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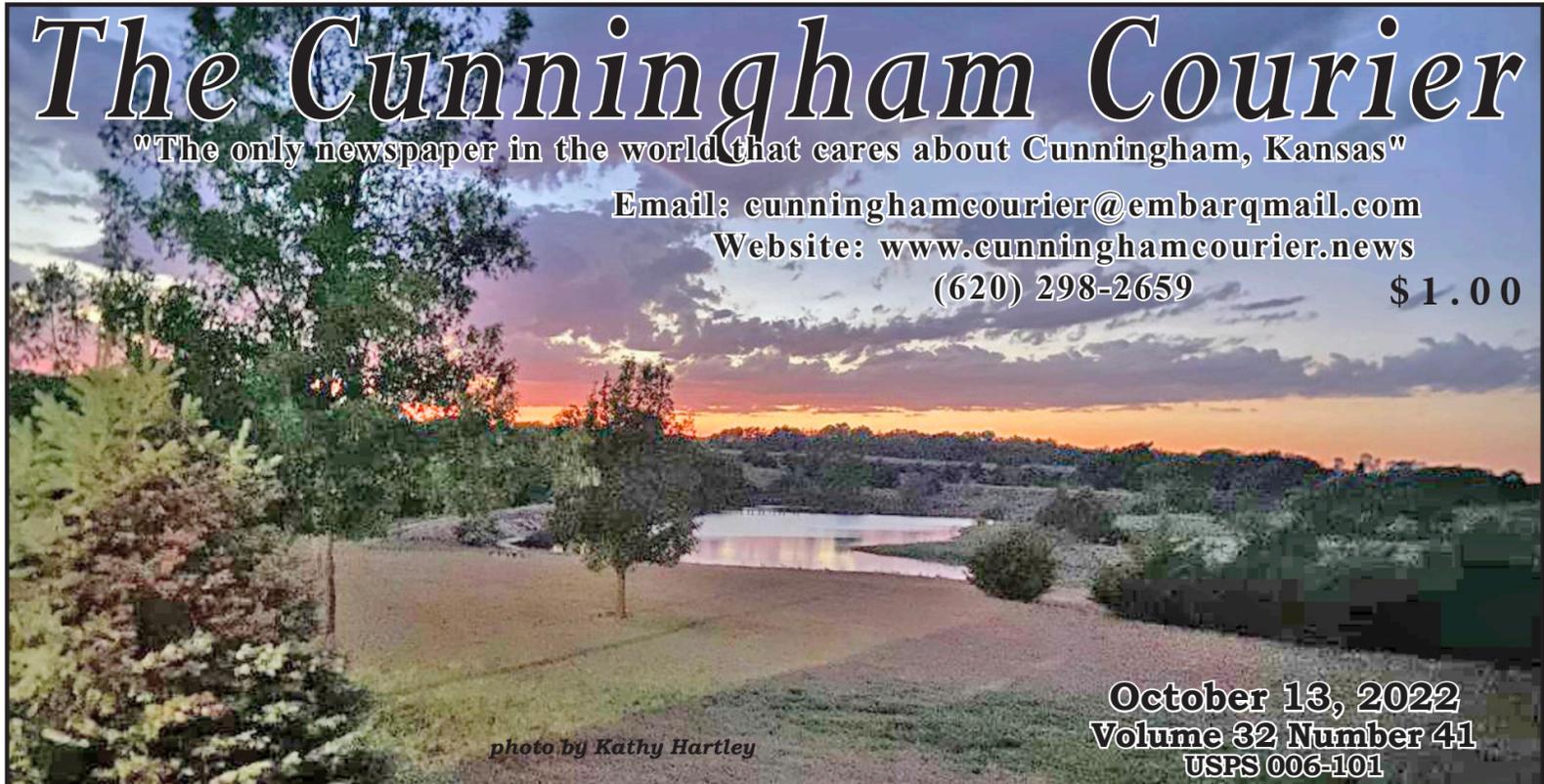


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Minutes from Kingman County Commission for October 3rd, 2022

Chairman Foley called the Board of County Commissioners meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. on October 3rd, 2022, in the County Commissioners room at the Kingman County Courthouse.

Present were: Fred Foley, Chairman; Jerry Henning, Commissioner; Jack Thimesch, Commissioner

Carol Noblit, County Clerk; Brandon Ritcha, County Counselor

Visitors: Bob Morris, Kingman Leader-Courier; Martin Lohrke, Nashville Fire Chief; Mike Gillen; Harold Stark, Cunningham Fire and Leslie Schrag, Economic Development Director.

Online Visitors: Caller 01; Fred; Heather Kinsler; Caller 02; SC; Mark Davidson

Staff: Macay Ewy, Emergency Manager; LaDawn Stegman, Financial Officer; Timothy Elliott, Deputy County Treasurer; Sheriff Randy Hill; Stan Goetz, HR/Planning/Zoning/Wastewater Director and Charles Arensdorf, Public Works Director.

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

No additions were requested.

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

Chairman Foley asked if there was any public comment.

No Comments made.

Macay Ewy, Emergency Manager was in and let the Commissioners know that a fire chiefs meeting will be held this week.

Mr. Ewy found a gas leak the last week and the county has no gas leak detector so he requested purchasing a four gas detector for \$2456.61 out of the County Equipment reserve.

MOTION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to approve the purchase of a four-gas leak detector for \$2456.61. Commissioner Henning seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Martin Lohrke, Nashville Fire and Harold Stark, Cunningham Fire were in to discuss fire calls with the Commissioners.

LaDawn Stegman, Financial Officer was in to let the Commissioners know that the County has received Local Assistance and Tribal Consistency Funds Grant in the amount of \$100,000.00.

MOTION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to accept the Grant in the amount of \$100,000.00. Commissioner Henning seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Ms. Stegman discussed that she still hasn't received an agreement from Motorola with the State.

Timothy Elliott, Deputy County Treasurer was in with an invoice from The Master's Touch LLC in the amount of \$6,075.00.

MOTION: Commissioner Henning moved to approve the quote received from The Master's Touch LLC in the amount of \$6,075.00 for mailing tax statements. Commissioner Thimesch seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to go into executive session with Carol Noblit, County Clerk and Brandon Ritcha, County Counselor at 9:20 a.m. to discuss an individual employee's

evaluation pursuant to the exception under the Kansas Open Meetings Act and that they will return to open session in the board meeting room at 9:31 a.m. Commissioner Henning seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

The County Commissioners returned to regular session at 9:31 a.m. no decisions were made.

Sheriff Randy Hill was in with Department reports for June, July and August for Commissioners.

Sheriff Hill was in with Accurate Controls Inc. maintenance agreement with the Gold, Bronze and Silver options.

The County went with the Bronze plan last year and would like to go with the Bronze plan for this next year.

MOTION: Commissioner Henning moved to go with the Bronze plan for the next year. Commissioner Thimesch seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Sheriff Hill gave the commissioners a quote from Motorola Solutions for 11 portable radios \$53,837.19 to be purchased out of the diversion fund.

MOTION: Commissioner Thimesch

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Kostners Commemorate National Suicide Prevention Month



Logan Kostner



The traveling display of signs and flags were recently placed at the corner of Fourth and Main Streets, across from the high school.

The display is sponsored and main-

tained by Adrian and Shondra Kostner who lost their son, Logan, on February 28, 2020.

The signs and flags have been shared around Kingman County dur-

ing the month of September, which has been designated as National Suicide Prevention Month.

The flags represent the 529 people in Kansas who died by suicide in the same

year as their son.

In 2021, the number rose to 555.

Betty knows a lot about the neighbors, but that doesn't mean she knows a lot about Medicare.

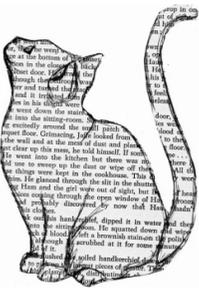


Open enrollment for 2023 Medicare coverage is October 15th through December 7th.

Kingman Healthcare Center recommends Original Medicare, however, if you are researching other options, please check to ensure that your healthcare providers are in the network you are considering.

For more information, please call 620-532-0150.





Meanderings

I am meandering through education thoughts this week. I'm rather wordy to boot, but education is something I feel strongly about. Get as much as you can.

I recently read an opinion piece about education and how maybe some of us are over-educated for the professions we choose. I meant to save the article, but then forgot and passed the paper on to someone else.

This person maintained that elementary teachers probably just need a two-year associate's degree to perform their jobs. Secondary teachers needed more schooling because their subjects were more specialized.

I'm going to recap a few incidents that have happened to my elementary coworkers and myself over the course of my 30 some years in education:

A first grader put a rock up his nose at recess.

A second grader set a bathroom trash can on fire.

A parent showed up for conferences in barefeet with a pet rat in the pocket of her house dress.

A fourth grader tried to 'write' his name on the bathroom wall ... while peeing.

A first grader tied the strings of sweats to his desk. Then the fire alarm went off.

A first grader brought a hundred-dollar bill and a diamond ring for show

and tell.

A fourth grader turned on the water in the restroom, only to have the handle come off in his hand and water sprayed to the ceiling. Yelling and screaming ensued. (I ran in, reached under the sink and turned off the water there. We were late to lunch, and half of us were wet, but we made it!)

A second grader fell off a playground apparatus and hit his head. The teacher stepped out of her half slip and applied pressure to the wound until the nurse could get there.

A child shows up black and blue, social services are called. The teacher has to stay over an hour after school waiting for the social worker to show to take the child in to state custody. Mom is in the hospital with broken bones and Dad is in jail.

Two third graders sneak dry ice into a classroom in their book bags.

A little girl crying and sobbing and then screaming for her mommy while tornado sirens are going off and a hundred kids or more are hunkered down in the hallways and bathrooms of the school.

And I'll stop there because I will run out of room to finish my column. But everyone gets the idea.

In one year of teaching 4th grade, I had a student reading Huckleberry Finn. I had another who was so proud to have read Go, Dog, Go without mistakes.

I had kids who had to think when adding 2 + 3, and another who could recite their multiplication tables through the 12s.

In any given year an elementary teacher will have kids who can perform at high school levels of academics and a few who can't comprehend the most basic science and math concepts. They

have ESL students, and ADHD students on medications. They schedule students' learning around classes, library classes and physical education classes, and speech, OT and PT therapies. They then schedule students' learning around classes for the learning and behavioral disabled. Then they schedule learning times around recesses and bathroom breaks, and school assemblies and nurse visits for medications. The list continues. Scheduling is an elementary teacher's nightmare.

If one doesn't think an elementary teacher needs a four-year degree to handle these trials... well, think of it this way.

If a teacher walks into a classroom of 30 kids in various stages of developmental, mental, and academic levels, armed only with an associate's degree from a two-year college... the teacher would be how old? 19? 20 years old?

How in heaven's name is that teacher going to get into a bar after work to have a drink or two or three?

They can't even go to the liquor store and buy a bottle or two or three.

Drinking age at 21 is totally ridiculous if we think teachers can go into the work force before they are of age to have a brewsky after a hard day dealing with not one or two but 25 to 30 kiddos.

I, myself, was once asked by my first principal, Mr. Red Floyd, "How can you teach and be a teetotaler? Then he laughed. "You must be crazy."

Now, I might be a teetotaler, but it's not to say I've often THOUGHT about a drink or two or three.... after a particularly trying day with 28 kids in a classroom designed for 20.

I have a bachelor's degree in elementary education. I have a master's degree in education. I've taught or worked with children in every grade level from PreK through grade 12.

Here's how I see it. And some may disagree with me, but it's my column and can meander anyway I want; follow or don't.

An elementary teacher has numerous preps during the day. They must teach reading, math, spelling, English, science, social studies, handwriting and/or keyboarding, health, art, some even have to teach music and physical education.

A high school teacher during the course of the day has at the most, probably three preps. In your larger schools, they have one. They might teach English, but it's the same curriculum for all 6 hours of the day. Now, English doesn't change. It's really not specialized. There have been few changes in the curriculum since the beginning of academia. Same for math courses. Government changes but very little. History does change, but well, the textbooks tell you what to teach.

I'm not saying high school teachers don't need a four-year degree. They do. They could probably use a six- or eight-year degree.... Even if it is just to distance themselves from their fond memories of hijinks when they wandered the halls of a high school a mere four years before taking a job. The kids they teach are almost as old (or young) as they are.

Not many professions require a person to work solo the first day on the job. Journalists usually take a photographer along - someone who knows the ropes of the

trade. I can't think of a single boss in a trade occupation - plumbing, car maintenance, HVAC, etc. that would hand the new hire a set of keys and say, "Hey, here's the address for your first job. The furnace is in the van. It needs to be installed today. Call me if you need help." I am sure most of the time, the new guy goes out with a seasoned veteran and begins learning how it all works in their working world.

Oh, but teachers.... They are thrown into a classroom with 20 kids or more of various academics, emotional and developmental levels and are expected to solo from minute one. Not to mention the parents who show up. There is no help or backup in that classroom; across the hall or down the way are other teachers who can help, but they aren't there in that classroom. There is no one to help them make the thousands of decisions they need to make every minute of their day. Elementary teachers need those four years of college, if nothing else, to give them time to mature and become better decision makers and crises managers (and yes, mature enough to stop at a bar and have a drink).

How much education should one have?

Here's the thing about education. No one should be limited to two years or four years. Get as much as you can. Go to college, go to trade school. Read, watch informative youtube videos, observe, listen, read more.. Take additional classes, seminars, webinars, workshops, Read. Attend conference. Always be thinking of how you can become better, smarter, more learned. Think of ways to have a louder, better voice.

I have told my stu-

dents to get as much education as they can because it is something no one can take away from them. They can have their family, their home, all their possessions taken from them. They can be locked in a closet, but the knowledge they have gained through education cannot be taken from them.

*** I have signed up to receive Tom Purcell's column. I've been reading his musings in the Gyp Hills Premiere for quite some time, and emailed him about getting his column for our paper. He told me how to sign up, thanked me for the kind words I said, I feel his column non-political. It's fun. It's brings back many memories. I do enjoy it a great deal. I hope you will as well. I had it on this page, until I got all wordy about getting educated. Then I moved it elsewhere in the paper. I'd tell you where, but I'm not sure where it is going to end up. Do read it, I think you will enjoy it.

Always reading, And currently reading, "Running Out: In Search of Water on the High Plains"

By Lucas Bessire (recommended by Dave Steffen) Roberta

"Live as if you were to die tomorrow. Learn as if you were to live forever." - Mahatma Gandhi

"The mind once enlightened cannot again become dark."

- Thomas Paine, A Letter Addressed to the Abbe Raynal on the Affairs of North America

"The educated differ from the uneducated as much as the living differ from the dead."

- Aristotle

Tallgrass and Tumbleweeds by Gaille Pike

Dear Readers, It was the music that brought us all to Winfield for the experiences I shared in the two previous columns, "Happy Camper" and "Friends, Old and New." And in that regard, music is where I should have begun this column series. But words do not capture the experience of experiencing music. This is particularly true when it comes to the live music for which the Walnut Valley Festival

is renowned, performed day and night, on stages and around campfires by both world-class paid performers and amateur talent.

This past summer when I told friends and family I was headed to the WVA and suggested they come along too, the response was often, "I'm not into bluegrass music." And make no mistake, exceptional performances of this music genre is the heart of this festival. But the WVA

does not have a "two sizes too small" Grinch-heart. The music of this festival crosses labels, borrows from traditions, blends and blurs definitions. This big heart beats with a varied rhythm, yet it consistently pumps a vital blend of melodies and harmonies that course through your veins and often unexpectedly, remind you are alive.

Early one morning, the musicians around our campfire wrapped up an all-night jam by breaking into an acapella performance of the spiritual, "Bring Me A Little Water, Sylvie." Tears streamed down my cheeks. My arms and legs got goosebumps. The hairs on the

back of my neck prickled. When they finished, their last notes of harmony rose with white smoke into a lightening blue, still star-lit, sky. And I was so overwhelmed I could not speak nor stand. My words don't do it justice. Even if I had thought to record with my cell phone, I could not have captured what experiencing this music (or all the other festival music) was like. I wish all of you could have been there. That is music at its best—a floating, shimmering, vital yet illusive, essence of life.

Many of stellar WVA performances touched my soul but my "music moments" throughout

the week were both too numerous to count and more than profound. As all music can be, much of the music I experienced was whimsical and full of fun. At our campsite, one of our group had a wireless speaker and cell coverage that allowed him to stream music. Thus, he became our reluctant (and somewhat grumpy) "DJ" whom we plagued with song requests. Our daring playlist covered all decades and nearly all genres from a crazy-wild spectrum of artists. For one of my turns, I borrowed a phone to consult the 15 year-old

who valiantly attempts to "educate" my musical tastes with a shared playlist, and we chose the alternate hip-hop-rock-band Cake's anti-establishment song "Nugget." Our radio station, dubbed "WXYZ," was a regular pastime to while away the hot afternoons. And how widely our station was transmitting became apparent when a stranger appeared and wanted to know, "What's with all the Frank Zappa?!"

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

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Thursday, October 13th HS Cross country HOPL League Meet at Burrton *** JH VB vs Skyline at HOME *** JH FB vs Skyline at HOME	Tuesday, October 18th HS Scholars' Bowl at Fairfield *** Morning PreSchool to Pumpkin Patch *** Lions Club
Friday, October 14th HS FV vs Burrton at HOME *** Booster Club Night *** Senior Night	Wednesday, October 19th 7 - 12 Health screenings *** K-2 to Pumpking Patch
Saturday, October 15th HS VB HOPL League Tournament at Fairfield	Thursday, October 20th JH VB: Final Four at Central Christian **
Monday, October 17th JH VB Pool Play at Attica or Burrton	Friday, October 7 HS FB at Southern Cloud County

Ballot amendments to be aware of. The amendment on the primary in August failed by a large amount. The November 8th ballot has an amendment which would basically do the same thing. This amendment would undo the Kansas Governor veto of any bills passed. The struggle continues vote NO on both amendment changes! Alan Albers

Geist Family Holds Annual Reunion



On Friday, September 23rd, 2022, the Geist Family started their week-end of eating and visiting. Friday several family members met at Jeri's Café in Kingman for supper. Saturday morning a group met at The Dutch Kitchen west of Hutchinson for breakfast. Saturday evening was Hog Wild BBQ served at the Penalosa Community Building. Thirty-three were in attendance.

Sunday, September 25th, eighteen Geist family members attended church at Penalosa, UMC.

For Sunday noon meal, seventy attended the covered dish luncheon at the Penalosa Community Building.

Those attending the reunion were: Ed Shingleton, Margaret Ring, Holly Wright, Kayda King, Karen Helm-King, Tom Helm, Susan Mayfield, Dan and GeeGee Helm, Marsha and Bill McGovney, Caylor Helm, Pam and Jr. Collins, Kathy Shaw, Canyon and Aspen Lammon, Keith and Shay Collins and Otis, Zella Jacobs, Bud and Connie Oak, Mitch and Julie

Price, Kenny and Misty Jacobs and Myra, Zoey Jacobs, Gage Oller, Ben Oak and Maria Morales and Bentley, Carlos Hurtado and Hazel Osenbaugh, Ira Oak, Brittney Esposito, Vivian, Charlotte and Emmet, Amber Zwierzychowski and Colton, Les and Connie Langley, Vic and Cheri Moser, Steve Geist, Darlene Foster, Nedette and Calab Foster, Terry and Candy Amerine, Lyndal Hardesty, Jerry and Sheri Peitz, Janet Martin, Gary and Pam Martin, Phil and Kris Martin and Trista,

Barbara Jarrett, Ginger Millerman, Jack and Diane Martin, Jenna Dunsworth, Halen Swindle, Gary and Les Koon, Dan and Mary Geist and Donna Brumgardt, Pastor Matthew and two of his children.

The states represented were Kansas, Colorado, Texas and Wisconsin.

Next year's reunion will be Friday and Saturday, September 29th and 30th, 2023.

Photo and story submitted by Margaret Ring

B-29 Museum
is open on Sundays from 2:00 to 4:00 pm
Pratt Army Airfield – 82 Curran Road
Visit them on Facebook at www.prairiebombers.org for more information. If you would like to visit the museum at another time call 672-8321, 672-2444 or 620-797-2919 to schedule an appointment!

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Saturday:
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620-243-5791

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

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PLEASE JOIN US AT THE SKAGGS ACE HARDWARE PARKING LOT OR THE METHODIST CHURCH PARKING LOT AND GIVE THEM A WAVE OR SALUTE TO SHOW OUR APPRECIATION AS THEY DRIVE BY!

Come Talk at the Coffee Shop

Join us at the Extension Office for our new Coffee Shop Program! Starting Friday, October 7 from 8:30 to 10:00 we will be hosting a weekly Coffee Shop. Come learn what services the Extension Office has to offer. You can also bring issues you need information on to us. Have a weed you would like to identify? Bring it in! A question about what is available for youth in the county? Bring it in! Come in and let us help you! This program will be held weekly in the month of October each Friday from 8:30-10. The Extension Office is located at 125 North Spruce across from the Court House.

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

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Last Weekend

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YEARS AGO IN
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1927

Oct. 14 – The Horseshoe Park has almost been deserted since Todd Cannon, President of the Park, has been visiting Kansas City, Mo. The horseshoe players are at a loss to find something to do.

Trivia Question: Where was the Horseshoe Park?

William (Bill) Cooley wishes to announce that his 1927 apple crop has been entirely exhausted, and that he desires to thank his many customers. Mr. Cooley reports that he has sold over 700 bushels of apples this year and that many people are still coming after this year's crop.

1932

Oct. 14 – The Mayor of Cunningham, B.F. Doty, announces that this city will observe their regular City-Wide Clean-Up Week, the week of October 17 to 22nd.

Warren Allen and Henry Hart, pupils of Miss Rachel Oliver, accompanied by Dr. D. E. Thompson and Phillip Fee, will hold a recital in the High School auditorium next Friday night, to which the public is cordially invited.

1937

Oct. 15, 1937 – Mr. and Mrs. Martin Pelzl announce the birth of their second son at the Ninescah Hospital in Pratt, Wednesday, October 6.

The Ninescah Study Club was organized at a meeting last Friday afternoon with eleven members present. Charter members of the club are Mesdames Alice Canaday (president), Daily Robinson, Zola Pearson, Helen Scott, Zeda Harkrader, Alma Remy, Laura Keyes, Mintie Kinzel, Iva Wells, Viola Matthews, and Anna McGeorge.

The Tully School District enjoyed a weiner roast last Friday eve in the Tom Sitton grove.

Mrs. Oscar Hoskinson of Preston teaches at the school.

Trivia Question: Where was Tully School and the Tom Sitton grove?

1942

Oct. 16 – Scrap iron and steel have been pouring into Cunningham the past week by the tons with the Skelly Oil Company, the largest contributor. Men began hauling scrap from the local Skelly plant the first of the week and fifty-seven tons have already been hauled and still more is to be hauled. Two railroad cars were made available for their scrap but the haulers were of the opinion the two cars would not be sufficient to hold all of it. The scrap is all good iron and steel with some of it practically new.

Many farmers, who had not previously hauled in their scrap material, have been busy likewise this week, and many truck or trailer loads have found their way to the local junk yard.

The high school classes have been collecting scrap this past week in a lively contest to see which one could gather the most, the winners being promised a half-day holiday as a result.

1937

Oct. 17 - Cooley-Theis Wedding Vows Read Tuesday morning

Marriage vows for Miss Rita Cooley, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alf Cooley, and Joseph Theis, son of Mr. and Mrs. Nick Theis, all of Cunningham, were read Tuesday morning at 9 o'clock in the Sacred Heart

Catholic church. Rev. Irvin Lampe officiated at the double ring service.

Immediately following the reception held at one o'clock at the Country Club in Pratt, the couple left on a wedding trip to Bennett Springs resort in the Ozarks.

On their return they will live in the north part of town.

Mrs. Theis is well known for her lovely soprano voice which has won her much acclaim in music circles. Mr. Theis is employed by the Skelly Oil Company.

Father Arnold Weller who has been at the St. Leo parish for a number of years, leaves October 28th for Spearville, Kansas, where he will assume his duties as priest in the parish there. Father Eiswein replaces Father Weller at St. Leo.

1952

Oct. 17 – A farewell party was held in the Sacred Heart School Auditorium last Thursday evening by the Sacred Heart Church Choir, in honor of Jerry Schafer, who is departing for military service. Jerry was the organist at the church for eight years.

August Meyers attended the University of Wichita – Oklahoma A. & M. football game in Wichita last Saturday evening as a guest of the International Harvester Company, as the company entertained their pastsmen of the Wichita Zone for selling more parts this year than their other zones.

1957

Oct. 17, 1957 – The first football game played in Cunningham in 27 years took place last Friday evening at the newly lighted football-baseball field in the new City Park.

The Wildcats from Cunningham Rural High School engaged the Wildcats from Preston High School, and Preston's Wildcats were more experienced and didn't fumble as much as Cunningham's Wildcats and emerged the winner by a 19-0 score.

A fine large crowd that paid a total of \$198.75 to see the game obviously had the local boys "off their feed" with first home game jitters, added to the fact that they were playing a good team from Preston.

The large crowd was also visibly impressed with the newly lighted field which was barely completed late that afternoon. Again community effort was the winner, with WL&Tco Service Man Dale Williams and Bob Pennock installing and setting the lights, with an assist from the three local departments of the Skelly Oil Company in providing men and material to put the finishing touches on the field's facilities. The Cunningham Lions Club, sponsors of the project, plan to dedicate the field, Thursday evening, October 29, when Cunningham plays Greensburg.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Stillwell of Penalosa, announce the birth of a son, Tuesday, October 8, at the Nashville Hospital.

He weighed six pounds, 12 ounces, and has been named Lee Edward.

Maternal grandmother is Mrs. Lizzie Brady of Penalosa, and paternal grandparents are M. and Mrs. Bob Stillwell of Cunningham.

1962

Oct. 18, 1962 – Cunningham Wildcats suffered their first loss of the 1962 football season last Friday night when they were blanked by Fairfield, 21-9, in a game played at Fairfield High School.

Cunningham had won four straight games this year, and 10 straight in a winning streak that began September 22 of last year.

Open Under New Management – Ace Cleaners – Mr. and Mrs. Ivan Cain

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Mr. and Mrs. Robert Kruse and Bob Wegerer were among those attending a baseball game between the Detroit Tigers and the Kansas City Athletics at Memorial Stadium in Kansas City, Sunday afternoon, Sept. 23. Mr. Kruse, manager of the J. B. Houston Lumber Company yard here, and Mr. Wegerer, an employee at the yard, won a Seidlitz Paint Contest for selling the most paint among Houston's five Kansas yards during August-September, and the trip to Kansas City and the ball game was the contest's prize.

1967

Oct. 19–The Cunningham Wildcats assumed sole possession of first place in the Golden Plains League standings, following last Friday night's football activity.

The Wildcats swamped Hardtner, 50 to 0, for their fourth league victory against no losses.

Despite administering a 59-0 shellacking to Hardtner last Friday night, the Cunningham Wildcats fell off the 8-man Football Poll, compiled by the Kansas High School Sport Scene. The Wildcats were replaced by Skyline (Coats-Sawyer-Byers), who didn't play last week.

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1977

October 19 - Workers are plugging 40 old pipelines in a 5 square mile area 3 miles west of Cunningham in preparation for the underground storage of a large amount of natural gas by Northern Gas Co. After the old pipelines are plugged, 60 new ones will be constructed probably beginning next year.

The entire process will take about 5 years, according to George Callaway, Great Bend, evening tower driller with Sterling Drilling Co.

There has been much talk about the farmers' strike scheduled for December 14. One local farmer (whose name is being withheld for his own protection) says it's a good time for a strike. By that date everything will be planted... all the wheat, milo, and sugar beets... then the farmer won't be buying anything, anyway... fertilizer, equipment, and so on.

He just hopes the strike won't interfere with his skiing trip planned at that time!

A farmers' strike in December is almost as effective as a teachers' strike in July. Will it have effects? We'll just have to wait and see.

The Cunningham Wildcats got back on the winning track last Friday night with a resounding 60 to 18 victory over the Pratt Skyline T-Birds. The Wildcats came out strong, scoring 16 points in the first quarter to put the T-Birds in a bad hole. This makes the Wildcat record 5-1 for the season.

Zenda News

Marjorie Swingle was a Sunday visitor with Reverend and Mrs. Harold Bennett at Lyons.

Doyle Rickard, Wichita spent Wednesday in Zenda. Mrs. Pauline Morris spent the weekend in Wichita with Mr. and Mrs. Gayle Shatell.

Hilltop Happenings

WANTED: old Readers' Digests and old yarn scraps for use in making of arts and crafts. See LINDA or RETA.

Cunningham Grade School 1945-46 3rd and 4th Grade Classes



Miss Luelma Ditto is the teacher.

Front row: Johnna Cooley, Isabel Epp, Donna Renner, Doris Benson, Norma Rose, Elise Cussen, Charles Thornhill

Second row: Shirley Shafer, Sue Munger, Genevieve Bayer, Norman Stanley, Kenneth Meyers, Gary Gaylor, Cynthia Bovie.

Third row: Johnny Pelzl, Bobby Pelzl, Jimmy Stillwell, Jimmy Wells, Gwendolyn Mifford, Billy Mason, Carolyn Baker

(sent in by Johnna Cooley Freund..without a bandaaid on her knee!)

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Consider this...

by Mike Johnson

Jupiter

Funny the perspective 400 million miles provides.

A couple years ago, while Jupiter was bombarded by comet fragments, I was struck by the reaction of those watching.

What was clearly the cataclysmic event of the millennium to Jupiter, was nothing more than a cosmic fireworks display

to us here on Earth.

Safely removed from the impact, Jupiter's catastrophe becomes our entertainment.

Scientists said that if only one of the 20-odd fragments had hit our planet, its impact would throw up such a dust cloud as to obscure the sun, ending all life as we know it. In fact, scientists believe that scenario has already happened here at least once - ending the dinosaur era.

Other than primitive probes, we don't even have the technology to

get to Jupiter, let alone have any idea what - or who - is on Jupiter.

And what of the long-term effects to the largest planet in our solar system? Might even the slightest change in a planet 1400 times larger than Earth, a planet larger than all the others in our solar system combined, have an effect on the rest of our cosmic neighborhood?

Yet, without exception, media coverage of the Jupiter event came from the assumptive viewpoint that the bigger the

explosions, the better. Scientists bubbled over with enthusiasm from each volley of impacts. The bigger the explosion, the better their instruments could record it.

How would our view of the event have been different if the comet had us in its crosshairs?

Would life forms on Jupiter then be rooting for larger fireballs to erupt from earth?

One event. Several radically different viewpoints. Each determined by where we happen to be sitting. This is a clear ex-

ample of how drastically our viewpoint is colored based on how we're personally affected.

Is it any wonder we have trouble getting along with each other? There are as many viewpoints as there are people.

Yet, disagreements are merely the intersection of differing viewpoints - different people looking at the same event through the viewpoint of how it affects them.

That's why it's always so easy to see the solution to the other fellow's

problem. It doesn't affect us. We don't have a personal stake in the outcome - we're not required to lose or change anything to implement the solution.

And that's why mediation is such an effective way to solve disputes. A third party with no interest in the outcome more clearly sees the issues and can better find a fair solution.

We, it turns out, are not quite as fair in our judgments as we might think.

Just look at Jupiter.

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How a bedridden attorney still fights for the rights of others.

Reggie spent his college years on the ski team. Summers, he worked odd jobs and water-skied. His life was perfect, as he describes it. Outdoors most of the time, doing homework with buddies at the ski lodge. He moved on to law school and started his own practice so he'd have time to ski. His kids learned the art of the graceful turn in waist-high powder, and all were easily identified by their raccoon faces and smiles that hold memories of the latest best ski day.

But as Reggie's practice grew, he found himself taking on clients who needed help but had no money. His wife jokes that she made Reggie promise that at least half his clients could pay their bills. Reggie became the skiing lawyer who took

care of people who had been wronged by employers or spouses. He didn't move up the corporate ladder or house-jump with each raise in pay. In fact, his income mostly stayed the same, his house modest. The only thing that really grew was his Christmas card list. Clients remembered Reggie for his tireless advocating of their cause when they had nobody else to turn to.

At about the time grandkids were raiding the pantry and Reggie should have been slowing down, he found out he had cancer, the kind that progresses slowly and doesn't yield to treatments. Reggie will tell you that he never really set out with a plan, just a set of standards to live by — foremost of which was to treat others the way you wanted to be treated. The law is mostly absent any mercy, but Reggie had made sure that those who needed an advocate had one, somebody who was sym-

pathetic and could step in for them where nobody else would.

Reggie traded in his ski days for long days on the couch. Sometimes sitting up, mostly lying down. There were months spent in the hospital, drug trials, loss of appetite, exhaustion. But through it all, Reggie kept up the clients he cared about most, the ones who needed him.

There were widows whose pensions were at risk and laborers whose wages were being withheld. There were couples who couldn't afford an adoption attorney and

small-store owners who needed help with lease agreements. Surrounded by artwork by his grandkids and get-well posters lay Reggie, his knees propped up and his laptop open, case files stacked on end tables and the ottoman close to him. And in the middle of it all, Reggie's smile was as big as a grin after the perfect powder day.

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"It is wonderful how much time good people spend fighting the devil. If they would only expend the same amount of energy loving their fellow men, the devil would die in his own tracks of ennui."
— Helen Keller, *The Story of My Life*

Christian Humor: Jokes You can Tell in Church

What do you call a Bible character who just pulled into church? A parking Lot.

One day the zoo-keeper noticed that the monkey was reading two books - the Bible and Darwin's The Origin of Species. In surprise he asked the ape, "Why are you reading both those books?" "Well," said the monkey, "I just wanted to know if I was my brother's keeper or my keeper's brother."

What did God's people say when food fell from Heaven? "Oh man-na!"

What did pirates call Noah's boat? "The arrrrrrk."

Three sons left home, went out on their own and prospered greatly. Getting back together, they discussed the gifts they sent to their elderly Mom for Christmas.

The first said, "I built a big house for Mom."

The second said, "I sent her a Mercedes Benz."

The third smiled and said, "I've got you both beat. You know how mom enjoys reading the Bible? Well now that her eyes aren't very good... and she can't read anymore... well... I sent her a parrot that can recite the entire Bible."

Soon thereafter, the elderly mom contacted her 3 sons saying...

"Milton"... "The house you built me is way too big."

"Gerald"... "The car you sent me is way too fancy."

"But Donald...

My Dearest Donald"...

..."YOURS"...

"WAS THE BEST CHRISTMAS GIFT OF ALL!"

...,"THE CHICKEN YOU SENT ME..."

WAS DELICIOUS!"

Happy Birthday, Aabel Quinones!!

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St. John, Zenda Sundays 8:30 a.m.
St. Leo Sundays 10:00 a.m. St. Leo
St. Peter Willowdale Saturdays 4:00 a.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/UCCrenCH1219nmpcojCFyYLA
Pastor Dennis Fangmeyer Cell: 620-886-0911

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

First Christian Church
Cunningham Sunday School 9:30 am Morning Worship 10:45 Sunday Evening Worship 6:00 Jr High Youth Group 4:00 pm Sunday Sr High Youth Group 7:30 pm Sunday Wednesday Prayer Service 7:00 Pastor Mike McGovney 620-298-3201

United Methodist Church
Penalosa Worship 9:15 a.m. Cunningham Worship 10:45 a.m. Pastor Mathew Ndambuki Musyoki 620-298-2090
Zenda Worship 9:00 a.m. Sunday School: Children 8:30 a.m. Adults 10:00 a.m. Pastor J L Nichols 620-491-0680

Fundraisers & Charitable Opportunities in our Community
United Methodist Women donate to help the drought victims in Kenya
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 contact Janet DeWeese 620-298-2717)
Hands of Hope (contact any church)
Cunningham Alumni Scholarship Fund (send checks to the West Kingman County Education Foundation)
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Cheer Camp Cheerleaders Perform



Wildcats Take a 46-0 Win over Pawnee Heights

The Wildcats hit the road to Rozel Kansas for their 5th contest of the season. After receiving the opening kickoff, the Cats struck paydirt on just 3 plays. The Wildcats took what the Tigers gave up, which was Dagim Reed in the flat for a short gain and then a short pass that went for 35 yards. Jack Ruckle powered the next play into the endzone for the first score of the night. Dagim kicked the ball for a 2 point conversion. Cats up 8-0.

The Cats kicked off and on their first play of defense Lane Halderson picked off a pass and ran it 30 yards back for the score. Dagim nailed the extra points kick. Cats up 16 to 0 on 3 offensive plays. The Tigers gave the ball up on downs on their next possession. Jack's sack made it tough for them to move the sticks. It took the Cats 4 plays to score. Trey hit Luke M. for a 10 yard gain on one play. Luke returned the favor for a 34 yard touchdown on the fourth play. Dagim went 3 for 3 on the next extra

point. 24 to 0 Wildcats on 7 offensive plays. The Pawnee Heights offense took the field again, but with a penalty and back to back sacks by Jack and Trent they had to give the ball up by punting. The Wildcats went 5 for 5 passing on the series. Highlights were Trey to Lane for 11. Luke to Trey for 17. And Luke to Dagim for a 10 yard score. 30 to 0 for the Wildcats. After just 3 plays the Tigers punted again. This time it was Special Teams that

scored when Luke M returned the punt for 35 yards and a TD. It is fun to watch the 6 man open field blocking. Trey, then Lane and finally Dagim made a wall to get Luke in the endzone. Another good extra points kick by Dagim put the score at 38 to 0.

The Tigers did not fare any better on their next possession. On the second play of the drive, Luke M intercepted another pass. After that, it was time for a fresh wave of Wildcats to take over offense duties. The teams went back and forth with no score for about 4 series. Rushing yards were hard to come by as the teams battled. Will did hit Andrew for a 12 yard pass completion in the back and forth. On defense, Lucas caused a fumble. Then after both teams had had several series without scoring, Will hit an open Kory for a score. 44 to 0 for the Wildcats! There was a little more back and forth late in the second quarter. However, the game end-

ed with defense as Jack Ruckle got a safety to end the game. The Wildcats kneeled out the half with a 46-0 win.

It is really fun to watch a 6 man game when offense, defense, and special teams score. Both varsity and JV scored on a night when everyone contributed to the win.

-Coach Lance McGuire



Wildcats Play Fast Against Southern Coffey County

Not that long ago CHS football was learning 6-man with a bunch of underclassmen. The game was very fast and the learning curve steep. Everyone seemed to be bigger and faster than us. Well, that is where Southern Coffey County is. The game is still fast for the Wildcats, but in a good way as we have more experience, leadership, and have learned a few things in 3 plus years. The Wildcats exploited the inexperience of the Titans early and often on Friday.

Wildcats kicked off to start the game. The stat sheet had three tackles for a loss by the Wildcat defense. Trent got the first one. Dagim got the second one with a little help from Trent. Luke McGuire got the third. After receiving the punt, it took the Wildcats just one play to score. Trey hit Luke Albers for a 32 yard touchdown. Dagim kicked the 2pt conversion to start the game off as positive as a game could start. The Cats repeated their defensive aggression when they got the

chance; this time Dagim and Lane made the tackles for loss. Luke M was able to return the next punt 18 yards and offense was in business again. Luke had a run of 23 yards followed by Jack scoring a 2 yard touchdown. Cats up 14-0. The Wildcats actually turned up the defensive pressure even more in the next two series. They did not even let the Titans punt. Jack pressured their offense into a fumble which was recovered by Leo. In two plays the Wildcats scored on a 2 yard run by Luke

M. Dagim kicked the PAT for a 22-0 lead. The next series Dylan intercepted a pass and had a nice return. In one play Luke M connected with Lane for a 10 yard touchdown. Dagim kicked another PAT to put the Cats up 30-0. After a Titan punt and another Wildcat TD from Trey to Luke Albers and another Dagim kick the Cats were up 38-0 in the first quarter.

The second quarter was a fairly even matchup between the Titans and the Wildcat reserves. The Cats gave up a touchdown (38-6), then answered on their next series. Lucas returned the Kick for 25 yards. Lucas then ran for 15, Will ran for 10, and Will connected with Kory for the TD. Cats up 44-6. Lucas recovered a fumble to end the next Titan drive. Will completed a 12 yard pass to Peyton followed by a 20 yard run from Lucas. Will ran for 10 yards and then hit Lucas for an 11 yard TD. Dylan got the rushing PAT. Cats up 52-6. At the end of the 2nd quarter the varsity got one play which

resulted in an interception by Luke M and a 25 yard return. The JV took only 4 plays to score with Dylan getting a 15 yard rushing TD. The game ended at half, 57-6, and seven of our players got a quick shower before loading the German Exchange bus for an all-night ride and full weekend in Colorado. No rest for the weary!

-Coach Lance McGuire

photos by Molly Morgan



Luke Albers



Lane Halderson in the tackle



Jack Ruckle



Trent Schnittker in the center



Dylan Halderson



Will Wegerer

photo by Molly Morgan



Ada Adams Places Third



Ada Adams got 3rd place and earned a medal in JV. Sean Kostner got 16th in JV. Both are still recovering from injuries and illness but it was great having them back out running again this week. We travel to Burton for league on Thursday. photo and story by Coach Ingrid Ricke



JH Wildcats Win the Battle of Unbeatens on Last Play from Scrimmage

On Thursday, October 6, 2022, the undefeated (5-0) Cunningham Jr. High football team traveled across Kingman County to take on the undefeated (5-0) Norwich Eagles, and the two teams did not disappoint the fans with Cunningham coming away with a 32-26 victory in a back and forth game, one in which neither team led by more than one score.

Cunningham won the toss and elected to receive, but Norwich forced a punt, one that Cunningham never got off, that led to Norwich getting the first score on the evening to take an 8-0 lead, the Wildcats were able to answer the Norwich touchdown with a ten-yard run by Stephen Kerschen, the PAT was failed and Norwich led 6-8. The Eagles would add another score in the first quarter to make the score 6-14. The Wildcats, however

were able to answer again, this time on a Layne Green 35 yard run, Green would tack on the PAT to draw the Wildcats even at 14 to start the second quarter.

Both teams added a touchdown in the second quarter, the Wildcats TD came on a 37-yard run by S. Kerschen to tie the score 20-20 just before the half. Defensively in the first half, the Wildcats were able to intercept two Eagle passes, both interceptions were by Cole Hageman. Norwich received the second half kick-off and were looking a third and long when Wyatt King would intercept a third pass for the Wildcats and set up the offense with a short field only to turn it over on downs. Norwich would move the ball out to their own twenty when they connected on a 60-yard touchdown pass to regain the lead 20-26. That lead was erased on Cunningham's next drive when Green got loose again and scampered 20 yards to tie the game at 26-26, which is how the third quarter

ended.

In the fourth quarter, with both teams gassed and cramping, the defenses both got turnovers on downs on a couple of different occasions, all near mid-field. The Wildcats would later take over around mid-field with just over two minutes left and were able to get a couple of first downs down inside the Eagle 15-yard line with under a minute left. After 3 plays and only gaining a couple of yards, the Wildcats called time-out facing a 4th and 8 from their own 11-yard line with 10 seconds left on the clock.

After the time-out, Layne Green was back to pass, felt pressure, stepped forward and scrambled 11 yards to the pylon for the go ahead touchdown with 3 seconds left on the clock. The Wildcats were able to get a tackle on the ensuing kick-off to secure the 32-26 win and remained undefeated (6-0) with only their rival Skyline standing in their way of an undefeated season.

-Coach Bart Ricke



Fire Prevention: The Kiddo Edition

Topeka, Kan. – From toddlers taking their first steps to excited grandchildren waiting to lick leftover cake batter, the adventurous and playful nature of children that surround us often requires conforming in ways that protect the young and innocent. As a partic-

ipant in National Fire Prevention Week, Kansas Insurance Commissioner Vicki Schmidt would like to highlight several kid-friendly fire prevention efforts Kansans should consider in their efforts to keep their family and property safe.

1. Out of sight, out of mind – Keep lighters, matches and other flammable substances in a safe location out of reach from children. Household

lighters should include child-proof features.

2. Go flameless – Light bulb-illuminated candles are a safe option to consider around kids.

3. Turn the handles away – When cooking around children (and pets), never have pot handles hanging near or over the edge of a stove. Keep all handles facing towards the back of the stove.

4. Enforce the three-

foot rule – Teach children to stay three feet back from things that get hot.

Space heaters, active fireplaces, and stoves should be no-go zones for children.

5. Keep the yard clean – Keeping your yard clean of dry leaves and pine needles is an important step in building an ember-resistant zone around your property.

“Fireproofing your home and purchasing

homeowners or renters insurance are critical steps you can take to protect your family and personal property,” said Kansas Insurance Commissioner Vicki Schmidt.

Owning insurance cannot prevent a destructive fire, but it will likely prevent personal financial destruction

in the event of a disaster. To learn more about homeowners and renters insurance visit www.insurance.kansas.gov/home-renters-insurance or call the Department at 1-800-432-2484.



Waiting for Rain

Kim Baldwin, McPherson County farmer and rancher

The morning air has turned crisp, the temperatures have begun to drop, and the sun noticeably rises a little bit later every morning. It is definitely beginning to feel like fall on the farm.

Most evenings are also filled with a layer of dust in the atmosphere stirred up by the steady movement of the com-

bines and tractors in the surrounding fields.

While we continue to bring the grain out of the fields during fall harvest, we have also turned our attention to the fields that will soon have green shoots growing. It's time to start sowing wheat.

After missing rain showers practically all summer, we recently received some much-needed moisture. The slow, steady rain provided us assurance that it does, in fact, still rain on occasion.

But it also provided our soil with enough

moisture to ensure a good start for most of our wheat. The hard red winter wheat we place into the ground every fall has proven time and time again it can handle a lot of extreme weather conditions throughout the year. From arctic blasts in the winter, late freezes and hailstorms in the late spring, we know this crop is hardy.

But one thing the wheat absolutely needs to ensure a good start is moisture in the ground.

For many months we've waited for it to rain. We've looked really

hard for signs that a rain could be coming.

We've been teased with chances of precipitation all summer to only see those chances dissipate to nothing within 10-day forecasts.

We've prayed for it to rain.

And we breathed a sigh of relief and gave thanks when the small rain finally came.

It's amazing how something like a rain shower can completely alter our outlook. It's as if a rain can wash away any doubt that might have settled in our minds.

It's cleansing and provides the rejuvenation of faith we all need to begin a new season.

It encourages us to firmly believe many seeds can and will be produced from one tiny seed planted into the ground.

As primarily dryland farmers, a rain shower is life-giving for our present and future crops alike.

As we continue to sow the wheat into the soil this month, we know that we'll need more rain to get to a successful harvest. And while the forecast doesn't show any chance of precipitation

in the near future, we'll sow anyway.

We'll continue the tasks on the farm this fall and plan for a successful wheat crop this summer – all while patiently waiting on a rain.

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News from Kansas Farm Bureau

Ready for Spring: Service Lawnmower Before Winter Hits

K-State's Upham shares maintenance tips to prepare a lawnmower for storage

K-State Research and Extension news service MANHATTAN, Kan. — Taking care of a home lawn can be time consuming but rewarding for many homeowners. Kansas State University horticulture expert Ward Upham said as mowing season ends, it is impor-

tant to service mowers before storing them for winter.

“Make sure you drain the gas tank of gasoline-powered engines or use a gasoline stabilizer,” Upham said. “Untreated gasoline can become thick and gummy.”

Spark plugs should be replaced. Before putting the new one in, place a few drops of oil inside the hole to lubricate the cylinder. Battery terminals usually corrode during the season, so they should be cleaned with a wire-bristle brush before being removed and stored for winter.

“If you remove the battery, be sure to store it in a protected location for the winter (a cool basement works best),” Upham said.

Cleaning and storing mowers properly is just one part of end-of-season-care. Upham also suggests using this time to sharpen mower blades.

“Sharpening rotary mower blades is fairly straightforward,” said Upham, who listed the steps to guide the process:

- Check for major blade damage and replace what can't be fixed.
- Remove grass and

debris with a damp cloth. Dry the blade before sharpening.

- Use a grinding wheel or hand-file to remove nicks from the cutting edge. If using a grinding wheel, match the existing edge angle to the wheel. If hand-filing, file at the same angle as the existing edge.

- File edges to 1/32 inch, or about the size of a period at the end of a sentence.

- Avoid overheating of the blade, as this could warp it.

- For optimum winter storage, clean the blade with solvent or oil. Avoid

using water because it will promote rust.

“Following these tips can help you better prepare your mower for winter storage and also save you some steps this coming spring,” Upham said.

Upham and his colleagues in K-State's Department of Horticulture and Natural Resources produce a weekly Horticulture Newsletter with tips for maintaining home landscapes. The newsletter is available to view online or can be delivered by email

each week.

Interested persons can also send their garden- and yard-related questions to Upham at wupham@ksu.edu, or contact your local K-State Research and Extension office.



Kelly Administration Knocks Down Barrier to Joining the Child Care Workforce

~Offers Digital Fingerprinting to Accelerate Licensing Approval Process~

TOPEKA – Today, Governor Laura Kelly announced that her administration is knocking down a significant administrative barrier to joining the Kansas child care workforce. The Kansas Department of Health and Environment

(KDHE), in collaboration with the Department for Children and Families (DCF), is now offering digital fingerprinting to child care workers to accelerate the licensing approval process to enable these critical workers to begin work as soon as possible.

“We are working to make it easier to join the workforce in every sector, but especially child care,” said Governor Kelly. “Child care improves the long-term well-being of our children, helps attract and retain a highly skilled workforce, and brings business to the state. Anything we do to streamline the process of joining the child care

workforce is a significant win for our state.”

The Federal Office of Child Care requires a comprehensive background check for all people living, working, or volunteering in child care facilities who meet certain criteria, including working unsupervised. A background check includes fingerprinting.

Since December 2018, KDHE has been implementing fingerprint-based background checks using paper/card ink prints. The process can be lengthy and can cause delays due to the paper process and mailings between facilities, fingerprinting sites, KDHE, and the Kansas

Bureau of Investigation (KBI).

“By using digital fingerprinting, the wait time on the background check process is greatly reduced,” said KDHE Secretary Janet Stanek. “This efficiency will ultimately help thousands of childcare provider applicants obtain their licenses more expeditiously, allowing them to make an immediate impact on the child care needs in their communities.”

In November 2021, KDHE and DCF launched a small pilot project with the Boys and Girls Club and YMCA in partnership with the KBI. This pilot has significantly reduced wait times for finger-

print results, and we are now inviting all childcare workers across the state to take advantage of this technology.

“We know how important it is that parents can access quality child care,” said DCF Secretary Laura Howard. “That’s why it was so important to me that we find a way to leverage existing DCF services to better serve our childcare workforce.”

Governor Kelly has invested in child care as a vital component of workforce and economic development success. Earlier this year she signed House Bill 2237, a bipartisan bill that expands child care

tax credits for businesses that provide child care to employees.

“The Children’s Cabinet has been pleased to support the collaboration necessary between multiple state agencies to modernize the fingerprint process for child care providers,” said Executive Director Melissa Rooker. “We hope this helps reduce the barriers to safe, secure childcare options for Kansas parents and helps child care programs meet staffing demands more quickly and efficiently.”

Check the library for dinosaur... ...books, movies and computer software. Kids: color stuff in! **Newspaper Fun!** www.readingclubfun.com Annimills LLC © 2022 V41

We Dig Dinosaurs!

That way...er... this way!

Chatter and I are at a dinosaur dig. We’re visiting a **paleontologist**, a person who studies prehistoric life (from a time before things were written down and recorded). She tries to figure out what the earth and animals were like and how animals lived long, long ago.

How is this done? People look for, dig up and study fossils. Fossils are bones, footprints or other traces of animals and plants in rocks or in the ground that have been under a lot of pressure for long periods of time. One scientist, Sir Richard Owen, used the word “dinosaur” to name the giant animals that were alive during the Mesozoic Era: Triassic, Jurassic and Cretaceous periods. Dinosaurs died out by the Era’s end.

Read the clues to learn about each dinosaur. Then, fill in the puzzle:

- Spinosaurus** – was the largest meat-eating dinosaur (about three times larger than the T. Rex!); had large “fan” of _____ on its back
- Stegosaurus** – bony plates stuck out of its back; had a _____ tail
- Archaeopteryx** – name means “_____ bird;” oldest bird discovered
- Velociraptor** – only about 2 feet tall; middle _____ is large and sharp
- Pteranodon** – not truly a dinosaur, _____ lizard with 25-foot wingspan
- Deinonychus** – name means “_____ claw;” up to 5-inch long claw
- Ankylosaurus** – four-ton dino was almost 35 feet long; its back was covered with _____ plates; its tail could smash things with 43,000 pounds of force
- Parasaurolophus** – amazing sense of _____ helped this dino notice sounds of predators from miles away; made a loud foghorn-like noise to warn its family of danger
- Tyrannosaurus Rex** – best-known dinosaur; its bite was 15 times stronger than an _____
- Triceratops** – one of largest _____ dinosaurs; has three on its head
- Sinornithosaurus** – this dino’s name means “Chinese bird lizard;” was only the size of a _____
- Sauroposeidon** – largest dinosaur; 60 feet tall; 100 feet long; one neck _____ is 4 feet long.

A Dino-sized Mistake!

During the 1800’s there was a lot of competition between two fossil hunters - Othniel Charles Marsh and Edward Drinker Cope. They spent all their money trying to outdo each other. A dinosaur skeleton that Marsh found was put up in museums and labeled. Later, people found out that it had the body of a young **Apatosaurus** and the head of a completely different dinosaur called **Camarasaurus**.

Follow the dots to see this dinosaur.

The mistake was discovered only after this dinosaur had become a favorite. Fill in the missing letters to spell its name:

B _ o _ t _ _ saurus

A Small Mistake!

Many people see this “flying lizard,” the **Pteranodon**, in a movie or in a dinosaur book and think it was a dinosaur, but it was not!

Which Dino Is It?

Fill in the blanks with “T” or “R” to spell these dinos’ names:

_____ yranosaurus

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Bonus: If you know this one you are beyond smart!

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Every evening I call the cats inside and Dusty Bottoms is the last one to show up. He hides in the ground cover or in the garage (now kept closed). He usually can't resist the call of his name, and he comes out of where ever he is hiding and approaches me cautiously. He knows it's the end of the day and like a kid he wants just another five minutes of play time. I make little cooing noises and snap my fingers, which usually gets him to roll around on the ground, and I can snatch him up and carry him, protesting, inside. The other evening, Dusty came sashaying up to me, paused, then raced for his favorite tree. Up he went. He then found his way to the roof of the back garage. I swear he was laughing at me as he sat up there, looking all smug and sure of himself. (Yes, he eventually came down for supper.)



"I hope you realize that every day is a fresh start for you. That every sunrise is a new chapter in your life waiting to be written."

— Juansen Dizon, Confessions of a Wallflower

photo by Teresa McClendon

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Adoption Fee: \$200.00
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Female Abyssinian
Age: 3 months
Adoption Fee: \$30.00
Intake date: Sept. 19, 2022
Anyone know of a good hair salon?

Grumpy

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Female Domestic Shorthair
Weight: 3 pounds
Age: 3 months
Adoption Fee: \$75.00
Intake Date: June 28, 2022

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Bonus: If you knew this one you are beyond smart!

Minutes from Kingman County Commission

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moved to go with the Motorola Solutions quote for \$53,837.19 to be paid from the diversion fund. Commissioner Henning seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Sheriff Hill discussed coverage with a UHF system with the Commissioners and moving a repeater would give more coverage.

Commissioners would like to check with the Motorola contract and see what it covers on the moving of the repeaters.

Sheriff Hill asked the Commissioners if it would be okay to pursue moving forward on the wind farm usage of a tower.

Commissioners agreed to have Sheriff Hill move forward on researching the tower.

Chairman Foley recessed the meeting at 10:09 a.m.

Chairman Foley re-

convened the meeting at 10:35 a.m.

MOTION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to approve the Memorandum of Understanding with City of Kingman. Commissioner Henning seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Commissioners discussed the REAP Agreement by and between the workforce alliance of South-Central Kansas, Inc. and the Chief Elected Officials Board.

Leslie Schrag, Economic Development Director was into requesting moving \$5000.00 from the Dilapidated program to the Façade Program.

MOTION: Commissioner Henning moved to approve the moving of funds of \$5,000.00 from the dilapidated program to the façade program. Commissioner Thimesch seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Charles Arensdorf, Public Works Director was in with a thank you

card from Kingman Senior Center for the AED machine that was donated.

Mr. Arensdorf discussed the FR 4 & FR 5 consulting agreement for review and negotiation of the Road Access and Repair Agreement from Kirkham Michael.

MOTION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to approve the Road Access and Repair Agreement with Kirkham Michael for FR 4 & FR 5. Commissioner Henning seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Mr. Arensdorf let the Commissioners know that he had received a consultation request from Canton township for advice on road repair around a county bridge and advice on routing water in Section 7, Township 30, Range 6.

MOTION: Commissioner Henning moved to approve the consultation request for Canton Township. Commissioner Thimesch seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Mr. Arensdorf submitted the August 2022 financial report for his department to the Commissioners for review.

Mr. Arensdorf let the Commissioners know that they are about to finalize the Flat Ridge 3 Transportation program.

Mr. Arensdorf discussed the draft of the Local Road Safety Plan with the Commissioners.

Stan Goetz, HR/Planning/Zoning/Wastewater Director was in with the minutes of the September 26, 2022 planning/zoning meeting for the Commissioners.

The commercial windfarm guidelines were updated and a recommendation for the text changes of the guidelines was done by the board to present to the Commissioners.

Mr. Goetz presented a resolution to be approved by the County Commissioners for the modification of the zoning guidelines.

Commissioner Henning moved to approve **Resolution 2022-R13, A RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR ADOPTION OF COMMERCIAL WIND**

FARMAPPLICATION GUIDELINES AS AMENDMENT TO THE COUNTY ZONING REGULATIONS FOR KINGMAN COUNTY, KANSAS.

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

Mr. Goetz presented a FR4 & FR5 windfarm plans to the County Commissioners that he received.

Mr. Goetz let the Commissioners know that Special Use Permit for FR 4 and a sketch plan for a subdivision Horizons East in Evan township will be on the agenda for the October 24, 2022 planning/zoning meeting.

Mr. Goetz submitted the following building permits:

Jerod Bebemeyer for a House in Section 34, Township 30, Range 6.

Thomas Bonil for a shop/shed in Section 12, Township 27, Range 22.

Kevin Schrag for a House in Section 23, Township 27, Range 5.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Commissioner Thimesch

moved to go into executive session Brandon Ritcha, County Counselor at 12:23 a.m. to discuss pending administrative proceedings pursuant to the exception under the Kansas Open Meetings Act for discussion of matters which would be deemed privileged under the attorney-client relationship, and that we return to open session in the board meeting room at 12:33 p.m. Commissioner Henning seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Commissioner returned to regular session at 12:33 p.m. with no decisions made.

Commissioners discussed that the County Christmas Dinner will be at 11:30 a.m. on Friday, December 16th, 2022.

MOTION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to adjourn the regular board meeting at 12:40 p.m. Commissioner Henning seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

A COLUMN BY TOM PURCELL

Changing communications technology is one of life's never-ending annoyances, and now we have a new agitation: voice messaging.

Voice messaging allows smartphone owners to record their voice and send the recording to others as they would a text or a chat.

According to the Wall Street Journal, some people consider the technique bothersome and rude — a camp I am clearly in, and I'll happily

explain why.

I've experienced a lot of phone-technology changes in my life.

When I was a kid in the '70s and the phone rang, it was always a surprise and you'd hurry to find out who was calling our house.

Hard as it is for some to imagine, we had no caller ID.

We had no call-waiting, either — if you were on the line talking and someone called you, that person would be greeted by a busy signal.

Worse yet, if you needed a ride home after football practice, good luck getting through to my house.

My five sisters and my mom kept our single phone line occupied throughout the day. I

spent half of my high school years redialing a pay phone.

The truth is, we actually wanted to answer the phone back then to learn who was calling.

Nothing was more disappointing than getting to a ringing phone too late and having the mystery caller hang up.

That began to change in the '70s when answering machines became affordable and many people began using them to screen their calls — behavior that was considered rude by many.

Here's what was even ruder: For whatever reason, some people refuse to leave messages on answering machines. Getting home to hear a hang-up click on the answering machine was

awfully agitating.

Until the invention of “*69.”

Punching those three keys into the phone would provide the number of the dirty rotten person who had the audacity to call your home and not leave a message.

This gave us the ability to call the rude person back, wait for his answering machine to play, then hang up!

And so it was that technology enabled rudeness began to proliferate.

Now, when our smartphones ring, we look to see who the rude person calling is, and think, before letting it go to voice-mail, “Why couldn't the idiot text me like a normal person?”

Which brings us to voice messaging.

As a highly impatient person, I'm far too busy to listen to other humans use spoken words to convey human thoughts to me.

The inflexions and changing tones they use to illustrate their points may seem more human and nuanced to them, but they only make me grumpier.

Look, I am a master procrastinator who wastes time all day long — but I resent when others waste my time for me by sending me voice chats that I have to spend precious seconds listening to.

For goodness sakes, email me or text me and give me words to read.

I'll email you or text back some nice words you can read, and then

the both of us can go on our merry way promoting the rudeness, grumpiness and incivility that we have allowed our technology to make a regrettable reality in modern life.

I leave you with this warning:

Keep voice messaging me and I swear to goodness I will buy a cheap cell phone that does not trace back to me and I'll call your home phone — then hang up on your answering machine!

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Time Matters When Cooking Chicken Wings

K-State's Blakeslee shares research data on safely cooking popular finger food MANHATTAN, Kan. — With many flavors and varieties, chicken wings are a popular finger food in American households, but improper cooking can lead to Salmonella poisoning.

Kansas State

University food scientist Karen Blakeslee said the recommended internal temperature for all poultry products is 165 degrees Fahrenheit.

Blakeslee said food scientists at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln validated the recommended temperatures for chicken wings, in particular, in a study using dry heat cooking methods.

“The goal was to

validate the cooking times and temperatures to guide consumers in safely cooking chicken wings,” she said.

The study included injecting chicken wings with Salmonella and cooking the wings for various times. The convection oven was set to 288.5 F to 298.2 F and the air fryer was set to 340.7 F to 364.5 F.

“In the end, all cooking times below 22 minutes still tested pos-

itive for Salmonella,” Blakeslee said.

While this study explores two cooking methods, chicken wings can be prepared in many different ways.

“Whether using frozen or fresh chicken wings, always use a food thermometer to know the internal temperature reaches 165 F as preparation methods vary,” Blakeslee said. “Other cooking methods, such as grilling, frying, or in a conven-

tional oven, are easy methods to cook chicken wings, but no matter what method is used, it is important to follow the cooking times to destroy any bacteria present.”

Blakeslee, who also is coordinator of K-State's Rapid Response Center for food science, publishes a monthly newsletter called *You Asked It!* that provides numerous tips on being safe and healthy. More informa-

tion is also available from local extension offices in Kansas.

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



Kingman County Sheriff's Report

Sunday, October 2nd

Traffic Stop 2	
Traffic Complaint	5000 E Hwy 54, Kingman
Animal Complaint	12796 SE 20 St, Murdock
Agency Assist	SE 20 St & SE 170 Ave, Cheney

Monday, October 3rd

Traffic Stop 5	
Animal Complaint	1700 Blk E Kansas Ave, Kingman

Tuesday, October 4th

Traffic Stop 5	
Traffic / Suspicious Vehicle	14000 WHwy 54, Cunningham
Fire / Grass	3330 E Bluff St, Kingman

Wednesday, October 5th

Traffic Complaint	4500 W Hwy 54, Kingman
Traffic Complaint	2717 SE Murdock Aved, Murdock
Traffic Complaint	13000 W Hwy 54, Cunningham

Traffic Complaint	7000 W Hwy 54, Kingman
Animal Complaint	134 E Libbey Ave, Nashville
Animal Complaint	1625 S Main St, Kingman
Check Welfare	7913 SE 70 Ave, Kingman

Thursday, October 6th

Traffic Stop 3	
Traffic Complaint	6000 W Hwy 54, Kingman
911 Accidental Dial	15300 NE 50 St, Cheney

Friday, October 7th

Traffic Complaint	16996 SW 50 St, Cunningham
Traffic Complaint	8000 E Hwy 54, Murdock

Saturday, October 8th

Traffic Stop 2	
Traffic Complaint	12000 S Hwy 14, Rago
Traffic Complaint	1615 E Kansas Ave, Kingman
Traffic Complaint	12000 S Hwy 14, Rago

Minutes from the Pratt County Commission Meeting on October 3rd, 2022

The Pratt County commissioners met in regular session Monday, October 3, 2022, at 2:00 p.m. in the commissioner room, 1st floor of the courthouse. The following members were present: Rick N. Shriver, Thomas W. Jones III, Dwight Adams, Tyson Eisenhauer, county counselor, Lori Voss, county clerk, and Mark Graber, IT director. Obe Brant

Heather Morgan, economic development/COVID consultant, has been assisting Township 6 fire with the fire marshal's grant. A Brownsfield Grant is available for buildings that need to be torn down, KDHE will need to be involved. A group between Liberal and Dodge City are advocating for the expansion of the four lane. She reported employees working as direct support individuals will be getting a \$2000 bonus from the state through their employers. Anyone that goes to work for these employers can get a sign on bonus of \$1500. She reported on the facade improvements on Main Street. There will be a KDOT grant that will help pay for part of any road equipment that has an engine older than 1929. She recommends applying. She will check back next week with more details. She would like the commissioners to report this to Doug.

Tim Branscom, emergency manager/zoning, reported tomorrow and Friday he will be giving incident command training at the LEC. He is going over grant applications. The Pratt Jam committee has asked if they can use the generator to run lights for their event. No one has any problems with it. Commissioner

Shriver talked about the landscaping at the PSB needs to get some dirt work done to stop the water.

Obe Brant, owner of 4 Brothers LLC, has an application for a temporary poly pipe crossing to be trenched across the road. He has visited with Doug Freund, road supervisor, he said it wasn't allowed. He is asking if there is anything else he can do. He also asked about a temporary road crossing that might be in steel that vehicles could drive across. They would like Doug to be in on the conversation. Doug stated in the past it has left too many soft spots which led to complaints. They haven't allowed that in the last 4-5 years. Obe asked about a hard crossing, steel line with ramps on either side, he would mark with signage. Tyson stated it is consistency, if it is done once there will be other requests. Obe stated all other counties charge for permits, which Pratt County does not. If they charged it could be a way of paying for the damage. He will proceed with the permit to bore under the road.

Doug Freund, road supervisor, presented a road crossing for 4 Brothers, LLC located at SW 70th Avenue and SW 60th Street. Commissioner Shriver stated he is abstaining from the vote. Chairman Adams made a motion to approve the road crossing for 4 Brothers LLC. Commissioner Jones seconded the motion. Motion carried 2-0.

Commissioner Jones made a motion to approve the minutes from September 26, 2022. Commissioner Shriver seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Jones made a motion to hire Skylar Hennessee full time for detention officer at \$15.00 per hour. Commissioner Shriver seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Tyson reported on the ground south of the new building, visited with

Kirkham Michael.

It was not divided because it had to have sewer to the property. He will have them survey south of the building, but asked about a buffer. It was stated just the usable portion south of the building. He will get a cost and report back.

Commissioner Shriver made a motion to recess into executive session at 2:30 p.m. for thirty minutes for non-elected personnel matters to conduct interviews. Commissioner Jones seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Jones made a motion to return from executive session at 2:59 p.m. with no action taken. Commissioner Shriver seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Shriver made a motion to recess into executive session at 3:00 p.m. for thirty minutes for non-elected personnel matters to conduct interviews. Commissioner Jones seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. Commissioner Jones made a motion to return from executive session at 3:27 p.m. with no action taken. Commissioner Shriver seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Shriver made a motion to recess into executive session at 3:30 p.m. for thirty minutes for non-elected personnel matters to conduct interviews. Commissioner Jones seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. Commissioner Jones made a motion to return from executive session at 3:59 p.m. with no action taken. Commissioner Shriver seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Shriver

made a motion to recess into executive session at 4:00 p.m. for thirty minutes for non-elected personnel matters to conduct interviews. Commissioner Jones seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. Commissioner Jones made a motion to return from executive session at 4:30 pm with no action taken. Commissioner Shriver seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Shriver made a motion to recess into executive session for fifteen minutes at 4:30 p.m. to discuss non-elected personnel concerning interviews. Commissioner Jones seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Jones made a motion to return from executive session at 4:45 p.m. with no action taken. Commissioner Shriver seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Shriver made a motion to recess into executive session at 4:45 p.m. to discuss non-elected personnel for fifteen minutes to discuss job performance. Commissioner Jones seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Jones made a motion to return from executive session at 5:00 pm with no action taken. Commissioner Shriver seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

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

Commissioner Jones made a motion to adjourn at 5:09 pm. Commissioner Shriver seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

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Public Notice

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IN THE THIRTIETH JUDICIAL DISTRICT DISTRICT COURT OF KINGMAN COUNTY, KANSAS
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF:
EUNICE SMITH, Deceased.
CASE NO. 2022 PR 6
(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 Prisca Krehbiel, duly appointed, qualified and acting Administrator of the Estate of Eunice Smith, 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 October 25, 2022, at 10:00 o'clock a.m., in the District Court, 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.

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

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Public Notice

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF KINGMAN COUNTY, KANSAS

NewRez LLC d/b/a Shellpoint Mortgage Servicing, Plaintiff, vs.	Case No. 22CV27 K.S.A. 60 Mortgage Foreclosure (Title to Real Estate Involved)
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Freda M. Fisher (Deceased), et al.

Defendants.

NOTICE OF SUIT

THE STATE OF KANSAS to: Unknown Heirs, Devisees, and Legatees Freda M. Fisher, Defendants, and all other persons who are or may be concerned:

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED: That a Petition has been filed in the District Court of Kingman County, Kansas, Case No. 22CV27 by NewRez LLC d/b/a Shellpoint Mortgage Servicing, praying for foreclosure of a mortgage executed by Freda M Fisher, An Unmarried Woman on 11/26/2007 and recorded in Book 274 Page 24 in the real estate records of Kingman County, Kansas, related to the following property:

ALL OF THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED REAL ESTATE IN KINGMAN COUNTY, KANSAS; LOTS EIGHT (8), NINE (9) AND TEN (10) IN BLOCK ONE (1), PLUSH' S ADDITION TO THE CITY OF BELMONT, IN KINGMAN COUNTY, KANSAS, AS SHOWN BY THE RECORDED PLAT THEREOF.

You are hereby required to plead to the Petition on or before November 23, 2022, in the court at Kingman County, Kansas. If you fail to plead, judgment and decree will be entered in due course upon the petition.

NOTICE TO BORROWER: If you wish to dispute the validity of all or any portion of this debt, or would like the name and address of the original creditor, you must advise us in writing within thirty (30) days of the first notice you receive from us. Otherwise, we will assume the entire debt to be valid. This is an attempt to collect a debt, and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

Signed:

Shawn Scharenborg, KS # 24542
Sara Pelikan, KS # 23624
Dustin Stiles, KS # 25152
Bryan Cardwell, KS # 21478
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Attorney for Plaintiff

Public Notice

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF:
SALLY A. DAVIS, Deceased.
CASE NO. 2022 PR 46
(Pursuant to K.S.A. Chapter 59)

NOTICE
THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:

You are hereby notified that Petition has been filed in this Court by Connie Hageman, Laura Cress and Melinda G. Miller, Co-Administrators of the Estate of Sally A. Davis, deceased, praying that: the following Kansas real estate owned by the decedent, situated in Kingman County, Kansas be sold. The real estate is described as:

Unit G, Spring Meadows: A portion of Lot One (1), Block One (1), Spring Meadows, a replat of Lots 1-20 (inclusive), Bay & Wier's Subdivision of Block J, Frazier's Addition, and all of Block K, Frazier's Addition, Subdivisions in the Northwest Quarter (NW/4) of Section Thirty-two (32), Township Twenty-seven

(27) South, Range Seven (7) West of the 6th P.M., in Kingman County, Kansas, more particularly described as follows: Commencing at the Southwest corner of Lot 1, Block 1, Spring Meadows; thence on North along the West line of said Lot 1, a distance of 42.33 feet; thence

with a deflection angle 90°03'10" right-East

65.67 feet; thence with a deflection angle 90°00'00" right-South 7.10 feet; thence with a deflection angle 90°00'00" left-East 18.00 feet to the extension of the centerline of a party wall for the point of beginning; thence with 90°00'00" deflection angles and distances as follows: left-North along the centerline of said party wall and the extension thereof a distance of 103.20 feet; right-East 38.30 feet; right-South 58.40 feet; left-East 5.00 feet; right-South 24.30 feet; right-West

11.00 feet; left-South 13.40 feet; right-West 14.30 feet; left-South 7.10 feet; Right-West 18.00 feet to the point of beginning; together with an undivided one-fourth (1/4) interest in and to the common area to be owned by the Spring Meadows Homeowners Association in accordance with agreement filed in Misc. Book 216, Page 184, in the office of the Register of Deeds of Kingman County, Kansas

You are required to file your written defenses thereto on or before October 25, 2022 at 10:00 a.m., in the District Court, 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.

Connie Hageman, Laura Cress & Melinda G. Miller, Petitioner
Matthew W. Ricke Ricke Law Office
349 N. Main, PO Box 113
Kingman, KS 67068 Attorney for Petitioners

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GENERAL ELECTION
NOTICE OF PLACES AND DATES OF REGISTRATION

Pursuant to the provisions of K.S.A. 25-2311, notice is hereby given that the books for the registration of voters in Kingman County, Kansas will be closed from 5:00p.m. on Tuesday, October 18th, 2022 and will remain closed until the day after the General Election which will be held in the County of Kingman, State of Kansas on the 8th day of November, 2022. Books will reopen on November 9th, 2022.

OFFICE HOURS:

The books will be kept open Monday through Friday from 8:00a.m. to 5:00p.m. in the County Clerk's Office until the books close and will remain closed until November 9th, 2022, which is the day after the General Election.

You may register during regular hours of business through October 18th, 2022. Anyone wishing to register must appear at the County Clerk's Office with some form of Photo Identification or contact the County Election Officer for a registration card to be mailed out to them.

To register you must be a citizen of the United States who is 18 years of age or older or will have attained the age of 18 years before the next election. Registration closes 21 days prior to every election.

When a voter has been registered according to law, his or her registration shall continue to be valid until one of the following occurs:

1. The voter changes name by marriage, divorce or legal proceedings.
2. The voter changes residence in which he or she resided at the time he or she registered.
3. When a voter dies or is disqualified for voting, his registration will be pulled from the files. When a voter fails to vote in two consecutive General Elections, such voter's name may be removed from the registration books and party affiliation lists. Such voter must re-register in order to be able to vote.

In Witness Whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 3rd day of October, 2022.

Carol D. Noblit
Kingman County Election Officer

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Velma Trinkle

Preston - Velma May Trinkle, 100, passed away Wednesday, October 5, 2022 at Parkwood Village. She was born on September 29, 1922 in Preston to Henry W. and Ida (Scheele) Briggeman. Velma married Merle John Trinkle on May 15, 1948 at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Natrona. He preceded her in death on March 8, 2011.



Velma graduated from Preston High School and had gone on to attend Pratt Junior College. She was a member of St. Paul Lutheran Church where she was confirmed in March of 1935 and Bethany Guild. Velma was a retired Sears Employee and homemaker. She enjoyed cooking, baking, being outside mowing and tending to her garden.

She is survived by her son, Morgan (Deb) Trinkle of Preston; grandchildren, Angela Trinkle of Gainesville, Texas and Sheila (Steve) Lunsford of Preston; and great-grandsons, Tyler Jon Reimer of Preston and Dylan Merle Reimer of Pratt.

Velma is preceded in death by her husband, Merle John Trinkle; parents; and sisters, Ilene Briggeman, Florene Briggeman and Ethel Leal.

A graveside service was held on Friday, October 7, 2022 at St. Paul Lutheran Church Cemetery, Natrona with Pastor Michael Schotte presiding.

Memorials may be made to St. Paul Lutheran Church or Parkwood Village in care of Larrison Mortuary, 300 Country Club Road, Pratt.

Jerry Larrison

Pratt - Jerry Kent Larrison, 86, passed away Friday, October 7, 2022 at Pratt Health and Rehab. He was born on October 26, 1935 in Pratt to Morris Wilbur and Irene (Swonger) Larrison. Jerry married Karellen K. (McGuire) Larrison on September 2, 1956 in Pratt. They were married for 66 years.



Jerry was raised on a farm near Sawyer where he attended and graduated from Sawyer High School in 1953. He graduated from Pratt Junior College and went on to graduate from Dallas Institute of Gupton & Jones College of Mortuary Science in 1957. He served in the United States Army in Graves Registration at Fort Lee, Virginia and Arlington National Cemetery. He previously worked for Williams Mortuary in Pratt, Beckwith Mortuary in Larned, Manager of Culbertson Mortuary in Wichita, Manager and Vice President of Resthaven Mortuary and Cemetery in Wichita and Manager of Lakeview Mortuary in Wichita. In 1978, Jerry and Karellen purchased Williams Mortuary and became Larrison Mortuary. They later purchased Foulk Funeral Home in Turon, Forsyth Funeral Home in Medicine Lodge and Ayres Calbeck Mortuary in Pratt. He was a member of Pratt First United Methodist Church and Pratt Elks Club, and past Chairman of American Red Cross Cannonball Trail Chapter of Pratt, past Scout Master of Troop #201, past Member of Greenlawn Cemetery Board, past President of Pratt Rotary Club, past Member of Pratt Shrine Club and Wichita Midian Shrine, Wichita Consistory with honorary 32nd and 33rd Degree, Member of Pratt Kilwinning Lodge #265, Larned Lodge #167, Past President of Kansas Funeral Director Association. He enjoyed camping, fishing and boating with his family.

He is survived by his wife, Karellen; children, Pamela (Randy) Marsh of Port Charlotte, Florida, Krystal (Steve) Larrison and Eric (Mandy) Larrison of Lake Arrowhead, Kansas; sisters, Morene Larrison of Haviland and Reta Bell of Sawyer; grandchildren, Aaron (Lindsey) Marsh, Tara (Brian) Marsh, Zachary (Annie) Wedel, Gabrielle (Billy) White, Savana Larrison, Annika (Oliver) Larrison, Maric Larrison, Lauren Schmidt, Lanie (Austin) Carr and Shiloh Carr; and great-grandchildren, Zoey, Riley, Isabella, Brody, Zayna and Zander.

Jerry is preceded in death by his parents.

Funeral service was Tuesday, October 11, 2022 at Larrison Mortuary with John Hamm presiding. Burial followed at Greenlawn Cemetery, Pratt.

Memorials may be made to Pratt Area Humane Society in care of Larrison Mortuary.

Peggy Smith

Pratt - Peggy June Smith, 89, passed away Saturday, October 1, 2022 at Parkwood Assisted Living. She was born on November 7, 1932 in Lindsay, Oklahoma to Chester and Zeda (Martin) Lannom. Peggy married John "Jay" Hightower in 1949 in Lindsay, Oklahoma. He preceded her in death on April 12, 1977. In 1981, she then married Billy Smith in Wichita, Kansas. He preceded her in death on February 24, 2010.



Peggy graduated from Lindsay High School in 1950. She worked in the cafeteria at Andover High School and then became an insurance agent with State Farm in Wichita. She enjoyed playing dominoes, cards and bingo, going to the casino and shopping.

She is survived by her children, Sherrie (Johnny) Mitchell of Myrtle Beach, South Carolina, Toni (Terry) McNabb of Kansas City, Missouri, Sandy (Steve) Frahm of Ashland, Nebraska, Karen (Dwayne Rosenbaum) Householter of Pratt, Kansas and Lisa (Jen Fuller) Bergrud of Kansas City, Missouri; grandchildren, Mariko (Chris) Geffert, Nicole (Ryan) Jones, Shauntel (Chad) Minks, April (Jacob) Israel, Brian (Amy) Frahm, Andy (Anna) Frahm, Kristin (Adam) Johnson, Michael Frahm, Ashley Householter, Erika Householter, Meagan Householter and Luke Bergrud; and 18 great grandchildren with another on the way.

Peggy is preceded in death by her mother, Zeda Lannom; father, Chester Lannom; husbands, "Jay" Hightower and Billy R. Smith; and sister, Ruby Weatherly.

Cremation has taken place. A Memorial Graveside Service will be held at 2:00 p.m., Friday, October 14, 2022 at Lakeview Cemetery, Wichita, Kansas.

Memorials may be made to Canines for Christ Ministry or Donor Choice in care of Larrison Mortuary, 300 Country Club Road, Pratt, Kansas.

More People Now Eligible to Give Blood or Platelets with the Red Cross



Restrictions lifted for many who spent time in certain European countries

[KANSAS, Oct. 11, 2022]

— The American Red Cross now invites those who spent time in the U.K., Ireland or France and have never tried to give blood due to concerns over variant Creutzfeldt-Jakob Disease (vCJD) – related to mad cow disease – to give blood and help save lives.

Recently, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration updated its blood donor eligibility guidance on vCJD, eliminating the deferral for those who spent time in the U.K., Ireland and France between 1980 and 2001. In alignment with FDA changes, the Red Cross began accepting donations Oct. 3 from individuals who have not tried giving blood before due to the prior donation criteria. In combination with prior eligibility updates in 2020 for those who spent time in other European countries, this new change effectively eliminates the deferral related to vCJD for all donors.

"For many years, the Red Cross has heard from people who have spent time in these countries – often members of the military and their families – hoping for the opportunity to donate blood or platelets," said Alice Townsend, Regional CEO for the Red Cross of Kansas and Oklahoma. "We now welcome all donors who may have spent time in Europe and avoided blood donation as a result to join us in our lifesaving mission to help patients in need."

More blood donors – especially type O donors – are urged to donate now to prevent disruptions to essential medical care this fall. Book a time to give by using the Red Cross Blood Donor App, visiting RedCrossBlood.org or by calling 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767). As a thank-you, all who come to give Oct. 16-31, 2022, will receive a \$10 e-Gift Card by email to a merchant of choice.

Changes in progress for those with a Red Cross donor record

Those who have tried to give with the Red Cross and have been previously deferred from donating will be contacted by the Red Cross once system records are updated. This deferral is more complex to remove than others as there are decades of donors in the Red Cross system who have been deferred under the previous FDA requirements. Individuals who have questions about their donor record can contact the Red Cross Donor and Client Support Center at 1-866-236-3276.

Upcoming blood donation opportunities Oct. 16-31:

View a list of mobile drives in Kansas.

Visit www.redcrossblood.org to see available appointments at the Wichita and Salina donor centers.

Linda Buss

Linda A. Buss, 69, died Oct. 5, 2022 at her home in Spivey, Kansas.

She was born Dec. 23, 1952, at Wichita the daughter of Jacob and Elva Keller Lorenz, Jr. A Spivey resident since 1998, she retired from the weapons maintenance in the Kansas Air National Guard.

On Dec. 30, 1982, she married Michael Buss at Wichita. Other survivors include a step-daughter Ruth A. Talavera; and a brother Max Lorenz.

Family graveside services will take place in the Nelson Cemetery, Cloud County, Kansas.

Livingston Funeral Home, Kingman is taking care of the local arrangements.



A Note of Thanks

We want to thank everyone for the food, cards, prayers, memorials, and masses. Your thoughts and kindnesses were very much appreciated after Eugene's passing.

The Freund Family



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It is with a very grateful heart that I extend a big thank you to my family, near and far, for the early birthday celebration.

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