

Community Bulletin Board

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Thursday, January 6th

JH BB vs. Burrton
at HOME

4:00pm:JV Scholars
Bowl @ PPrairie

5:00 p.m.
Bond project
BOE meeting

Monday, January 10th

HS BB B-Team
tournament at HOME

Tuesday, January 11th

HS BB at Burrton

Wednesday, Jan. 12th

3:30pm:Junior High
Play Auditions

7:00 p.m.
BOE Meeting

Friday, January 7th

HS BB at Kinsley

1:00 p.m. Forensics
Winter play

Thursday, Jan. 13th

JH BB at Attica

Friday, January 14th

HS BB vs South
Barber at HOME--
HOMECOMING

Saturday, January 8th

HS BB B-Team
Tournament at HOME

West Café...on the go

Homemade
Soups & Breads

Wednesday Jan 12th 6:00 pm – 7:30 pm

Parked east of the Cunningham Bank

(620) 770-6069 See our menu on Facebook

Evie Prim,
daughter of
Montana
and Amanda
(Huffman)
Prim, was
all smiles
at a before-
the-holiday
ballgame.
(photo by Molly
Morgan)

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

B-29 Museum

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

Pratt Army Airfield – 82 Curran Road

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

The Barron Theater will open January
14th after remodeling is completed.

Libraries

Cunningham Public Library

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

Zenda
Public Library

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

Kingman
Carnegie Library

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

Pratt Public Library

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

Cunningham 4-H November and December Meetings

The November 4-H meeting was held on November 14, Roll call was "what is one of your favorite candy bars?" We discussed the fair theme voting that we submitted. This year we are voting for our theme was online. Ada and Hank Adams discussed going to the livestock judging. Leadership/officer training was discussed, which was held via Zoom. We were reminded enrollment for 4-H is due by December 1. Ambassador applications were also due to the extension off by November 19th. Towards the end of the meeting we had our Achievement Celebration in a box the Extension office put together for us, as the in person Achievement Celebration was canceled. Next meeting is set to be held December 5th which will be our Christmas Party.
submitted by Brianna Dittmer

The December 4-H meeting was held December 5 which was our Christmas Party. The theme this year was "Fleece" Navidad. Before the meeting we enjoyed a Taco Bar. After everyone one was done eating the meeting was called to order. Roll call was "what is one of your favorite subjects in School?" (not to include P.E. or recess) Roll call was answered by 30 members. The Christmas float committee discussed the float for the Christmas Parade. 4-H record books were passed out to everyone that completed their book. Ones who finished their books were rewarded with a candy bar of their choice.

Discussion over the soup supper that was happening for Santa day and sign ups to help were passed around. After all the business was done and the meeting was adjourned, we had a gift exchange. Next meeting is set for January 2 at the Community Building.
submitted by Brianna Dittmer

KDHE and KDOR Urge Kansans to be Alert for Text Phishing Scams

TOPEKA – The Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE) and the Kansas Department of Revenue (KDOR) urge Kansans to be alert for text messages that claim to represent KDHE and KDOR. These unsolicited messages may be phishing scams, and people should delete and not open the links or respond to such texts.

The text messages have the following message:
"Kansas Covid-19 Vaccine Driver License Waiver Validation Validate your details below
<https://kdheks-dmv.com>
Department of Health | State of Kansas"

State agencies will not send unsolicited text messages requesting vaccination status, social security number or other sensitive information. Additionally, all KDHE and KDOR websites end with a .gov suffix. Websites with endings such as .com or .org are not legitimate, and Kansans should not click them.

People can report scam text messages in three ways:
Report it on the messaging app you use. Look for the option to report junk or spam.
How to report spam or junk in the Messages app
How to report spam on an Android phone
Copy the message and forward it to 7726 (SPAM).
Report it to the Federal Trade Commission at ftc.gov.

"However a man who was honest and clever was always, ALWAYS more difficult to scam than someone who was dishonest and clever. Sincerity. It was so difficult , by definition, to fake."
— Brandon Sanderson, The Emperor's Soul

"Multitasking is a scam."
— Gary Keller, The ONE Thing: The Surprisingly Simple Truth Behind Extraordinary Results

Kingman Historic Theatre

January 7th - 9th

237 N. Main in Kingman
(620) 532-1253
<http://www.kingmantheatre.org/>
All Seats \$6.00
(cash or local check only)
Showtimes:
Friday & Saturday at 7:30
Sunday at 5:30

Encanto

Rated: PG

Saturday, January 8th will be a sound sensitive showing

Consider
this...

by Mike Johnson

The Ice Cube
Theory

I call it the ice cube theory.

Destiny, it seems, has pre-ordained each of us to be forever chained to specific household chores. Here at home, I have somehow become the ice cube maker. Because I'm a three-tray man, I must maintain constant vigilance to keep an adequate supply for our family and the assorted friends that drop by.

Experience has proven that it takes eight hours for my three trays to turn from H2O into harvestable cubes. By

harvesting my crop just before bed and then again at breakfast, I'm able to keep the inventory at an acceptable level.

I realize that if I bought more trays, the weighty responsibility of the job would be reduced, but truth be told, I kind of enjoy the challenge - and fulfillment - of keeping a full ice cube pan by using just three trays. In fact, because I never know when my supply will be raided by an unanticipated increase in demand, say, filling a picnic cooler or wrapping a banged up knee, I tend to over do it. My ice cube pan literally runneth over.

I'm fascinated by the simplicity of making ice. What I admire so much is that by taking just 30 seconds now, you

can start a process that works for eight hours on its own with no further effort required.

I'm constantly searching out other such activities.

Starting the washing machine before bed is an ice cube theory activity. Several seconds of effort, turns into a load of washed clothing when you awaken. The dryer and the dishwasher work the ice cube theory with equal magic.

Those with interest-bearing bank accounts are utilizing the ice cube theory. By making a deposit (something that takes just a moment) money is earned with no further effort for as long as it's left alone.

Letter writers fall into the same category. It may

take just a few minutes to write and mail one, but it then goes on a three day cross-country journey without another thought, generating a response which arrives long after the original action is forgotten.

Checking out a library book on cassette tape is another example. Takes just a minute to choose one, and then you get to enjoy - and learn - during many hours of what used to be unproductive driving time.

Calling for information about your most far-fetched dream is another. Takes just a minute, and then the magic of the postal system runs its course and before you know it, an exciting package arrives.

Gardeners are the

consummate ice cube theorists. After just several minutes of planting seeds, they're soon tripping over tomato plants, rose bushes or watermelons.

The art of taking a moment NOW to put events in motion that eventually bear fruit far in excess of their original effort is not to be underrated. Those who have mastered the ice cube theory, have mastered the secret of NOW.

Through the use of NOW - the only time we really have - we set in motion a chain of events which either produce an abundant inventory of realized dreams, or an unfulfilled life scattered with empty ice cube trays.

Despite my manage-

ment of the household ice situation, occasionally someone still throws an empty tray back into the freezer without refilling it with water.

I'm struck by the shortsightedness of the action. Not because I fear running out - but because of the opportunity that was missed. Eight whole hours passed without results just because someone didn't take 30 seconds to put the event in motion!

Can you imagine the pain of reaching the end of a lifetime, and discovering that for want of a few better utilized moments, there's nothing in your harvest but a pile of empty ice cube trays?

Now that's a chilling thought.

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Love and
Healing

Nelda was 23 years old and pregnant with her third daughter during the Great Depression, living in a hardscrabble western town with hard-packed dirt roads lined with desert flowers that somehow managed to push up through the cracked clay. Her husband found work on the Hoover Dam dangling from ropes with a hundred-pound drill. He died on the job. Nelda got the news two days later and sunk into a deep melancholy that would resurface throughout her

life. With three small girls to take care of she worked as a postmaster at the small-town office that doubled as a general store. Neighbors dropped off bits of their harvest, widow's mite offerings in those lean times. There wasn't a lot of time to offer support and condolences; everybody was working sun-up to sundown. But one friend suggested Nelda ease her pain by writing to servicemen injured in the war. It was a pen pal program begun by the Red Cross. So, Nelda introduced herself, not sure what to say.

Ross had been in the Merchant Marines in

Canada. While working on a boiler, the thing exploded and injured his leg. He'd walk with a limp the rest of his life. He received Nelda's letter while convalescing in Vancouver. And that's how it began.

A year's worth of letters made their way from the Western desert to the temperate coastal clime and back. She sent photographs of little girls in pinafores with sun-dried faces beside a young mother who smiled shyly at the camera. He wrote poetically of the rainsqualls that roll in from the Northern Pacific. Conversations took months to complete.

Here were two people, each with a piece missing trying to fill each other's spaces. There was time to respect each other's scars, to embrace without the physical contact that can sometimes hurt if you're not careful. They began to understand each other, to find love between lines. And so Ross wrote the letter that would change everything: Will you marry me? Love longs for answers. Love endures the wide spaces between hearts. Finally, a scented letter came. Ross hurriedly packed a few bags, including his tools and his best shirt, and drove down

the coast; somewhere at the top of California he turned inland and ended up between Nevada and New Mexico.

There was a small wedding inside a clay brick church. Hand cut doilies and music from a Victrola. He would lead as they danced, supporting her thin body and fragile emotions. She would be patient with his slow left leg.

Ross opened a service station and thrilled Nelda with daring speed on long dirt roads in his automobile. He raised the girls and they called him daddy. He patted their soft heads with his

big hands and walked the floors with Nelda when her darkness returned and anguish turned her breaths into sobs. Like the desert flowers, they always seemed to push through, enough love between them to bring on the beauty of another new day.


Love...[PassItOn.com](#)

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A Note of Thanks

We would like to thank the city, utility companies, and everyone who helped us clean up after the wind storm. Your quick response and assistance was greatly appreciated.

The Kitson Family



Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday,
from 8:00 - 5:30
(except during lunch 12-1)
on Wed., from 8:00 - 12:00
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Catholic Churches


Sacred Heart, Cunningham
Saturday 4:00 p.m.

St. Leo
Sunday 8:30 a.m.

St. John, Zenda
Sunday 10:00 a.m.

St. Peter Willowdale
Saturday 5:30 p.m.

Father Roger Lumbré
620-243-5451
620-246-5370




Lutheran Churches

St. John, Nashville
620-246-5220
Sunday School & Bible Class
9:15 a.m.
Worship Service
10:30 a.m.

Trinity, Medicine Lodge
620- 886-3397
Sunday School & Bible Class
9:45 a.m.
Worship Service
8:30 a.m.


Our worship service is found on the YouTube channel at:
<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCCrenCH12I9nmpeojCFyYLA>

Pastor Dennis Fangmeyer
Cell: 620-886-0911




Church of Christ

Penalosa
Sunday 11:00 a.m.



First Christian Church

Cunningham
Facebook:
<https://www.facebook.com/CunninghamChristianChurch>
Pastor Mike McGovney
620-298-3201



United Methodist Church

Penalosa
Worship 9:15 a.m.

Cunningham
Worship 10:45 a.m.

Pastor Mathew Ndambuki Musyoki
620-298-2090

Zenda
Worship 9:00 a.m.
Sunday School: Children 8:30 a.m. Adults 10:00 a.m.

Pastor Ken Keeling
620-491-0680

Fundraisers & Charitable Opportunities in our Community

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

West Kingman County Education Foundation
Use your Dillon's Card! Shop [smile.amazon.com](#)
(to donte contaceJanet DeWeese 620-298-2717)

Hands of Hope (contact any church)


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

Cunningham Community Center (leave donation at the bank)

Lions' Club (Money is being raised to dig a well in the village of Kakindu, Kenya)

Cunningham Museum (to donate contact Alan Albers)

Cunningham Public Library (to donate, contact Kerri Steffen)



Want to be a Volunteer

- Go to [KingmanCountyHumaneSociety.org](#)
- Click on the **VOLUNTEER** button
- Fill out the volunteer form
- Wait for us to get back to you!

If you can help out just one or two hours per week, we have lots of ways for you to help. You must be 16 years of age or older.

[instagram.com/kingmancountyhumane](#) | [twitter.com/countykingman](#) | [facebook.com/KingmanCountyHumane](#)

Cunningham Hands of Hope, Inc.

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

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

What: Food

When: Every Tuesday from 2:00-6:00 p.m.

Where: 117 N Main (Old School Board Office)

Why: To provide food assistance to those in need.

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

Do you need assistance outside distribution hours?

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

YEARS AGO IN
The Cunningham
Clipper

W. A. BRADLEY, EDITOR



1927

A new location is being made ready for Hauser’s Cash Market, in the old Farmers State Bank building. The building will be repaired, altered and put into shape so that the market will be able to move about the first of February. The south window in the old Farmers Bank building is being lowered for a display window, and other minor changes in the building will be made.

At the regular meeting of the city council Monday night, the council voted to have installed at once eleven additional street lights. The lights will be put in operation immediately in the different parts of town in order to get the best effect in lighting up the dark parts. A number of lights will burn all night, especially those in alleys and on the darkest corners. The city is doing this in order to stop some petty thievery which continually goes on.

W. T. Cannon, Elmer Carter, Chas. Lakin, Verge Bainum, and Mr. and Mrs. Alf Cooley, (all checker sharks except Mrs. Cooley), motored to Anthony, Kansas, Tuesday to take in the state checker meeting.

We do not believe that you can name a town within a radius of a hundred miles that has as rough streets as Cunningham. It will take considerable work and time now to get the streets back into good shape, but it should be done without delay. What do you say?

1932

Jim Luce, carried on route one, had to leave his car in a snow bank Tuesday, when he got stuck at the south end of his route. He was stuck until the middle of the afternoon, when he walked to the John Eck home five miles away and borrowed a car and came to town. Barney Nossaman took him around the route Wednesday in his car, and helped Jim get his car back to town. J. P. Wymer, carrier on route two, also had to be pulled out of snow banks a couple of times Tuesday.

We’ve been having some real winter weather the past week. After raining all night Sunday and all of Monday, it started snowing Monday evening and Tuesday morning the ground was covered with snow. After snowing most all day Tuesday, the wind got up in the late afternoon and drifted the snow badly. Practically all the roads west of town were blockaded by Tuesday night. By Wednesday morning snow plows had the Cannonball open to traffic; however, the side roads are still in a very bad condition and the farmers are having a hard time getting to town.

A contract will probably be let by the State Highway Commission for the bringing to grade and building necessary culverts on Highway 54 from Kingman to the Pratt county line in January provided the right of way can be purchased in time. Additional land on each side of the present righ of way of U.S. 54 must be purchased to make the width 100 feet.

1937

Winter returned with a boom and a bang Wednesday, after a few days of pleasant weather. The temperature took a to-boggan slide early Wednesday morning going from around the 50 mark about 8:30 to 17 at 3:00 in the afternoon. At 9:00 p.m. the drop had reached 10 and continued going lower through the night. In the early hours Thursday morning a heavy sleet storm began falling, accompanied by a moderate gale, which reached the proportions of a nice Kansas Blizzard. Traffic was reduced to a minimum as the ice froze on windshields making traveling hazardous.

Otis Baker, 57, was burned to death in a fire near Nashville, Monday. He formerly operated a store in Cunningham, and is the father of Vance and Harol Baker of this city.

The Cunningham Dramatic Club will present its first play of the season next Tuesday evening. The play is a comedy entitled “The Demon’s Power” and the cast of characters includes Thelma Hendshaw, Mary Louise Anderson, Bernice Wyssenbach, Eleanor Shelman, Norman Hart, Waldo Shelman, Wayne DeLair, Ray Amick, Ardley Naylor, and Wayne Lash.

Installation of new officers of the local Eastern Star Chapter was held last Thursday evening, after which the members enjoyed a skating party at Cannon’s Roller Rink.

1942

Thieves broke into the Standard Service Station on

U. S. highway 54 just east of town, Sunday evening, stealing eight automobile tires and a quantity of antifreeze, while Ed Pelzl, manager of the station, was sleeping in an adjoining room. Pelzl told officers he awoke when he heard sounds in the outer office and going to the door he was just in time to see a car pull away from the station and escape onto the highway. This is the first tire theft reported around here since the government rationing plan went into effect.

The war came close to Cunningham’s sports followers this week when it was announced that Coach Bob Seidel of McPherson, athletic director and Math teacher in Cunningham, had been inducted into the Naval Reserve. Prof. C. L. Zink took over coaching duties this week. He admits them rather strenuous on the middle-age spread but finds the team willing to overlook that. Mrs. C. L. Zink is now teaching Seidel’s Math classes, and Ora Anderson is taking over the manual training for the present.

1966

No mail in after Thursday morning until Saturday night. Stores ran out of milk and bread due to lack of deliveries. Clipper had exclusive production rights. An abundance of ex-GI Title B clothing in circulation. Norwich-Cunningham basketball game postponed. Lowest temperature 22 degrees below, which is the lowest to be recorded here since 1884 when it dipped to a low of 25 degrees below, according to pioneer Eck Hoagland. N. H. Beerman, Penalosa rural carrier, rescued at 11:00 p.m. on Thursday night in a near collapse condition due to exposure, four miles east of Penny. No train service from Wednesday until Monday and as a result there was no Sun.-Mon. show at the local cinema, since the films arrive via the train.

The Fee Hardware Company announces the opening of the McCormick-Deering Service Shop, Monday, January 13th. Mr. Tom Campbell, formerly of Fredonia, Kansas, a seasoned mechanic, will operate the shop, which is located in the adjoining building north of the hardware store.

We know one man who licked the housing shortage and he is Carl Poland, who moved his house into town with the furniture intact. After the Raney Trucking Service had deposited the house on a temporary foundation late Wednesday evening, Mr. Poland built his fires, prepared his evening meal and after having washed his dishes and performed the usual evening household tasks, went merrily to bed. Which only proves that there is more than one way to skin a cat.

1952

The Cunningham Wildcats easily defeated the Sun City Hornets, 60 to 30, in their first round game of the Isabel Invitational Tournament, Thursday night.

For Rent – Modern three-room house. Newly Redecorated, with new built-ins. Rent \$25.00 per month. See G. C. Huhman, phone 53, Cunningham, Kansas.

For Sale – 1939 Ford 4-door sedan with new motor and new tires, \$275.00. 1939 ¾-ton International pickup with good motor and good tires. \$150.00. Bob Stillwell, phone 60, Cunningham, Kansas.

Notice – A frozen food locker holds over two hundred pounds of food, all ready for your use. No paying high retail prices, no waiting to be served, no going from store to store. See or call Hauser’s Market and Zero Lockers, phone 28, Cunningham, Kansas, today.

Notice – Apparently some of the younger boys have gotten new rifles for Christmas and are trying them out on Skelly Oil Company meter houses. This is a dangerous target at which to aim because someone may be in the meter house, or damage may be done to the meter. We hope this notice will be sufficient warning to those concerned. Bob Underwood, Plant Superintendent.

For Sale – Willard Batteries for heavy-duty service and long life. Fee Hardware, phone, 73, Cunningham, Kansas.

1957

The high school basketeers evened their won-and-lost record up at four-four, Tuesday night, when they swamped Coats by an 82-52 score at Coats.

Three Cunningham players scored in double figures, with Donald Becker and Billy Schnittker getting 22 points and Larry Shaffer scoring 14 points.

Cunningham has a town team in the Pratt City Basketball League this year, and the local boys got off to a good start in league play, Monday night, by defeating the Pratt Jaycees, with Billy DeWeese leading the Cunningham scoring attack.

George McClellan recently purchased a pure-bred Aberdeen Angus bull from Paul and Catherine Hammeke of Ellinwood.

The Oller Family enjoyed a reunion in the Lodge Hall, Christmas Day. 65 relatives partook of a basket dinner at noon.

The Cunningham Lions Club held their regular bi-monthly dinner-meeting in the Lodge Hall, Tuesday evening. Following dinner, President Bill Bradley introduced District Governor Bill Larkin of Wichita, who spoke to the group on Lionism. Jack Meyers was awarded custody of “Everett,” the club’s non-attendance prize duck.

1962

Mr. and Mrs. Warren Kailer of Chase, Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Freund and Cindy of Tulsa, Okla., and Loren Cooley all returned home last Thursday from a vacation trip to Pasadena, Calif., over the New Year’s holidays. Mrs. Cooley remained to spend a couple of weeks with her daughter and husband, Dr. and Mrs. Robert Sunter.

Cunningham doubled the score of Preston, 66-33, in winning their sixth straight Ninnescah League game at Preston last Friday night, remaining in first place in the league standings.

Double figure scorers included Bob Meyers with 15, Robert Leiter with 14, Roger Krug with 12 and Marshal Swander with 11. Kenneth Spade with 8 and Eugene Huston with 6, completed the Cunningham scoring.

1967

“Open House” ceremonies will be held at the First National Bank of Cunningham, Saturday, Jan. 14, from two until 4:30 o’clock. The bank’s newly remodeled quarters, which didn’t change the outside appearance of the building much, will present a new, radically different, and beautiful appearance inside the bank.

The re-modeling program includes a completely re-styled lobby; two offices; wash rooms, and storage room. The building now has a central air conditioning and heating system, and complete new bank office furnishings.

Kindergarten classes will begin in Unified School District No. 332, Monday, Jan. 23, and sessions will be held in Cunningham Grade School and the former Nashville Grade School building for 16 weeks.

Mrs. Delmer (Naomi) Huffman will be the kindergarten teacher of the Cunningham classes, and school officials anticipate an enrollment of 16 students here.

The Cunningham Grade School basketball teams split a pair of games at St. Leo last Thursday night in West Kingman County Grade School League activity with the girls winning by a 53 to 12 score and the boys losing by 34 to 22.

High School Basketball – Cunningham won their second Ninnescah League victory here last Friday night as they bowled over Sylvia by an 81-65 score. The Wildcats had five players scoring in double figures with Jim McCune leading the scoring attack with 19 points. Danny Meyers came up with 18 points; Duane Schnittker had 17; Dennis Theis 12; Ned Albers 10; Harold Stark 4; and Frank McClellan 1.

1972

January 6- The area’s first bitter cold spell arrived early Monday morning. A light drizzle fell early that morning, followed by sub-freezing temperatures and a light snowfall, accompanied by a stiff north wind. The low temperature reported during Monday night was six degrees above zero.

School was dismissed an hour early Monday afternoon due to the close-to-blizzard conditions.

Long distance telephone service was interrupted by the drizzle which quickly turned to glare ice, and phone poles were reported down on either side of Cunningham.

Ivanhoe Chapter No. 429, Order of the Easter Star, and Cunningham Lodge No. 427, A. F. & A. M., held installation services at a joint meeting in the Cunningham Lodge Hall, Monday evening, Dec. 27.

Norwich was in the top spot in the Golden Plains League basketball standings with a 3-0 league record, 4-1 overall. Nashville-Zenda was second in the league, with a 2-0 league record, 5-1 overall. Cunningham held the third spot in the seven-member league with a 1-1 league record, 4-2 overall.

- WANTED -

Old Photos for *Our Community Album*

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cunninghamcourier@embarqmail.
com or send to 320 North Stadium
Street, Cunningham, KS 67035

Museum Winter Hours

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Governor Laura Kelly Announces Expanded Free, Reduced-Price School Meals in Kansas Schools

~Kansas one of eight states to participate in school meal demonstration project~

TOPEKA – Governor Laura Kelly announced that Kansas has been selected as one of eight states to participate in a demonstration project utilizing Medicaid eligibility data to certify eligible students for free and reduced-price school meals.

“This project will expand free, reduced-priced meals for some of our most vulnerable students,” Governor Kelly said. “Our kids need reliable access to healthy foods to learn and grown,

and this is great news for our state, students, and families.”

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Food and Nutrition Service Mountain Plains Region made the announcement earlier this week. The Kansas State Department of Education is working in collaboration with the Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE) on the project, said Cheryl Johnson, director of KSDE's Child Nutrition and Wellness (CNW) team.

“Kansas is excited to be a part of this pilot project,” Janet Stanek, KDHE Acting Secretary, said. “This project will directly impact students on Medicaid and remove barriers to receiving healthy and nutritious meals while at school. According to the CDC, research shows that stu-

dents who participate in the school meal programs consume more whole grains, milk, fruits, and vegetables during meal-times and have better overall diet quality which ultimately has a positive effect on learning.”

The newest round of this demonstration project creates an important opportunity to further test the impact of Medicaid Direct Certification, which was first initiated through the Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act of 2010.

Seven other states were also selected to participate in this round of the project: Alabama, Illinois, Louisiana, Maryland, Minnesota, North Carolina and South Carolina.

The direct certification process makes it easier for children from low-income households to receive free and reduced-

price school meals, according to the USDA. Historically, most students who receive free or reduced-price school meals have been certified based on information they submit in an application.

Families can also be deemed eligible because they participate in one of a few benefit programs, like the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) or Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF). Adding Medicaid to the list of benefit programs that can directly certify a student to receive free or reduced-price meals is a win-win for students, families, and school officials, according to the USDA. This means less paperwork for families and fewer school meal applications for school districts to process and verify.

Since 2012-2013, USDA has authorized demonstration projects allowing states to test direct certification with Medicaid. With the addition of eight states this week, 27 states are now participating in these projects, representing approximately 75% of students nationwide, the USDA said.

An evaluation by USDA found that these projects allowed more than one million students to be certified for free meals and nearly 260,000 students for reduced-price meals in school year 2017-2018.

“This is a win-win for Kansas students, families and school districts,” said Cheryl Johnson, director Child Nutrition and Wellness for the Kansas State Department of Education. “This means school districts have fewer school meal ap-

plications to process and verify, and families have less paperwork to complete. It also helps ensure access to nutritious meals for all students, which fuels them for overall success.”

“Direct certification works to ensure children in need aren’t mistakenly left behind, and can decrease errors in school meal program administration,” said Cheryl Kennedy, USDA, Food and Nutrition Service, Mountain Plains Region administrator. “By eliminating applications, direct certification reduces the burden on families and schools and connects more children to the nutrition they need to succeed in school.”

For more information, visit the FNS webpage on Direct Certification.

Bonnie Plants Announces Statewide Winners of the 3rd Grade Cabbage Program

Students are cashing in cabbage for \$1,000 scholarships after being selected as “Best in State”

UNION SPRINGS, Ala. -- Kids across the country are earning a lot of “green” after being selected as the “Best in State” in the Bonnie Plants 3rd Grade Cabbage Program. This year, nearly 200,000 third graders in the 48

contiguous states have gotten hands-on gardening experience growing colossal cabbages with one student in each state awarded a \$1,000 scholarship towards education from Bonnie Plants, the largest grower of vegetable and herb plants in the U.S.

“We relaunched the 3rd Grade Cabbage Program in the spring as a safe, remote-friendly learning activity to inspire children of all backgrounds to grow a love of gardening,” said Mike Sutterer, President and CEO of Bonnie Plants. “After pausing the program last year because of the COVID-19 pandemic, we’re thrilled to once again see so many stu-

dents were able to participate and learn the basics of gardening as well as life lessons like responsibility, self-confidence and accomplishment.”

At the beginning of the program, Bonnie sent each student a starter cabbage plant and the lessons needed to care for and nurture their plant every step of the way. Students took a photo with their cabbage when it was fully grown and submitted it for a chance to win the \$1,000 scholarship. Winners were selected by Bonnie in collaboration with state departments of agriculture based on the student’s enthusiasm to participate and learn in addition to the size and overall appearance

of their cabbage.

“It’s truly amazing to see firsthand how the 3rd Grade Cabbage Program is able to inspire a love of vegetable gardening in young people and grow our next generation of gardeners,” said Angela Thomas, Corporate Communications Manager at Bonnie Plants. “We’re proud of all of this year’s participants and would like to congratulate all of the winners whose hard work is paying off!”

Bonnie Plants launched the 3rd Grade Cabbage program in 1996, choosing cabbages because they were the first profitable crop the company sold. The cabbages utilized for the

program are the O.S. Cross variety, which is known for producing giant, oversized heads of cabbage that can tip the scales at more than 40 pounds!

Getting involved in the 3rd Grade Cabbage Program is free. Fall registration for those who are located in USDA Hardiness Zones 8-11 is now open. Teachers and parents can click here to register their class or student. Registration opens in January for the spring growing season.

To see the 2020-21 winners as they come in and learn more about the 2022 contest, please visit: bonniecabbageprogram.com.

About Bonnie Plants

Headquartered in Union Springs, Alabama, Bonnie Plants is the largest and only national supplier and producer of vegetable and herb plants in the United States. Bonnie grows 300 varieties of quality vegetable and herb plants for home gardeners across the country, with 70+ growing stations serving the 48 contiguous states. Established in 1918 by Livingston and Bonnie Paulk, the company has remained in touch with its roots for more than 100 years. Bonnie Plants are available at garden retailers throughout the United States. For more information, please visit bonnieplants.com.

PCC Fall Honor Roll

Following below are the honor roll designations alphabetically by last name.

President’s Honor Roll (4.0)

Sharity Adams
Ian Akers
Kai Allen
Leah Baisch
Arius Burnett
Benjamin Burroughs
Evan Campbell
Brian Carbajal
Bryce Chavez
Jayden Crawford
Shelby Cunningham
Dayton Denton
Kawana Dias dos Santos
Colton Dillon
Gavin Djurovic
Forrest Dowell
Derek Drees
Mayra Estrada
Kaden Fox
Samuel Gatlin
Anthony Gideon
Hailee Harris

Miles Hartman
Rianne Hatcher
Kylie Hefling
Grace Hendrickson
Hayden Hunt
Sukesh Kamesh
Heston Kavanagh
Brayden Ketley
Kyle Kobold
Nicholas Kwiatkowski
Jonathan Lara
Jazmin Levario
Sidney Lewis
Heather Lord
Ingrid Maldonado
Connor McManus
Deston Miller
Jacob Mitchell
Ryan Nicholson
Ngozi Nyeusi
Ethan Pae
Konnor Pfeifer
Maris Quillen
Scott Radke
Tamara Radovanov
Guilherme Henrique Ribeiro
Moises Rodriguez
Cody Royer
Conner Ruff
Tyler Sabatka
Mitchell Scott

Dacoda Settlemyer
Zachary Seymour
Tucker Shadley
Jazmyne Shannon
Jackson Singleton
Alaina Strickland
Quinn Tocheniuk
Dillon Williams
Jaylon Wiltz
Cayden Winter

Dean’s Honor Roll (3.5 - 3.9)

Michael Acosta
Gregory Adelman
Samajay Alboyd
Brianna Aragon
Svenja Arnold
Teru Baker
Faith Bannister
Kailey Barnard
Connor Barnett
Dylon Baum
Braden Black
Nathan Boutilier
Jacob Brault
Sarah Briggs
Sierra Bryant
Ian Buckman
Jacob Carroll
Paden Cornelsen
Isiah Coronado

Zander Cupples
Hailey Curran
Chariah Daniels
Hunter Davis
Mason Dean
Jodi Demidio
Addison Devine
Sierra Dunlap
Devin Engelhardt
Kurtis Engroff
Brent Escareno
Ian Escoto
Chilotam Eziukwu
Seth Ferguson
Jessi Ferneau
Mason Fields
Aaron Fierro
Trevor Frederick
Bryana Gallagher
Oscar Gallardo
Tyler Gates
Beau Gilpin
Vitor Goncalves
Colton Gossman
Trevor Grasser
Maxime Guyon
Konner Habiger
Connor Hall
Parker Hamel
Jaycie Headrick
Grant Hebb
Nikolas Highsmith

Parker Hillis
Ira Hird
Auron Hoyer
John Hubbert
John Huelskamp
Jace Jenkins
Tia Jones
Karolina Juresiute
Stephanie Kerst
Peyton Koehler
Jeremy Kornelson
Jeremichah Krehbiel
Augustus Krier
Braydon Lemuz
Oleksandr Makarov
Cade McCracken
Alec Meier
Adolfo Mendoza
Alyssa Miller
Nathaniel Moore
Jordan Mullins
Grant Murray
Griseld Nano
Jared Nelson
Devon Nicholson
Shealee Paull
Morgan Pitts
Kayla Ponnagandla
Dayton Porsch
Samantha Pounds
Alexa Puerto
Natalia Richartz

Luke Rider
Maureene Robert
Jordyn Sanko
Lisa Scapini
Jordon Schmidt
Gabriel Seller
Kaden Shellito
Andile Sibanda
Ruth Sodipe
Chasen Sowell
Eryn Spangenberg
Clayton Stephenson
Quintin Talbot
Micah Tatro
Owen Thiel
Brooke Tholen
Blake Thompson
Lane Thompson
Mackenzie Trujillo
Collin Turley
Brielle Vandervoort
Tatianna Vincent
Audry Vorabouth
Kade Wahlers
Cassandra Wedel
Jacob Wegner
Andrew Wilson
Carson Wilson
Payton Woody

SCCF Scholarships Due March 15

South Central Community Foundation (SCCF) is excited to offer nearly 40 scholarships to its seven county service area. New this year, the Foundation will be accepting all applications on an online portal, which will allow students to submit a universal application and then apply for each individual scholarship they are eligible for.

A complete list of guidelines and applications for each opportunity can be found online at www.sccfks.org.

SCCF is a nonprofit organization that serves Barber, Comanche, Kingman, Kiowa, Pratt, Rice, and Stafford Counties. In 2021, SCCF awarded nearly \$75,000 in scholarships. Please contact SCCF with questions at (620) 672-7929 or email sccf@sccfks.org.

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— Elle Kennedy, *The Goal*

“I am a great scholar, my mind is full of wonders.”
— Lailah Gifty Akita

“It was quite a shock for me to discover that crime was so easy that it was boring. I reluctantly turned to scholarship.”
— Barry Hughart

Cunningham's Emergency Services Vehicles

When I saw all these vehicles in the Santa Claus Day Parade photos, I wanted to do a display page of them, but too many other holiday items bumped them out. This week seemed like a good week as there are no school activities to fill this page.

These are the vehicles that are used to keep our city and surrounding areas safe. There are many and they are mighty. We should be proud our small community has this caliber of emergency vehicles. We have a active EMS service, with Monte Rose serving as our only EMT. Please consider taking a class in the future as Monte deserves a break, he's done this for many years and is ready to hang up his hat. We do have an EMS board who supports Monte and will support the next EMTs who come on board. Please consider.

Harold Stark is our fire chief, and we are so lucky to have his knowledge in guiding us through the emergencies we have, and the trucks and the equipment we need, Thank you to Harold and his volunteer firefighters. Thank you to Monte and the EMS board. Thank you many, many times over.



photos submitted by Molly Morgan

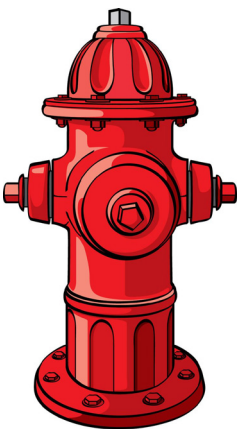


“Offer a prayer when you hear an ambulance’s or police car’s siren.”
— Wayne W. Dyer, *Change Your Thoughts - Change Your Life: Living the Wisdom of the Tao*



“Once, in second grade, Kate drew a picture of a firefighter with a halo above his helmet. She told her class that I would only be allowed to go to Heaven, because if I went to Hell, I'd put out all the fires.”
~Brian Fitzgerald
— Jodi Picoult, *My Sister's Keeper*

“Firefighter is one of the few jobs kind enough to warn me away by containing two words I'm not interested in, unlike the deceptive bookkeeper.”
— Joel Stein, *Man Made: A Stupid Quest for Masculinity*



Upcoming Auctions

Saturday, January 8, 2022
Consignment Auction -
Hamm Auction Center

For more information and a complete
list of auctions, see our website at
www.hammauction.com

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620-672-6996

Pratt County Commission Minutes for December 20, 2021 were not posted by press time. I'll put them in next week.

Governor Announces December Total Tax Collections Surpass the Estimate by \$64.5 Million

TOPEKA – Governor Laura Kelly announced that total tax collections for December were \$890.3 million. That is \$64.5 million, or 7.8%, more than the monthly estimate. That is also a 15.6%, or \$120.0 million, growth over December 2020.

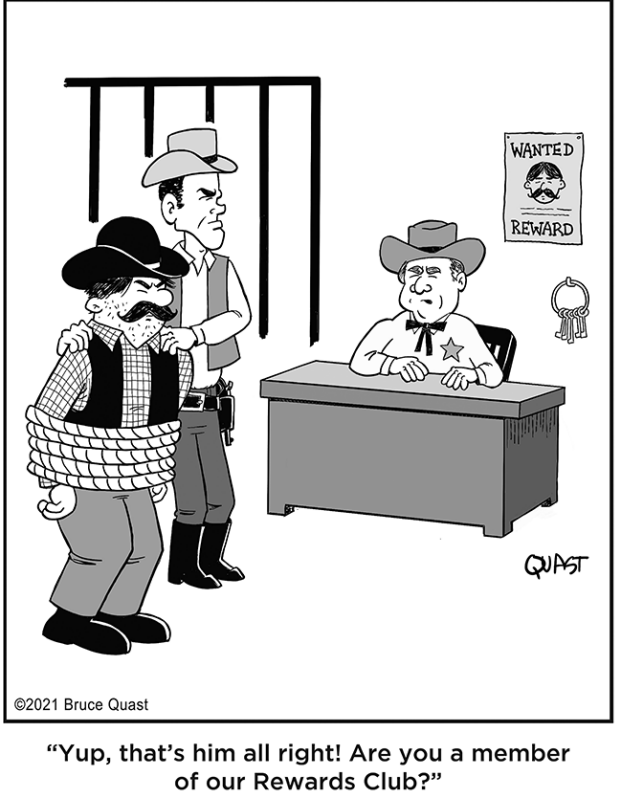
“Over the past three years my administration has taken steps to restore the Kansas economy, and that fiscal responsibility has paved the way to provide direct tax relief to Kansas taxpayers,” Governor Laura Kelly said. “That relief will come specifically through proposals like axing the food tax and offering a one-time \$250 tax rebate for Kansas families.”

Individual income tax collections were \$355.2 million. That is \$35.2 million more than the estimate and \$48.5 million, or 15.8%, more than the previous December. Corporate income tax collections were \$132.0 million, which is \$22.0 million more than the estimate. That is 33.1%, or \$32.8 million, more than the same month of the previous year.

Retail sales tax collections were \$224.3 million for December. That is \$4.3 million, or 2.0%, more than the estimate and 11.1%, or \$22.4 million, more than December 2020. Compensating use tax collections were \$69.2 million. That is \$2.2 million, or 3.3%, more than the estimate. Those collections are also \$17.0 million, or 32.7%, more than the previous December.

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by Bruce Quast



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Calcium, Max. -----	0.55%
Phosphorus, Min. -----	0.35%
Salt, Min. -----	7%
Salt, Max. -----	8%
Potassium, Min. -----	0.4%
Copper, Min. -----	2 ppm
Copper, Max. -----	7 ppm
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Low-Income Energy Assistance Program Helps Heat Kansas Homes

TOPEKA – A perfect storm of cold weather and expensive energy costs is headed to Kansas households heating bills this winter.

National gas costs are projected to rise by 30 percent while energy costs are expected to be six percent higher, according to the U.S. Energy Information Administration and the Kansas Corporation Commission. They explain that high natural gas and energy usage from Winter Storm Uri in February 2021, high demands on natural gas from heat waves this summer, energy shortages in Europe and Asia, and declining domestic production, all combined will cause energy and natural gas costs to be higher than normal this winter.

“This strain on already stressed family financial situations is cause for concern,” said DCF Secretary Laura Howard. “The Kansas Department for Children and Families (DCF) is ready to assist Kansans with the Low-Income Energy Assistance Program (LIEAP).”

LIEAP provides an annual benefit to help qualifying households pay winter heating bills. Persons with disabilities, older adults and families with children are the primary groups assisted. Applications for the program will be accepted beginning Monday, Jan. 3. In 2021, 38,750 households received an average benefit of \$1,389, an increase from 2020 when about 34,000 households received an average benefit of \$960.

To qualify, applicants must be responsible for direct payment of their heating bills. Income eligibility requirements are set at 150 percent of the

federal poverty level. The level of benefit varies according to household income, number of people living in the home, type of residence, type of heating fuel and utility rates.

Applicants need to have made payments on their heating bill two out of the last three months. Those payments must be equal to or exceed \$80 or the total balance due on their energy bills, whichever is less.

Applications for the program have been mailed to households that received energy assistance last year. LIEAP applications are also available at local DCF offices and through partnering agencies starting Jan. 3. They can be requested by calling 1-800-432-0043. To apply online, visit <https://cssp.kees.ks.gov/apsspsspNonMed.portal>. For more information, visit <http://www.dcf.ks.gov/services/ees/Pages/EnergyAssistance.aspx>.

Applications will be accepted from Jan. 3 to 5 p.m. March 31.

	Income eligibility determination:
	Persons Living at the Address
	Maximum Gross Monthly Income
1	\$1,610
2	\$2,178
3	\$2,745
4	\$3,313
5	\$3,880
6	\$4,448
7	\$5,015
8	\$5,583
+1	\$568 for each additional person

Funding for the Low Income Energy Assistance program is provided by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Community Service through the Federal Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program.

Don't Wait

The holiday season can be very stressful; whether it is trying to find the perfect gifts, family drama, or financial stress, there is a good chance everyone will at least have one moment of stress during the holidays. Unfortunately, this stress also affects those struggling with drugs and alcohol.

According to the National Institute on Drug Abuse, relapse rates year-round are between 40 to 60 %. From what we have seen at Narconon

New Life Retreat, many pf these relapses occur during the holiday season. Although the reasons for the relapse may vary between the temptation of alcohol at Christmas Parties or money from gifts they received, we regularly hear many stories of relapse from the holidays.

In addition to this, many families discover for the first time, their loved one is struggling with substance abuse. The holidays are often the primary time of the year that families see each other. If you are

concerned your family member may be using drugs or drinking excessively, you should learn the signs of drug and alcohol abuse. Being able to spot the characteristics could make the difference between your loved one getting treatment or ending in tragedy.

If you find yourself in either of these situations, do not wait but start working on getting your loved one into treatment as soon as possible. Narconon Louisiana offers free assessments and referrals. Call us today to speak with a treatment specialist that can help you take the necessary steps to help your loved one.

To read more on the subject, visit: <https://www.narcononnewliferetreat.org/drug-rehab-info/give-your-loved-one-the-gift-of-sobriety-this-holiday-season.html>

To learn more about the dangers of waiting visit: <https://www.narcononnewliferetreat.org/blog/the-dangerous-waiting-game.html>

Written by: Aaron Olson

Public Notice

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IN THE THIRTIETH JUDICIAL DISTRICT

DISTRICT COURT OF KINGMAN COUNTY, KANSAS

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF:

CHARLES W. THIMESCH, Deceased.

CASE NO. 2021 PR 19

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

NOTICE OF HEARING

THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:

You are hereby notified that a Petition has been filed in this Court by Charles M. Thimesch, duly appointed, qualified and acting Administrator of the Estate of Charles W. Thimesch, deceased, praying Petitioner's acts be approved; account be settled and allowed; the heirs be determined;

the Estate be assigned to the persons entitled thereto pursuant to the laws of intestate succession; fees and expenses be allowed; costs be determined and ordered paid; the administration of the Estate be closed; the Administrator be discharged and Petitioner be released from further liability.

You are hereby required to file your written defenses thereto on or before January 18, 2022, at 10:00 o'clock a.m., in the District Court, Kingman, Kingman County, Kansas, at which time and place the cause will be heard. Should you fail therein, judgment and decree will be entered in due course upon the Petition.

Charles M. Thimesch, Petitioner

Matthew W. Ricke
Ricke Law Office
349 N. Main, PO Box 113
Kingman, KS 67068
Attorney for Petitioner

Public Notice

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IN THE THIRTIETH JUDICIAL DISTRICT

DISTRICT COURT OF KINGMAN COUNTY, KANSAS

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF:

MARCELENE E. HENNING, Deceased.

Case No. 2021 PR 47

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

NOTICE OF HEARING AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS

THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:

You are hereby notified that on December 28, 2021, a Petition was filed in this Court by Ty A. Eason and Kelly R. Feril, the Co-Executors named in the "Last Will and Testament of Marcelene E. Henning," deceased, dated October 30, 2017, praying the will filed with the Petition be admitted to probate and record; Petitioners

be appointed as Co-Executors, without bond; and Petitioners be granted Letters Testamentary.

You are required to file your written defenses thereto on or before January 25, 2022, at 10:00 o'clock a.m. in the District Court, Kingman, Kingman County, Kansas, at which time and place the cause will be heard. Should you fail therein, judgment and decree will be entered in due course upon the Petition.

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

Ty A. Eason & Kelly R. Feril, Petitioners

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

Kingman County Sheriff's Report

Sunday, December 26th			Wednesday, December 29th		
Traffic Stops	8		Traffic stop	1	
Traffic complaint	2000 block W Hwy 54 Kingman		Traffic complaint	NE 120 Ave & NE 20 St. area Kingman	
Traffic complaint	1100 block E Hwy 54, Kingman				
Traffic hazard	North Main St & E. E Ave area, Kingman		Traffic complaint	11000 block E Hwy 54 Cheney	
Burglary	500 block N Thompson Kingman		Fire - outisde	2000 block E Hwy 54 Kingman	
Fire outside	14000 block SE 100 St. Norwich				
Suspicious person	300 block W Stanley Ave Spivey		Thursday, December 30th		
Vehicle unlock	14000 block SE 100 St Norwich		Traffic complaint	MM 165, Kingman	
Monday, December 27th			Disturbance	1000 block N Coronado St.. Kingman	
Traffic stops	10		Vehicle disabled	SE 70 ST. & S Hwy 14 area, Kingman	
Traffic complaint	5000 block W Hwy 54 Kingman		Friday, December 31st		
Traffic complaint	SW 170 Ave & W Hwy 54 area, Cunningham		Traffic stop	7	
Assist other agencies	16000 block E Hwy 54 Cheney		Traffic complaint	E Hwy 42 & S Hwy 14 area, Rago	
Damage	12000 block NE 20 St. Murdock		Traffic complaint	9000 block W Hwy 54 Cunningham	
Theft	300 block S Somerset St. Norwich		Traffic complaint	13000 block E Hwy 54 Cheney	
Theft	10000 block NW 50 St. Penalosa		Traffic complaint	MM 99 ,Kingman	
Tuesday, December 28th			Animal	700 block W D Ave. Kingman	
Traffic stop	3		Saturday, December 25th		
Traffic check tag	Spivey		Animal	E. C Ave & N Lincoln St. area, Kingman	
			Fire structure	700 block E. D Ave. Kingman	
			Weather watch	4	

Kansas Profile: Now That's Rural Roxie Yonkey, 100 Things to Do in Kansas

“Is there anything to do in Kansas?”

“Oh, yes. There are a HUNDRED things to do in Kansas!”

If you don’t believe me, take the word of author Roxie Yonkey. She recently wrote a book titled “100 Things to Do in Kansas Before You Die.”

Roxie was born and raised in Nebraska and always enjoyed writing. At college in Virginia, she became a staff writer.

Roxie came to Kansas for a job opportunity at the Goodland newspaper. Her plan was to stay for a year. More than 30 years later, she’s still here.



When Roxie took the job in Goodland, she met a good-looking guy at the next desk. Four years later, they would be married. Roxie and Eric bought a newspaper in Syracuse and sold it in 2000.

They came back to northwest Kansas. Roxie found that she enjoyed writing about Kansas attractions. She designed the regional travel guide called the Ultimate Guide to Northwest Kansas, worked for the Sherman County Convention and Visitors Bureau, and became administrator for the Kansas I-70

Association.

When those positions ended, she was not sure what to do next. “I was sitting and staring at my computer, asking myself, ‘What do I do now?’ Then it was as if a voice said to me, ‘What do you have in your hand?’ I answered, ‘A computer mouse...’ I realized I could become a travel writer and blogger,” Roxie said.

In 2019, Roxie launched a website called www.roxieontheroad.com of which she is the Chief Exploration Officer. Her first post was about the Butterfield Trail Museum in the rural community of Russell Springs, population 24 people. Now, that’s rural.

Roxie traveled the state extensively to research a book. “I would wake in the night and visualize how the book would go,” Roxie said. “It was writing itself.”

In 2021, Roxie pub-

lished her book, titled “100 Things to Do in Kansas Before You Die.” The cover features Kansas sunflowers plus a picture of a tin bucket, to remind you of a bucket list.

“I wanted things from every portion of the state,” Roxie said. The book describes Kansas from corner to corner, from Atchison to Point of Rocks and from Route 66 to the Arikaree Breaks.

“You just have to include certain things, such as Eisenhower and Amelia Earhart,” Roxie said. The book includes big city attractions such as Legends in Kansas City, Old Town in Wichita, and the Cosmosphere in Hutchinson, plus many, many rural events such as the Outhouse tour in Elk Falls (I am not making this up).

Descriptions include natural wonders such as the new Little Jerusalem

Badlands State Park and Cheyenne Bottoms, plus historic landmarks like the Brown v. Board of Education site and John Brown mural at the state capitol. Then there are distinctly Kansas activities such as visiting the Little House on the Prairie or singing the state song at the Home on the Range cabin.

The book is conveniently organized into sections on Food and Drink, Music and Entertainment, Sports and Recreation, Culture and History, and Shopping and Fashion. She even created an index of suggested itineraries and a list of seasonal activities to be best pursued in the winter, spring, summer or fall.

Ultimately, the book includes much more than 100 things to do. There are photos and descriptions of each of the 100 things, which Roxie aug-

mented with many additional related tips and venue lists. She hopes her book will make a positive difference for the state.

“I would like people to flock to these attractions,” Roxie said. She has already had book orders from California to Connecticut. For more information or to order, go to www.roxieontheroad.com.


Is there anything to do in Kansas? Roxie wrote in her preface: “Kansas is subtle. The Sunflower State doesn’t overwhelm visitors with its mountains or its oceans. We have neither. Instead, Kansas sneaks up on its guests, and before they realize it, they’ve fallen in love with the state, its friendly people, fascinating history, beauty, and fun activities.

“I know this,” Roxie wrote, “because it happened to me.”

50 for 50

Jill Simpson - Columbus HS

Celebrating 50 Years of TitleIX



Some days we would play 45 holes. When my sister and I got old enough to do spring break trips, our parents tried to convince us to go to the beach or snow skiing. But she and I just wanted to go somewhere to play golf.

Anyone who knew Jill (Simpson) Miller as a youngster expected big things of her on the golf course when she reached high school.

After all, she came from a golfing family. She said she practically lived at the small country club while growing up in Columbus, a town of about 3,000 in southeast Kansas. And after receiving her first set of clubs at age 10, she began competing - and excelling - in tournaments all across the state and beyond.

The Titans’ high school coach, Steve Curran, thought Miller had the potential to be the best high school golfer Columbus ever turned out. But even he couldn’t have predicted she would turn out to be one of the best-ever in the state of Kansas.

Miller watched as an eighth-grader as her first cousin, Gina, won the Class 4A state title in 1990 and led the Columbus girls’ program to its first state title. Miller then went on win state all four years of her decorated high school career while leading Columbus to three state team titles and a runner-up finish.

That helped the Titans live up their name while recording the most dominant decade in the history of Kansas high school girls’ golf. Columbus finished in the top two at state every year in the 1990s (including seven titles), an accomplishment unmatched by even the most dominant girls’ programs such as St. Thomas Aquinas and Manhattan.

Curran came to

Columbus and started the girls’ golf program in 1989, and the Titans went on to finish third that first season. The rest, as they say, is history. Curran left Columbus for nearby Girard in 1997 and retired two years ago.

Curran said he thinks that part of Columbus’ success stemmed from the relationships the players developed from early on.

Columbus 1993 GGGolf Champs

“They were close friends for a long time before high school,” Curran said. “And I think once a program gets rolling, it’s easier for people to want to be a part of it. The ultimate goal for us was to place well at state, and the biggest competition we had was ourselves.”

After winning the regional meet her fresh-

man year, Miller said she didn’t really feel any pressure to win the state individual title. She just wanted her team to win. She laughed while recalling what a newspaper reporter asked her after winning it all as a 14-year-old freshman.

“I wasn’t sure how to react,” she said. “I just said, ‘Hopefully, I’ll do it three more times.’ “

That she did while establishing a 3-handicap, winning 32 of her 38 high school meets, and cementing her legacy as one of the best golfers - male or female - in Kansas prep history.

The summer following her first state championship, Jerry Waugh - a legend at the University of Kansas, who played basketball under Phog Allen - approached Miller at a junior golf tournament. Waugh, now 97, coached the Jayhawks well into his 70s.

“I knew right then and there I would go to KU,” Miller said, “and I’m so grateful that I did. He was our coach, but he was more like a grandfather to us. It was a special relationship.”

Miller’s love for golf began at a young age.

The oldest of two girls, she started playing with her dad when she was about 8 years old. She only used four clubs (a pitching wedge, a driver, and 5- and 7-irons) for a couple of years before getting her first full set when she was 10.

“We would be at the golf course from sun up to sun down,” she said. “Some days we would play 45 holes. When my sister and I got old enough to do spring break trips, our parents tried to convince us to go to the beach or snow skiing. But she and I just wanted to somewhere to play golf.”

Her teammates marveled at how passionate Miller was about the sport.

“Jill was so good even as a freshman, and everyone on the team knew she was the best golfer. But she wanted the team to do well, too,” said Kim (Correll) Scripsick, a high school teammate of Miller’s for three years. “What really set her apart from a lot of us was her work ethic. She practiced all the time.”

All that practice parlayed into a high school career for the ages.

“Jill hit it far and hit it accurate and always managed the course really well,” Curran said. “She hit from the tee box to the green as well as anyone I’ve ever seen.”

Following her career at KU, Miller gave up playing much golf for a few years.

“I was so obsessed in high school, and I guess I kind of got burned out,” she said. “After college, I got married, started a family, and didn’t have time to play golf.”

She has since picked it back up and enjoys playing with her husband, Reed, and their daughters - 13-year-old Ellie and 7-year-old Mia.

“It’s that time of my life that I really like playing again,” she said.

“Golf is a sport unlike any other,” Miller added. “It’s such a great way to meet so many people – I made some lifelong friends through golf – and you can do this sport your entire life. You can make so many connections, and you don’t have to be a competitive golfer. So many great things have happened in my life because of golf.”

2021—The Year in K–12 Education

“It has been tough!” lament many teachers and school administrators. Before 2020, the numbers of college students pursuing K–12 teaching credentials was already falling, and shortages were growing in science, special education—and in some geographic regions—all fields of teaching. Now only the more affluent schools have been able to maintain qualified teachers.

Many teachers faced a double workload, with up to half their students in face-to-face classes while also providing “equivalent” online coursework to other students at home. Many feel overworked and exhausted from having to teach in constrained classroom conditions and with ineffective media.

Although each state uses unique assessments,

most measures show student learning loss in language arts of about 40 percent; in math, 60 percent. No recognition is given to the unique traits of different disciplines. Many students advanced their reading while at home because there is a variety of interesting material available—the “Harry Potter” effect. But mathematics requires day-by-day discipline to gradually nibble more difficult math problems. Meanwhile science is meaningless without hands-on labs.

Great emphasis has been placed on social-emotional learning (SEL), ignoring that students (and the public in general) would have far less distress if they had received a far better science education.

Education Week, the newspaper of record for K–12 education, has detailed studies showing the loss of education, as well as teacher commen-

taries indicating their exhaustion with double-teaching and with administrators who are not listening to them. Next to the printed research are advertisements from the Ed-Tech Industrial Complex bragging about how successful distance learning was and how the old-school Luddite teachers have now been forced to use modern technology. Therefore, the U.S. is likely to be one of the few places where extensive use of disastrous media will continue.

The massive shift to online learning has been good for the video-game business. According to the Washington Post, spending on video-games rose 22 percent this last year. In addition, chat platforms dedicated to gamers saw a doubling to 140 million users. Over the prior two decades, roughly 15 percent of male students have dropped out of the academic pipeline due

to video-game addiction due to their greater susceptibility (only 3 percent of females are addicted). This was already contributing to the increased proportion of female students in higher education worldwide that already exceeds 60 percent. The significantly higher drop-out of males from community colleges over the last two years may be one result of increased video-game addiction and may likely contribute to ongoing declines. As video-games become the dominant form of youth culture, academics is declining further.

Early parent protests centered around babysitting. With younger students staying home, this constrained parents going to work, and especially mothers who gave up far more jobs. The shutdown of school sports and competition likewise revealed the American obsession with sports.

K–12 school boards,

normally routine non-partisan management meetings, became highly politicized events requiring police presence with occasional arrests of unruly protesters. Early disputes centered on masking requirements and COVID mitigation, but soon moved to curriculum issues concerning baseless allegations about teaching critical race theory, sex and gender education, and anything that would make their little child “uncomfortable.” Censorship of classroom and library books and media surged. Some citizens also hope the Supreme Court will permit state tax funding to go to religious schools.

Many states have seen an increase in state tax revenues. On average, half of state taxes go toward funding K–12 education. Although extra federal funding has paid for time-limited extra needs during this pandemic, few states have

taken any actions to increase teacher salaries and some are looking to cut tax rates. Today, American schools have our highest number of unqualified faculty in the classroom.

The one possible good from this last year of pandemic realities has been the need for some administrators to return to the classroom as the number of teacher absences increased and exceeded available substitute teachers. While classes were often outside of the principal’s teaching field and added to the “babysitting” effect, many teachers reported how it did result in the administrators finally getting realistic when they found themselves in their teachers' shoes.

by John Richard Schrock

<div><div><div>Kansas Issues Fish Consumption Advisories for 2022</div><div>TOPEKA – The Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE) and the Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks (KDWP) are issuing fish consumption advisories for 2022. The advisories identify types of fish or other aquatic animals that should be eaten in limited quantities or, in some cases, avoided altogether because of contamination. General advice and internet resources are provided to aid the public in making informed decisions regarding the benefits and the risks associated with eating locally caught fish from Kansas waters.</div><div><div>Definitions:</div><div>Bottom-feeding fish: buffaloes, carps, catfishes, sturgeons and suckers. Shellfish: mussels, clams and crayfish. Serving size (skinless fish fillets before cooking): Adults and children age 13 and older = 8 ounces Children age 6 to 12 = 4 ounces Children younger than 6 = 2 ounces</div><div><div>Statewide Mercury Advisories for Fish:</div><div>Getting outside to catch fish and eating fish</div></div></div></div></div>	<div><div>has many health benefits, but all fish contain some amount of mercury. Anyone who routinely eats fish or serves fish to their children should carefully consider the types and amounts they eat, including store-bought fish. Too much dietary mercury can harm the development of fetuses, nursing babies and growing children. Therefore, mercury-sensitive individuals (women who are pregnant, nursing, or may become pregnant, and children younger than 17 years old) should follow the guidelines presented below for eating fish caught in Kansas.</div><div><div>Fishing and Eating Guidelines:</div><div>Eat smaller portions – a fillet about the size of your palm. Eat types of fish with less mercury (Preferred Choice Fish in the chart below). If you don’t know the type or size of fish you are eating, wait at least a week before eating fish again. When fishing, keep fish shorter than your forearm (fingertips to elbow) or less than 20 inches as regulations allow.</div><div><div>Preferred Choice Fish</div><div>Servings: <i><u>1 or 2 per week</u></i> Blue and Channel Catfish Common Carp Crappies White Bass, White Perch, Wiper, Striped Bass</div></div></div></div>	<div><div>Walleye, Sauger, Saugeye Bullhead Catfish Drum Sunfish (Bluegill, Green, Redear, etc.)</div><div><div>Second Choice Fish</div><div>Servings:<i><u>1 or 2 per month</u></i> Buffaloes (Black, Bigmouth, Smallmouth) Flathead Catfish Bass (Largemouth, Smallmouth, and Spotted)</div><div>Reduce the recommendations above if you tend to keep fish larger than about 20 inches to:</div><div><div>Preferred Choice</div><div>Fish – not more than 1 serving per week</div><div><div>Second Choice</div><div>Fish – not more than 1 serving per month</div></div><div>For specific questions or concerns about mercury in Kansas fish, please contact KDHE. For information about mercury in fish caught in other states, in store bought fish, and in other types seafood please visit the U.S. EPA and U.S. FDA websites.</div><div><div>Waterbody specific advisories for all consumers:</div><div>Kansas recommends restricting consumption of bottom-feeding fish and catfishes to 1 serving per week from the following locations because of polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs): Cow Creek in Hutchinson and downstream to the confluence with the Arkansas River (Reno County).</div></div></div></div></div>	<div><div>Kansas River from Lawrence (below Bowersock Dam) downstream to Eudora at the confluence of the Wakarusa River (Douglas and Leavenworth counties). Little Arkansas River from the Main Street Bridge immediately west of Valley Center to the confluence with the Arkansas River in Wichita (Sedgwick County). Kansas recommends restricting consumption of bottom-feeding fish and catfishes to 1 serving per month from the following location because of PCBs: K-96 Lake in Wichita (Sedgwick County). Kansas recommends not eating specified fish or aquatic life from the following locations: Arkansas River from the Lincoln Street dam in Wichita downstream to the confluence with Cowskin Creek near Belle Plaine (Sedgwick and Sumner counties); bottom-feeding fish and catfishes due to PCBs. Shoal Creek from the Missouri/Kansas border to Empire Lake (Cherokee County); shellfish due to lead and cadmium. Spring River from the confluence of Center Creek to the Kansas/Oklahoma border (Cherokee County); shellfish due to lead and cadmium. Antioch Park Lake South in Antioch Park,</div></div>	<div><div>Overland Park (Johnson County); all fish due to pesticides dieldrin, heptachlor epoxide, chlordane and dichlorophenyltrichloroethanes (DDTs). Arkalon Park Lakes in Liberal (Seward County) – Kansas recommends not eating any aquatic life because the lakes are sustained solely by treated municipal wastewater. Waterbodies affected by Harmful Algae Blooms To date, measured algal toxin levels in fish samples collected from waters affected by harmful algal blooms (HABs) suggest the fish are safe to eat. However, please take the following precautions: Avoid skin contact with water. Wear gloves when handling wet fish and equipment. Rinse fish with clean water. Remove skin from fillets and rinse with clean water prior to cooking or freezing. Eat only skinless fillets. Do not eat shellfish. General advice for reducing exposure to chemicals in fish Keep smaller fish to eat and let the big ones go. Avoid eating fish parts other than fillets. Trim fat from fillets and/or use cooking methods that allows fat to drip away. Avoid subsistence fishing (relying on wild-</div></div>	<div><div>caught fish for daily nutritional needs) in rivers within or immediately downstream of large urban/industrial areas. Do not eat fish or aquatic life from wastewater outfalls, waste treatment lagoons or stormwater retention ponds. Other information from KDHE, KDWPT, EPA, and the American Heart Association To view the advisories online and for information about KDHE’s Fish Tissue Contaminant Monitoring Program please visit the website at http://www.kdheks.gov/befs/fish_tissue_monitoring.htm. For information about fishing in Kansas including licensing, regulations, fishing reports and fishing forecasts please visit the KDWPT fishing website http://ksoutdoors.com/Fishing. For information about the health benefits vs. the risks of including fish in your diet please visit this American Heart Association website https://www.heart.org/en/news/2018/05/25/eating-fish-twice-a-week-reduces-heart-stroke-risk. For technical information regarding the U.S. EPA risk assessment methods used to determine advisory consumption limits please visit http://www2.epa.gov/fish-tech.</div></div>
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<div><div><div>Governor Announces Broadband Acceleration Grant Program Submission Window</div><div>TOPEKA - Today, Governor Laura Kelly announced the application window for Broadband Acceleration Grant Program submissions. “Access to high-speed internet is critical for Kansans to access health care, education, and compete in an increasingly digital economy,” Governor Kelly said. “My administration is committed to getting every Kansas home and business connected. I encourage anyone who</div></div></div>	<div><div>qualifies to apply for this round of Broadband Acceleration Grants.” The Broadband Acceleration Grant Program is critical in Kansas’ plan to address broadband gaps statewide. Funds will be targeted to areas that are unlikely to receive broadband service without state or federal funding support. Launched in 2020, the program is poised to invest \$85 million over 10 years to bridge the digital divide in Kansas, thanks to broadband modernization funding provided by the Kelly Administration’s bipartisan Eisenhower Legacy Transportation Program (IKE). Applicants may make a maximum grant request</div></div>	<div><div>of \$1 million that requires a 50% match for the construction of high quality, reliable broadband infrastructure in Kansas. The program prioritizes applications that address unserved areas, economically distressed communities and areas with compelling needs. The deadline for the intent to apply is Friday, January 14, 2022, with final applications due by noon on February 11, 2022. “Broadband Acceleration Grants are a powerful tool to provide more Kansans with the high-speed internet they need to compete economically and improve their quality of life,” Lieutenant Governor and Commerce Secretary David Toland said. “We will continue building</div></div>	<div><div>partnerships with innovative, visionary organizations on projects that give Kansas communities an edge now and well into the future.” "The Broadband Acceleration Grant Program is one of the key building blocks we have put in place at the Kansas Office of Broadband Development (KOBD) to accelerate broadband expansion across the state and build upon the work we completed as part of the pandemic response programs," KOBD Director Stanley Adams said. “We’ve long known of the significant digital divide in Kansas, and the pandemic reinforced what we need to do. We are prepared to seize the opportunity to connect every Kansan with the</div></div>	<div><div>broadband access they need and deserve.” The Kansas Office of Broadband Development will host the first webinar on the grant opportunity at 1 p.m. Thursday, December 16. Additional webinar opportunities are planned for January. To submit your intent to apply, please click here. For program information and webinar opportunities click here. Since the summer of 2020, Governor Kelly’s efforts have spurred more than \$75 million of total investment in broadband infrastructure in Kansas to address pandemic health, education and business challenges and spur community and economic development. The first program, the</div></div>	<div><div>Connectivity Emergency Response Grant funded through the state SPARK program, generated more than \$65 million in total investment through 66 broadband infrastructure projects completed across the state. Impacting rural communities in 74 of Kansas’ 105 counties, the program improved the availability of broadband access for more than 51,000 households, businesses and municipalities. The initial year of the Broadband Acceleration Grant invested an additional \$10 million in state broadband grants and matching funds.</div></div>
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<div><div><div>From Karaoke Sets to Big Boulders: Lost and Found at Airports Across the World</div><div>With millions of people rushing to get on airplanes globally every year it is not surprising many objects end up in ‘lost and found’. There are some bizarre tales of unusual items that have been left at the airport across the world, according to the car rental and airport transfer experts at Stressfreecarrental.com. You can read more here. These include: some rare Rhino beetles left on a plane in America. These were found and returned to</div></div></div>	<div><div>the sender a few weeks later - but had sadly died during that time. a toilet seat complete with the cistern in the UK a karaoke set and bongos drums in Australia a 15kg boulder which a tourist unsurprisingly had rejected by security chiefs in Ireland But what about the most likely items to be forgotten during a long or short haul flight? Stressfreecarrental.com have also come up with a list of the most likely items that people leave behind on their travels. A pair of drums Description automatically generated with low confidenceA person talking on a cell phone Description automatically generated Airport lost property: Uncommon: bongo</div></div>	<div><div>drums and common: mobile phones A spokesperson for Stressfreecarrental.com said: “With a plane to catch whether for business or pleasure, everyone travels with belongings and sometimes things can go missing and end up in lost property. “Our guide highlights some of the most common items which are lost with some handy tips on ways to keep them safe, or should they go missing, to enable them to be more easily identified and returned to you following your journey.” It is important to keep these handy tips in mind as airport lost property cannot be held forever with people usually given a certain time period to make contact and claim before items have to per-</div></div>	<div><div>haps be disposed of, or auctioned and sold for charitable purposes. Here are top tips from Stressfreecarrental.com to keep your property safe on your travels: Keys: keep a spare set of keys at home or with a relative or friend in case you lose them, to enable you to have a fall back option if necessary. Key finder apps are also now popular for travellers. Mobility aids: These are some of the most common items to be mislaid, which is also quite surprising when they are so necessary for people who use them. Such items include walking frames and canes. It is useful to imprint your name and address on these items should the worst happen. Clothing accessories:</div></div>	<div><div>Sunglasses and belts go missing in abundance at airports. It may be that travellers have been rushing to get changed while waiting for their flight and accidentally leave these sorts of items behind. Using lanyards for sunglasses can keep them safe, while it is a good idea not to remove belts from clothing, as they are less likely to get mislaid.\ Luggage: Smart luggage trackers which you can use on your mobile phone are helping to reduce the amount of luggage that goes missing each year - ensure to download such an app on your phone to give you a better chance of tracing your luggage if misfortune occurs. Coats and jackets: Attach a business or ID card to an inside pocket</div></div>	<div><div>of your jacket so people can identify the owner if it goes missing. Textile stamps which have permanent ink are also a good idea, but you might want to seek advice from a dry cleaner or similar profession on how to use safely without damaging the clothing in the first place. Electronics: Laptops and mobiles can go missing very easily in customer waiting areas so it is a good idea to attach ID to your device where possible. Keeping serial numbers of gadgets before they go missing can also speed up how quickly you are reunited with your lost item.</div></div>
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LENORA ZOELLER, Deceased.
Case No. 2021 PR 14
(Petition Pursuant to K.S.A. Chapter 59)

NOTICE OF HEARING

THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:

You are hereby notified that on December 23, 2021, a Petition was filed in this Court by Mary Jane Stankiewicz, duly appointed, qualified and acting Executrix of the Estate of Lenora Zoeller, deceased, praying Petitioner's acts be approved; account be settled and allowed; the heirs be determined; the Will be construed and the Estate be assigned to the persons entitled thereto; the Court find the allowances re-

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

You are required to file your writ-ten defenses thereto on or before January 18, 2022, at 10:00 o'clock a.m. in the District Court, Kingman, Kingman County, Kansas, at which time and place the cause will be heard. Should you fail therein, judgment and decree will be entered in due course upon the Petition.

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Frank Allbritten

Frank F. Allbritten, III passed away on December 28, 2021. He was born on May 9, 1948 in Philadelphia, PA, to Dr. Frank F. Allbritten, Jr. (“Doc”) and Marjorie (Batley) Allbritten (“Bunny”).

Frank graduated from Shawnee Mission North in 1967. He went on to serve four years in the US Navy, advancing to the rank of Petty Officer Second Class. After re-entering civilian life, he earned an Associate’s Degree in Business from Pratt Community College in 1974 and a Bachelor’s Degree in Human Resources Management from Friends University in 1989.

Making one of his life’s best decisions, Frank married Marcy Jo (Gilmore) of Pratt, KS, in 1975. They raised two children, Laney and Frank, in the former United Methodist Church of Cairo, KS, which Frank and his father renovated in the early 80s. He enjoyed careers both as a painter (of houses, not canvasses) and a licensed and bonded locksmith, retiring in 2010.

He is survived by his wife Marcy, daughter, Laney, and son-in-law, Viren (Texas), son, Frank (Oregon), sisters: Nancy (Idaho), Marjorie (Oregon), and Marnie (Oregon) and their families. He is preceded in death by his parents and sister, Cynthia.

Cremation has taken place. A memorial service will be tentatively schedule for Spring 2022, the details of which will be announced in the Pratt Tribune. Online condolences may be shared at www.larrisonmortuary.com.



Dale Robinson

Rodger D. “Dale” Robinson, 63, died Jan. 1, 2022 in Kingman.

He was born Aug. 20, 1958, at Anthony, Kansas the son of Frank and Marquerite Bailey Robinson. A resident of Kingman most of his life, he was the City of Kingman Superintendent for Public Works.

Dale was a member of Ninnescah Lodge #230 A.F.&A.M.; he was on the Kingman Volunteer Fire Department since January 1986 and was promoted to Assistant Fire Chief in 2005.

On July 15, 1978, he married Vicki Ziegler at Kingman. Other survivors include two sons and their wives Cody with Dawn and Cliff with Kayla; and 5 grandchildren Alana, Rylea, Kaylea, Lidia and Halynn. He was preceded in death by his parents; and brothers Dean and Darrell.

Funeral services will be 11:00 a.m., Wednesday at the Livingston Funeral Home, Kingman. The family will receive friends from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., Tuesday at the funeral home. Burial will be in the Walnut Hill Cemetery.

Memorials may be made with the Kingman Healthcare Systems Oncology Dept., the Kingman Community Theater Association or the Kingman County Humane Society both in care of the funeral home.

Check the Blessing Box east of the Methodist Church. Anyone can give or take from the Blessing Box at any time.

Byron Siemens

Byron F. Siemens, 66, completed his earthly journey on Dec. 30, 2021. Byron is singing with the angels in the Lord’s presence.

He was born Feb. 7, 1955, in Newton, Kansas the son of Melvin and Verna Franz Siemens. A resident of Kingman most of his life, he was a farmer and truck driver.

On March 24, 1990, he married Brenda Shumate in Kingman. Other survivors include four sons, Nathan and his wife Shelby, Brandon and his companion Payton Sechrist, Seth, and Aaron; a brother Sid; sister Karin Koch; and a grandson Wesley.

A celebration of life will be 11:00 a.m., Saturday, January 15, 2022 at the Kingman Mennonite Church.

Memorials may be made with the Kingman Mennonite Church or Wheatlands Healthcare Center both in care of Livingston Funeral Home.

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“This virus will leave us entirely new-born people. We will all be different, none of us will ever be the same again. We will have deeper roots, be made of denser soil, and our eyes will have seen things.”
— C. JoyBell C.

Kingman County Health Department Update

General Population Isolation and Quarantine Guidance		
Does not include people who work in a health care setting or other congregate setting such as correctional facilities, long-term care facilities, preschool, K-12 schools and institutions of higher education		
Population	Dec. 27, 2021 Updated CDC Guidance	KDHE Guidance
People with lab confirmed COVID-19 infections (regardless of vaccination status)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Stay home for 5 days.If you have no symptoms or your symptoms are resolving after 5 days and you are fever-free for 24 hours without the use of fever reducing medications, you can leave your house.Continue to wear a mask around others for 5 additional days.	Adopt CDC guidance as is.
People who are boosted who are Close Contacts of a person with confirmed COVID-19 infection	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Wear a mask around others for 10 days.Test on day 5, if possible.	Adopt CDC guidance as is.
People who are fully vaccinated with Pfizer/Moderna within last 6 months who are Close Contacts of a person with confirmed COVID-19 infection	If you develop symptoms get a test and stay home.	
People who are fully vaccinated with Johnson & Johnson within last 2 months who are Close Contacts of a person with confirmed COVID-19 infection		
People who are fully vaccinated with Pfizer/Moderna over 6 months ago and no booster and are close contacts of a person with confirmed COVID-19 infection	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Stay home for 5 days. After that continue to wear a mask around others for 5 additional days.If you can’t quarantine you must wear a mask for 10 days.Test on day 5 if possible.	Adopt CDC guidance as is.
People who are fully vaccinated with Johnson & Johnson over 2 months ago and no booster or unvaccinated and are close contacts of a person with confirmed COVID-19 infection	If you develop symptoms get a test and stay home	

January 3, 2022

The Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE) did adopt CDC’s newest COVID-19 Isolation and Quarantine Guidelines late last week. These guidelines apply to the general population only. Please do note that healthcare facilities, schools, and other congregate settings are not considered as general population-they will be following their current isolation and quarantine protocols. We continue to partner with KDHE for COVID-19 case investigations and contact tracing. This chart breaks down the recommendations for COVID-positive people and their close contacts considered to be general population.

KDHE Updates Isolation and Quarantine Guidance

TOPEKA – The Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE) has updated the isolation and quarantine guidance following the recent changes by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) for health care workers in a hospital setting and the general

population. CDC is in the process of updating guidance for other settings such as correctional facilities, long-term care facilities, preschool, K-12 schools and institutions of higher education.

Health Care Workers in a Hospital Setting

Health care workers with lab confirmed COVID-19 infections should isolate for 10 days OR 7 days with negative test, if asymptomatic or mildly symptomatic (with improving symptoms).

Health care workers with COVID-19 who are asymptomatic or mildly symptomatic can return to work only with COVID-19 positive patients during the remainder of the 10-day infectious period.

Boosted and asymptomatic health care workers who are close contacts of a person with confirmed COVID-19 infection have no work restrictions with negative test on days 2 and 5-7.

Not boosted and un-

vaccinated asymptomatic health care workers who are close contacts of a person with confirmed COVID-19 infection must quarantine for 10 days OR 7 days with a negative test.

General Population

The general population does not include people who work in a health care setting or other congregate setting. If individuals develop symptoms, they should get a test and stay home.

People with lab confirmed COVID-19 infections, regardless of vaccination status should stay home for 5 days. If you have no symptoms or your symptoms are

resolving after 5 days and you are fever-free for 24 hours without the use of fever reducing medications, you can leave your house. Individuals should continue to wear a mask around others for 5 additional days.

Boosted or fully vaccinated individuals with Pfizer/Moderna within last 6 months or Johnson & Johnson within last 2 months who are close contacts of a person with confirmed COVID-19 infection do NOT have to stay home and should wear a mask around others for 10 days. If possible, individuals should get tested on day 5.

People who are unvac-

inated OR have completed the primary series of Pfizer/Moderna vaccine over 6 months ago and are not boosted OR completed the primary series of Johnson & Johnson over 2 months ago and are not boosted who are close contacts of a person with confirmed COVID-19 infection should stay home for 5 days. After that continue to wear a mask around others for 5 additional days. If unable to quarantine, individuals must wear a mask for 10 days. If possible, individuals should get tested on day 5.



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