He ooved to fish, played records every Sunday, liked to cook, making a mean fried chicken and enjoyed being with family and friends.

He is survived by his wife, Joni of Pratt; daughter, Hannah (Eric) Thimesch of Pratt; son, Jason Brack of Wichita; three grandchildren, Joseph Brack, Baylee Brack and Max Thimesch; sister, Diana Weaver of Garden City; and brothers, Larry Brack of Spring, Texas and Jim Brack of CA.

Ronald "Ronnie" is preceded in death by his mother, Esther and brother, Richard Brack.

Mass of Christian Burial was Thursday, April 8, 2021 at St. Peter's Church, Willowdale with Rev. Roger Lumbre presiding. Burial was at Saint Peter's, Cemetery Willowdale, Kansas

Memorials may be made for Medical Expenses in care of Larrison Mortuary.

## Genevieve Price

Genevieve A. Price, 86, passed away April 11, 2021.

She was born October 13, 1934, in Wichita, KS, a longtime resident of Kingman, KS, the daughter of Richard and Frances Sheahan McFadden.

Genevieve was a retired Registered Nurse and a member of the National Nurse's Association. She was a member of St. Patrick Catholic Church. Genevieve was a graduate of St. Patrick Catholic Grade School, a Kingman High School graduate in the Class of 1952, and a graduate of the St. Rose School of Nursing at Great Bend, KS. She was a lifelong bridge player and an avid Kansas State University Wildcat fan. Genevieve loved her travel adventures with Bob and enjoyed all things Irish.

On January 14, 1989, Genevieve married Robert Price. She was preceded in death by infant grandson Duane Michael Johnson, son-in-law Chuck Green, brother-in-law Donald Bogner, and nephew John Bogner. Survivors include husband Bob Price; daughters Kathy Green, Karen (Rex) Befort, and Kristie Berscheidt; son Kevin (Lisa) Berscheidt; brother Patrick (Betty Jean) McFadden; sister Maureen Bogner; step-sons Tim Price and Wayne (Shona) Price; grandchildren Todd (Christina) Johnson, Stephanie (Nico) Roesler, Ryan (Vanessa) Rohlman, Nicholas O'Donnell, Tyler Yoder, Landon Yoder, Dr. Tara (Tyler) Richardson, Tanner Price and Mia Maggard; great grandchildren Ava Johnson, Beckett Johnson, and Brielle, Ava, Kellen and Ryan Richardson; and numerous nieces and nephews.

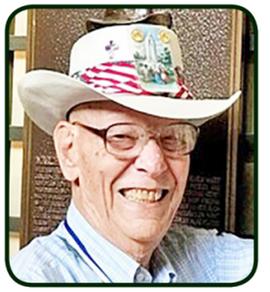
Mass of Christian burial will be Thursday, April 15 at 10:30 a.m. at St. Patrick Catholic Church, Kingman, KS, officiated by Rev. Andrew Walsh. Burial will be at the Walnut Hill Cemetery, Kingman KS.

Memorials may be made to the St. Patrick Catholic Grade School in Kingman, KS or Rivercross Hospice, both in care of Livingston Funeral Home, 1830 N. Main St., Kingman, KS 67068.



## Leo Kimminau

Born December 28, 1931 in Zenda, Kansas, Leo Fredrick Kimminau, Sr. (Maj. USAF, Ret.) flew west for the last time and passed into eternal life on April 3, 2021, Holy Saturday, in Tucson, Arizona.



"Pop-Pop," as Leo was affectionately known to his family, is survived by his devoted wife of 65 years, Elsie Jane (Youngers), their children Larry, Chris, Mary, Leo Jr., Don and Pam, along with their spouses, ten grandchildren, five great-grandchildren, brothers Paul and Jim, their wives, and numerous nieces and nephews.

Leo graduated from Scott City High School (KS) in 1949, enlisted in the Air Force in 1951 and was first certified as an aircraft mechanic in 1952 before entering pilot training. He earned "Distinguished Graduate" honors from Pilot Training Class 54-E (the "Awesome Aviators") and was commissioned as a 2nd Lieutenant in the United States Air Force in March 1954. Leo's pilot adventures took him all over the world and included time flying the C-124, C-54, T-39, O-1 and F-100, among other aircraft. Leo served in Vietnam as a Forward Air Controller flying the O-1 "Birdog" from January 1966 through December 1966. He received the Air Medal, Bronze Star and Distinguished Flying Cross before retiring from the Air Force at McConnell AFB (KS) in March 1972.

After military service Leo relocated his family to Monument, CO where he worked tirelessly in various corporate purchasing positions while pursuing his Bachelor of Science degree (Technical Management) evenings and weekends. He graduated from Regis College (Cum Laude) in 1982. During retirement years in Tucson, AZ he continued to serve by volunteering his time developing the Legion of Saints Pius X & Padre Pio; organizing 54-E Reunions; acting as a docent at the Pima Air & Space Museum and Tohono Chul Gardens; as President of Horizon Heights Homeowners Association; and working on numerous campaigns for the Arizona Republican Party.

Leo was honored and proud to serve his country through military service. Even more so, he was a passionate Catholic, considered himself a servant and "hod carrier" for the Holy Family and the children of Fatima, prayed the Rosary daily, and was a fierce advocate for the restoration of the Traditional Latin Mass. Along with his unwavering Catholic faith, "Pop-Pop's" greatest pride and joy was reserved for his family to whom he devoted his life, love and full service.

A Requiem Mass will be said on Saturday, April 17th at Our Lady of Sorrows, 750 E. Baseline Road, Phoenix at 11 a.m., preceded by a Rosary at 10 a.m.

A Rosary and viewing will take place at St. Peter's Catholic Church in Willowdale, KS on Tuesday, April 20th with interment in the St. Peter's Catholic Cemetery immediately following. A luncheon will be held afterwards in St. Peter's Parish Hall. All family and friends are welcome. The exact timing of events will be finalized and published in the next day or two. Livingston Funeral Home of Kingman is handling the arrangements.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to either of these organizations which held special significance to Leo: The Immaculata Church Project, 200 East Mission St., Saint Marys, KS 66536 (785)-437-2471 Ext. 110 or

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## Lillian Blahut

Lillian Rose Blahut, 98, of Sharon, KS, died Sunday, April 11, 2021 at the Catholic Care Center, Bel Aire, KS.



She was born on October 22, 1922 in Sharon, KS, the daughter of Charles J. Winter and Elizabeth (Hrencher) Winter. On September 7, 1949, she married Albert J. Blahut in Sharon, KS. He preceded her in death on January 3, 2016.

Lillian was a homemaker and a member of the St. Boniface Catholic Church and Altar Society in Sharon, Kansas.

Surviving are eight children, Jeanette (Rick) Schneider of Overland Park, KS, Richard (Ronda) Blahut of Clinton, MO, Phillip (Patty) Blahut of Webster Groves, MO, Elizabeth (Ron) Bittle of Alva, OK, Patricia (Ron) Pomeroy of Belle Plaine, KS, Doris (Rodger) Dreiling of Hutchinson, KS, Judy (Ben) Cott of Goddard, KS, and Rose Cantu of Lenexa, KS; 21 Grandchildren and 22 Great Grandchildren;

Lillian was preceded in death by her parents, Charles and Elizabeth, her husband Albert and four siblings, Almeda Dugan, Rev. Charles Winter, Cecilia Mull, and Paul Winter.

Mass of Christian Burial will be on Thursday, April 15, 2021 at 10:00 a.m. at the St. Boniface Catholic Church, Sharon, KS with Father Jerome Krug presiding. Burial will follow in the St. Boniface Catholic Cemetery, Sharon, KS.

Memorials may be made to the St. Boniface Catholic Church or Harry Hynes Memorial Hospice in care of Larrison Funeral Home, 120 E. Lincoln, Medicine Lodge, KS 67104.

## Bonnie Boyle



Bonnie Josephine Boyle, 87, of McPherson, KS and formerly of Lindsborg, KS, passed away peacefully on Monday, April 12, 2021, at The Cedars, McPherson. She was a homemaker and school teacher. She also worked in the school libraries in Dodge City, KS.

She was born on February 23, 1934, in Glenville, Minnesota, the daughter of Willard and Ruth Young. She graduated from Wessington Springs College (South Dakota) and from Greenville College (Illinois). On July 21, 1956, Bonnie was united in marriage to John E. Boyle in Glenville.

She was a member of the McPherson Free Methodist Church and attended Trinity United Methodist Church, Lindsborg.

Survivors include: her loving husband of 64 years, Rev. John Boyle; two sons, Jay Boyle (Marta) and Jack Boyle (Jean); daughter-in-law, Susan Boyle; two grandchildren, Dustin Boyle and Johnathan Boyle; three great-grandchildren, Clara Boyle, Walker Boyle, and Kelty Boyle; a brother, Russell Young; a sister, Edith Grosland; and many extended family and friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents, a son, Joseph Edward Boyle, and a sister, Ruth Royer.

The memorial service will be held at 2:00 PM, Sunday, April 18, 2021, at Trinity United Methodist Church, Lindsborg, with Rev. Dallas Peterson officiating. The final resting place will be in Glenville, MN at a later date.

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