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CHS Athletes Meet and Greet

CHS athletes offer high-fives, smiles, and help students out of their cars upon arriving to school! Connecting with the younger Wildcats, the fall sports teams display a positive engagement in the community and inspire the youth in the district to become future athletes.

Showing kindness to others is important, no matter what role you hold. The little eyes of the kids see what our teens do at every moment, and this was a great opportunity for them to be seen showing their school spirit while welcoming kids to school and letting them know how glad we are that they are here!

Events like these strengthen the bonds of the teams and offer them another chance to be great role models for the next generation while benefiting the teens themselves and reminding them to be considerate of their actions.

Several members of the CHS Lady Wildcat volleyball team greeted students last week while taking pride in dressing up for their game that day, showing students how to respect themselves while encouraging them to show their school spirit and to come cheer them on at their games!

Senior Kyra Morgan shared, "Greeting the elementary kids that walk in the door in the morning is the highlight of my morning. I like being there for the kids telling them to have a good day and greeting them with a

smile. Being a role model for those kids and being there for them is something I wish to do more in the future and showing the kids that all of them are special to me in one way or another."

Following a team breakfast at coach's house, CHS football players donned their jerseys as they made their way across the street to the front of the school, and back by the buses opening doors and asking students 'Who are you cheering for tonight?'

When approaching the front doors after driving himself to school, senior Tyler Winter said about the football team, "they all started clapping... it was kind of cool and exciting!"

After returning to the office to start the day after the morning's event, I received a text from parent Erika Thimesch, "THAT WAS THE CUTEST THING I HAVE SEEN IN A LONG TIME! I had a tear in my eye when she [daughter Kate, 2nd grade] hugged Skyler [her cousin]. What a great thing for these little kids!"

Cunningham Cross Country team will be present at the doors next week sharing the fun and team spirit! You may see these teams out there in the future so don't be afraid to honk or wish them luck!

-Barbara Schultz, USD 332



photos submitted by Barb Schultz

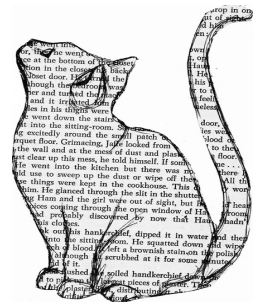
Smash and Dash Mammogram Night

PLEASE SCHEDULE WITH TIFFANY AHEAD OF TIME AT 620-532-0129. THANK YOU!

WHEN: October 15, 2025
5:00pm - 8:00pm

WHERE: Kingman Healthcare Center

- 3D Mammos every 10 minutes
- Light snacks and Cocoa Dolce desserts



Meanderings

I really don't feel much like typing, and I don't really have much to say, as usual. BUT... I decided there's not

that much room to fill here. I can certainly find something to blather on about.

REMINDER: I will be at the Cessna Fest Craft Fair this Saturday. I'm looking forward to it. As it is outside, under a covered parking lot, I hope the weather is cooperative.

Got a message from my friend, Darren. He had a space available for the craft show at the Fall

Festival; would I take it? Conundrum: Molly won't be here to take photos of the happenings, so I was going to need to take the camera and click away. IF we can get the camera exchanged between Homecoming festivities and when she leaves for the volleyball tournament, I will have the camera.

After Darren's message, though, I debated quite a bit about whether

to take photos or run a booth. Photography is not something I enjoy, I enjoy craft fairs, though....

I finally decided I'd get a booth. I am hoping, hoping, hoping, parents and grandparents and anyone, actually, who has good photos will send me some. I'd like to dedicate a full page to the events.

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I've been asked to bring some of my things to the "Ladies Night Out"

in Pratt on October 16.

I've also signed up for the Hot and Cold Market Fair on November 29th. AND the Kingman Christmas Parade Day on December 6. Sharon, Kansas is having their parade day on the 7th and I've told Bonnie Belle I'd be there. I had so much fun at the Sharon Fair last spring, I look forward to going again.

And then there is the Cunningham Parade

Day Fair, on the 14th. Planning on that as well.

I think, maybe, I'll be in Norwich at some point around Christmas as well. Just not sure what day.

Probably I need to get many more cards made.

Always reading, and currently reading, "Hardball" by Sara Paretsky, Roberta

Tallgrass and Tumbleweeds by Gaille Pike

Dear Readers,

It has been said (and I do believe it to be true) that our olfactory senses are one of the strongest triggers to memory the amazing human body can muster up. We connect the smell of certain food to certain holidays, the smell of flora to the season of the year and perfumes or colognes to certain people. These can be collective memories,

as in the wafting of gunpowder on the 4th of July. Or these can be very personal, as in "I don't know why but every time I smell lemons I think of my first car." And though these recollections can be rooted back to before we could walk it is not uncommon for new sensory memories to be made. Just like I did a few days ago.

And it starts with popcorn. Possibly, a universally shared memory derived from popcorn is going to the movies, sitting with a bucket of buttery kernels and letting it all fly when that

shark breaks the water. Other popcorn-related time travel can whisk us back to the circus or the ball game. For me it was definitely the movie theater. But not anymore. That memory I cherished so much every time I smelled popcorn is well, a memory because.... of peas.

What happened was I put a bowl of frozen peas in the microwave, set it for two minutes, then went outside to call my ducks and chickens. They are bell-trained like little Pavlovian Poultry and ringing that bell means "Peas!" Some

time went by as I waited for the flock to assemble before I went back inside to collect the peas and knew immediately something was wrong. Because all I smelled was popcorn.

And I'm thinking, "Well, who is making popcorn? Certainly not I." But it certainly was I because I had not set the microwave timer on two minutes but twenty minutes and 12 of those 20 minutes had already ticked down, rendering my sweet, squishy peas into blackened "granny" peas, filling the kitchen with smoke that smelled

just like, you guessed it, burning popcorn.

I foolishly tried to pass them along to the critters but they just looked up at me like, "You rang the peas bell and now you're giving us rocks?" That's like promising your kids ice cream and giving them liver.

I have probably had worse culinary failures. Epic fails actually. The one that leaps to mind is when I preheated the oven to 350 and forgot my deep fryer was being stored in there. But none of those had the impact of when I fried those peas to a fare-thee-well.

I had no idea how deeply the synapses in my brain registered that odor and assigned to it a replacement memory for the movie theater. But I do now. Because today I made me a batch of popcorn (perfectly prepared by the way) and as I sat down to nibble all I could think about was scorched peas. And I wonder what I will have to burn next to eradicate that new connection.

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



Kernels and Connections

Kim Baldwin, McPherson County farmer and rancher

Fall field trips are in full swing for children and their teachers. While a teacher might notify parents of an upcoming field trip a week or two before the big day, the preparation work needed for a field trip to become reality sometimes happens many months prior.

While our family's farm has hosted many groups in the past to talk about farming sorghum, wheat, corn or soybeans in central Kansas, the

requests for visits have definitely increased since we began growing and marketing popcorn.

Perhaps it's because our Kansas-grown popcorn can be found in stores. Maybe it's because we have a presence on social media or because it's a catchy name. It might also be the fact that we have been open and willing to share our family's farming story in the past.

Whatever the reason, growing popcorn has allowed us to connect with many young learners in recent years.

We recently welcomed two large groups of children out to the farm specifically to show them our popcorn operation. We walked them through our popcorn business, showing them the steps

in the journey to getting our popcorn growing in a field to ultimately getting our popcorn into someone's kitchen.

The planning for these groups began last spring shortly after the popcorn had been planted in the ground. It was difficult to determine when the best time would be to visit a popcorn field in the fall given a variety of factors like weather and harvest.

Sometimes we have harvested our popcorn as early as Labor Day weekend. Other years it's been closer to October.

Ultimately, we decided on our date, put it on the calendar and made sure that they all knew that we might need to make adjustments.

It's rained a lot this summer, which has delayed the start of har-

vest so the original date worked. School-aged children from around our county made their way out to our farm to learn all about the popcorn business.

We took them out into a field to show them the differences between popcorn and field corn. We talked about different varieties of popcorn. We went through some of the planting requirements, irrigation needs, the growing season, pollination and harvest.

The kids got to hand shell popcorn and took moisture readings right in the field just like we do to determine when the popcorn is ready to be picked. They discovered the popcorn needs to dry down just a bit more to fit within our tight moisture percentage allowances.

We took them inside to show them the steps taken once we receive an online order or a phone call from one of our bulk poppers. They watched as we bagged popcorn and got orders ready to ship that day. They even helped us test quality control standards by snacking on some freshly popped popcorn as well.

These young learners were attentive and curious and they asked fantastic questions. And they now know a local farmer they can reach out to when they have additional inquiries.

It was fun to share our family's popcorn story with our visitors. And while they came specifically to learn about our jumbo mushroom popcorn, I'm convinced they all went home knowing

a little more about not just our family's farming story but a lot more about agriculture in general.

When we first started growing popcorn, we never imagined it would allow us to meet so many folks. Yet here we are today, connecting with people all because of our little popping crop.

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Poetry From Daily Life

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

Poetry from Daily Life: Let your guard down and carry a notebook

By Eric Ode

This week my guest on "Poetry from Daily Life" is Eric Ode, who lives with his lovely wife and his lazy cat in the little maritime community of Port Townsend, Washington. Eric says he enjoys a life full of commas — author, poet, songwriter, educator, jazz piano player. His poems have appeared in dozens of anthologies and on a Grammy-nominated and a Grammy award-winning album. Eric's latest children's books include "Stop That Poem!" and "Otters, Snails and Tadpole Tails: Poems from the Wetlands" (Kane Miller Books). When asked for a unique fact about himself, Eric confided that he was once a street busker

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(performer) in Belfast ("for about seven minutes.") ~ David L. Harrison

Poetry with our guard down

I keep a small notepad and a pen in my pocket. And when I'm providing writing workshops, I encourage my students to do the same. You don't want to be fumbling about, frantically scrambling for a place to store those timid poetry or story ideas when they finally alight. It's a hard lesson learned that you can't just count on recalling those inspirations later.

For me, those little sparks like to make their appearances when I'm on a good walk. There must be something about the act of moving forward that puts the brain into idea-collecting mode, making new and (hopefully) surprising connections. And so, as much as I love a comfortable chair and a cup of good coffee (and I really DO love a comfortable chair and a cup of good coffee), I try to get in at least one really good walk each day.

It's a straight walk from our house to uptown. Just down one hill and up another. The only recurring obstacles — meandering deer and one ridiculously affectionate cat who will insist you take the time to pet him. And then there are the unruly shrubs that push their way from various front yards and out onto the sidewalk: blackberry, wild fennel, rosemary, and holly, mostly. Run your fingers through the fennel and the rosemary. Steer clear of the blackberry vines, of course. The holly, too.

Speaking of holly (and of deer), did you know that a holly tree will grow rounded-edged leaves when it's left undisturbed, but — and you'll excuse me for anthropomorphizing — when it discovers it's becoming an herbivore's feast, it will shift genes and defensively grow those sharp, prickly leaves we see on Christmas cards? It's a process called an epigenetic modification.

This almost seems human, doesn't it? Certainly we do the same. The more abuse we're dealt, the more we put up our defenses — armoring ourselves, becoming prickly and difficult to be around.

I got to thinking about this recently when two young family members, a 21-year-old niece and, just

a week later, a 17-year-old nephew, asked if I would take the time to read their poetry. What an honor! For starters, I wasn't aware either had been writing poetry. What's more, both are writing the kinds of honest, personal, soul-exposing poetry that can only grow in the most vulnerable soil — to say nothing of the vulnerability and bravery required to share that poetry with others, least of all your nearly 60-year-old uncle.

Here's to a little vulnerability!

Lessons of the Holly Tree

by Eric Ode

I read somewhere, or I was told, I was wrong about the holly tree. The holly does not arrive all prickly and cold. That is who she learns to be.

A set of sturdy pruning shears, a hungry deer, the back-and-forth swing of a too-near garden gate. Nipped. Snipped. Clipped back. Soon, she is re-dressing in her own defense — donned in armor, garbed in barbs.

So, today, if you see me standing alone before the bathroom mirror, I am only finding the edges, tracing the places where I have grown prickly.

Eric Ode is a children's author, poet, award-winning songwriter, and educator. His website is <https://www.ericode.com/>.

Community Bulletin Board

Thursday, September 18 9:00 a.m. HS/JH Corss Country at St. John *** 4:00 p.m. JH VB at Skyline *** 6:00 p.m. JH FB at Skyline *** 6:00 p.m. HS VB at Norwich with Belle Plaine	Tuesday, September 23 HS VB vs Skyline with Attica Wednesday, September 24 School Pictures *** Book Club Thursday, September 25 JH VB at HOME vs South Barber and Norwich *** *** HS/JH Cross Country at Larned *** JH FB at HOME vs Norwich
Friday, September 19 HS FB vs Chetopa at HOME Saturday, September 20 HS VB at Sares Tournament in Sterling Sunday, September 21 Kay Men's BBQ Contest	Friday, September 26 HS FB at Minneola (8-Man game) Saturday, September 27 HS VB Central Tournament (Udall/ Burden)
Monday, September 22 HS JV FB at Coldwater/ South Central	

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Cunningham Public Library
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2:00 - 6:00 p.m.
Tues., Thurs., Sat.
9:00 - 11:30 a.m.
Closed for Holidays
298-3163



Zenda Public Library

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



Kingman Carnegie Library

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



Pratt Public Library

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

Cunningham 2025

Fall Festival

Saturday October 4th
12pm-5:30pm

What to expect:

Local Vendor & Artisan Craft Show
Pumpkin Patch
Hay Rack & Barrel Train Rides
Pumpkin Painting/Carving Contest
BIG TIME Raffle Items EVERY Hour
Family Photos by Patton Photography
Kids Carnival Games with Prizes (12 & under)
Bounce House
Live Scarecrow Decorating Contest
Food Court with Local Vendors
Yard Pong & Giant Jenga
Beer Garden
Cornhole Tournament
Face Art & Hair Tinsel
Kids Craft Event
...and more!

Purchase your raffle tags at Cozy's Pizza
or Daydrinker's Cafe to be entered into
our hourly raffles!

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Supporting
The
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We
ALWAYS
need
photos for
the paper!!

“Accept that some days you’re the bug, and some days you’re going to be the windshield.”
— Jill Shalvis, *The Sweetest Thing*

Awkward spot here!

There are an estimated 10 quintillion insects on earth. That's 10,000,000,000,000,000,000.

Upcoming Auctions

Saturday, Sept. 20, 2025,

Consignment Auction at
Hamm Auction Center 9:30

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

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Comfortably Dumb

by Bruce Quast

Kingman Historic Theatre

September 20

6:30 p.m.

Concert for a Cause

Tickets Available at 620-532-1253 or
Online:
A CONCERT FOR A CAUSE featuring
JERROD NIEMANN, JAELEN JOHNSTON,
KATIE ZIEGLER, THE FAIRCHILDS, AND
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Jerrod Niemann, Jaelen Johnston, John
Murray, The Fairchilds, and Katie Ziegler.
We will be accepting donations during
the concert and all will be gifted to The
Kingman Health Coalition for Mental Health
Awareness There will be resource tables and free
items to take with you at each event

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Caught in Kindness

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LEGACY
IN ACTION

This week’s Caught in Kindness recipient took it upon herself to tidy up Dafforn Park last week. For many hours she pulled weeds and stickers from the park, filling trash cans full and hauling them off. Visitors of the upcoming Fall Festival Pumpkin Patch will undoubtedly be thankful for her efforts as they are able to enjoy the space without the pesky stickers.

Thank you, Glenda Thornhill, for setting a prime of what hometown pride and collective responsibility looks like and for reminding us all that if you want nice things, you have to do nice things. Your efforts are so appreciated!

Cunningham United Methodist Church

Invites you to a
Worship Service in Lions Park
Sunday, September 21st
10:45 a.m.
Blessing of seed wheat
and Fall harvest crops
Cookout after the Service
Please Join Us All are Welcome
Please bring a lawn chair.
(In case of rain, service and meal will be at the UMC.)



Free Groceries
at the
Cunningham
Methodist
Church
2 to 5 p.m.
on Tuesdays

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

A Column
by
Dean Marple

The Sniffles

He was a tall, muscular man who spent 40 hours a week operating a Cat D9 bulldozer. A former college offensive lineman in days gone by, he shoved opposing players out of the way, but now he moved earth, stones and trees. A man’s man, an avid hunter and a fellow who liked his beer ice cold. He was a rock.

Except when he was sick. Like now.

Laying in the upstairs bedroom, he gathered his courage and tried to speak in a weak, whispery voice. “Hon, can you get me a glass of iced tea?”

“What?” came the response from his wife Angie. “What about the glass of water I just brought you ten minutes

ago? Did you drink it already?”

“No.”

“Then why do you want iced tea?”

“Pleeaaase,” he pleaded.

“OK, OK, let me get this load of wash in first.”

“But I’m really thirsty now.”

With a frown and a sigh, she set the laundry basket down and went to the fridge where she poured tea, then trudged up the stairs.

“Here you go,” she muttered as she handed him the iced tea and noticed the full glass of water next to his bed. “Need anything else before I go downstairs?”

“No, no, I’m good now. It’s just tough being so sick.”

“Yeah, I’ve noticed,” she replied. In his condition, he missed the sarcasm in her voice.

Angie made it to the fourth stair before a familiar whiny voice asked, “Since you’re al-

ready here, I suppose you should take my temperature, just to be safe.”

“I just took your temperature an hour ago. It was normal.”

“But I think I feel a little hot.”

Thinking of the undone wash and meals yet to be prepared, she stormed up the stairs, ducked in the bathroom, grabbed a rectal thermometer and announced as she marched into his room, “Roll over on your stomach.”

“What? Hey, hold on there. That’s not a regular thermometer.” He must have been delirious because, to his eyes, the thermometer looked about two feet long.

“Roll over,” she repeated as she pulled down the covers.

“Whoa, just slow down. I, uh, forgot you took my temperature already this morning. Probably don’t need to do it again.”

“That’s what I thought,” she snapped,

but then softened her tone when she saw the lost little boy look on his face. “Look, hon, you’ve had the flu the last couple of days, but you’re better now, and I can’t keep running up here every few minutes. Now are you absolutely positive there’s nothing you need before I go back downstairs?”

He replied with a sheepish, “No,” and she left, knowing full well that hubby always thought he needed constant attention when sick.

Angie did manage to get one load of wash in the washer before she heard a very familiar voice drifting down the stairs, “Midge, honey, Dad could use a little help.”

“What, Dad?” responded their 14-year-old daughter.

“Could you bring me a tissue?”

“Dad, in the last two hours I’ve brought you Tylenol capsules, Vicks, a magazine and a bunch of tissues. Are you

out of tissues already?”

“Well, these are a little scratchy. Could you bring me some softer ones?”

Headed toward the bathroom, she called out, “Sure, Dad, I’ll grab you some,” and then proceeded to grab a handful of tissues from the same box she used the first time she got him tissues.

“Here you go, Dad. Try these.”

“He blew his noise and commented, “Oh, these are much better. Much softer. Thanks, kiddo.”

“Anything else, Dad?”

“Well, I think I could use another blanket.”

“Dad, half an hour ago you asked me to turn the AC down because you were too warm!”

It was at that point, while listening in, that Angie realized something had to be done before Midge considered smothering her father.

They needed something, anything, that would get him out of the house.

“Oh, hon,” Angie called up from downstairs. “Cal came by with your tickets for the KU–Kansas State football game this afternoon. I told him to sell them to somebody else because you were too sick to go.”

It was amazing how such a short message could produce a medical miracle. A suddenly revitalized Dad immediately threw on blue jeans and a KU sweatshirt as he bounded down the stairs and yelled, “See you after the game,” as he barged through the front door.

Angie gazed out the front window and leisurely drank her cup of coffee as Dad sped away.

There was a little smirk on her face as Midge asked, “How long do you think it’ll be before he remembers the game is next week?”

Cunningham Hands of Hope, Inc.

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

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

What: Food

When: First Tuesday of the month
2:00–5:00 p.m.

Where: 117 N Main (Old School Board Office)

Why: To provide food assistance to those in need.

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

Do you need assistance outside distribution hours?

Please call 620-770-9507 for immediate food assistance needs. This institution is an equal opportunity provider.

Giving Opportunities in our Community

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

West Kingman County Education Foundation
Use your Dillon's Card! (to donate contact Janet DeWeese 620-298-2717)

Hands of Hope (contact any church)

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

Cunningham Community Center (leave donation at the bank)

Lions' Club

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

Cunningham Public Library (to donate, contact Kerri Steffen)

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



Catholic Churches

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

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

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

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



Lutheran Churches

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

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



Church of Christ

Penalosa
Sunday 11:00 a.m.



United Methodist Church

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

Cunningham
Worship 10:45 a.m.



Zenda Methodist Church

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

Catholic Churches

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

Lutheran Churches

United Methodist Church

Catholic Churches

First Christian Church

Church of Christ

Zenda Methodist Church

YEARS AGO IN

The Cunningham Clipper

W. A. Bradley / William Bradley

1940

1940 – The newly organized Women’s Society of Christian Service of the Methodist Church held their first meeting last Thursday afternoon at the church. Rev. George Kraft installed the new officers for the coming year. They are Mrs. Cecil Sheldon, President; Mrs. Sherman Kincheloe, Vice-President; Mrs. John McGovney, Secretary, and Mrs. Frank Allbritten, Treasurer.

Kenton Shelman, nine-month-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Waldo Shelman, was taken to a Wichita hospital last Friday, a victim of infantile paralysis.

1950

September 15, 1950 – New Senior Class Officers are Dan Kincheloe, President; Richard Wells, Vice-President; Beverly Amick, Secretary; and Pat Raney, Treasurer.

New Junior Class officers are Dallas Glenn, President; Richard Hazlett, Vice-President; Norma Watkins, Secretary; and Marilyn Oak, Treasurer.

New Sophomore Class officers are Melville Mefford, President; Jack Meyers, Vice-President; Shirley Neagle, Secretary-Treasurer.

New Freshmen Class officers are Robert Pelzl, President; Johnny Pelzl, Vice-President; and Bonnie Hazlett, Secertary-Treasurer.

1955

September 15, 1955 – The City Council met in regular session, a week ago Monday evening, with Mayor W. G. Jones, Councilmen Albert Ditto, James Wilson, Lon Hoagland, and Herman Hayes, and City Clerk Jack Meyers present.

Among the important business approved at the meeting was a motion by Councilman Ditto that the city install street lights wherever there is a need. The motion carried, and further arrangements will be made with WL&TC0. The Council tabled a decision on permitting minors to enter the pool hall until their next meeting.

The first and eighth grades of Cunningham Grade School have the largest enrollments of all grades this year, with the first grade topping the eighth grade by two pupils, twenty-three to twenty-one. Total enrollment is 137 pupils.

The 23 first graders are Kathy Bainum, Kathleen Ball, Trudy Boswell, Derryl Brown, Rex Dunn, Virginia Ellis, Sue Graves, Catherine Johnson, John Johnson, Victoria Lindemann, Monti Miles, Laurel Muck, Joel Nelson, Shirley Park, Kay Ratcliff, Rodney Rachell, William Rose, Harold Lee Stark, Rebecca Steffen, Gladys Voss, Teresa Welday, Kathy Wesbrooks, and Carolyn Witt.

1960

September 15, 1960 – Cunningham will go to Attica tomorrow night where they will meet the Attica Bulldogs in the opening football game of the 1960 season for both teams. Coach Joe Battles says his charges are rounding into shape for this opening game. It will be an 11-man contest.

The first home game for Cunningham will be played here next Friday evening, Sept. 23, against Partridge. It will be an 8-man game and Cunningham’s first league game in the Reno County League.

A resuscitator unit has been ordered by the City of Cunningham for duty with the fire department. All money for the purchase of the machine, \$335.00, was raised by the Homemakers HDU of Cunningham.

New officers for the high school Pep Club are Carol Sallee, President; Helen Mertens, Vice-President; Connie Rose, Secretary and Treasurer; Kathleen Meyers, Reporter; Kenneth Winters, Student Council Representative; and Mr. Norman Good and Mr. Weldon Allen, Sponsors.

Eugene Huston is President of the Band Club; Mary Leiter, Vice-President; Marilyn DeWeese, Secretary; Sherril Hutchinson, Librarian; Mike Krug, Reporter; LaDean Cooley, Student Council Representative; and Mr. Norman Good, Sponsor.

Dr. and Mrs. Ted McNutt and family of Saudi Arabia, were Thursday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Krug and family.

Billy Schnittker, Jerry Hazlett, Wilbur Thome, and D. B. Miller left Monday to attend college at Emporia State Teachers College.

Mrs. Richard Almond was honored with a layette shower in the Christian Church undercroft last Friday evening. The hostesses were Miss Viola Mitchell, Mrs. Donald Millsap, Mrs. Henry Eichorn, Mrs. Dan Cusenbary, Mrs. Lawrence DeWeese and Marilyn, Mrs. Rhoda O’Rourke, Miss Cozette Taylor, Mrs. Merle Cales, and Mrs. Wes Hendricks.

1965

September 16, 1965 - A large audience greeted the grade and high school faculties and their families in the high school gym-auditorium last Friday evening, when the four churches of the community, Christian, Methodist, First Baptist, and Sacred Heart, entertained at a reception in their honor. Miss Betty Amick served

as mistress of ceremonies for the evening and introduced the program numbers, consisting of a girl’s vocal duet by Mary Cusenbary and Debby Sheldon; a boy’s vocal quartet by Monte Rose, Geronimo Kaster, Layne Harris, and Mike Cunningham; a dance and group song by the Sacred Heart School students, and a word of welcome by Mrs. Albert McGovney.

Supt. of Schools Will Seacat introduced the members of the faculties and their families and other school personnel and their families.

Refreshments of punch and cookies were served from a table decorated in fall colors.

Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Pelzl of Newport News, Va., announce the birth of a daughter, Monday, August 30, in that city. She weighed seven pounds and has been named Sheila Lynn. Mr. and Mrs. Joe Pelzl of Cunningham are the paternal grandparents.

New Band Club officers are Debby Sheldon, President; Charles Ridge, Vice-President; Shirley Park, Secretary and Treasurer; Ann Eck Student Council Representative. Mr. Barry Price is the sponsor.

Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Patton took their son, Gene, to Lawrence, Monday, where he will enroll this week at the University of Kansas as a junior.

Last Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Waldo Graves and Sue Ann were Mr. and Mrs. Brad Shelman and family of Wichita, and Mr. and Mrs. Dale DeWeese, and Jerry Malone all of Kingman.

1970

September 17, 1970 – Marvin Shelman is the new City Marshal of Cunningham. He assumed his position, Tuesday morning, and succeeds G. L. (Bill) Hergert, who had served as City Marshall for seven years. Mr. Hergert resigned to accept a bus driving job in U.S.D. No. 332.

Earl C. Holcomb, son of Mr. and Ms. Ted Holcomb of Cunningham, is among the 206 men appointed hold residence hall scholarships at the University of Kansas for the 1970-1971 academic year.

Former Undersecretary of Agriculture, Dr. John A. Schnittker, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Schnittker of Cunnigham, has joined Robert R. Nathan Associates, Inc., as Vice-President. He will direct the expanding activities of the Washington, D.C., firm of economic consultants in agriculture and agri-business in the United States and abroad.

Dr. Schnittker was Undersecretary from 1965 to 1969.

Junior Girl Scout Troop No. 55 met at the Kent Williamson home, Tuesday, Sept. 8. We made plans for our overnight camp-out, September 18. We had refreshments. –Janice Shelton, Scribe.

YEARS AGO IN

The Cunningham Clipper

Publisher: Charles G. Barnes

Editor: Rex Zimmerman

Reporter: Marie Ann Mantooth

1975

SSeptember 18, 1975 – The Cunningham Clipper received three awards Saturday, Sept. 13 during the awards presentations at the Kansas Pess Association’s Better Newspaper contest, held in conjunction with the Kansas State Fair. The Clipper as judged first in sports coverage, second in editorials and second in use of pictures for its circulation size in the state.

A letter of resignation, effective at the end of the current school year, was received by first grade teacher at Cunningham. Miss Mitchell, who has taught in Cunningham for 27 years, received the praise and thanks of all board members for her excellent professional contributions to the many students she has instructed.

Walter R. Rosenbaum, assistant cashier at the Cunningham First National Bank has just returned from the Nebraska Center of Continuing Education, University of Nebraska, at Lincoln, where he attended and completed The School of Basic Banking, held September 7 – 13, 1975.

Seven cheerleaders from Cunningham High School – Pat Holcomb, Linda Schwartz, Donna Theis, Mary Vierthaler, Cheri Mantooth, Janis Schwartz, and Janel Rohr – and sponsor, Rubie Cusenbary, attended the Spirit Spreader Clinic at Wichita South High School on September 9. On the way the group was joined by

seven girls from Zenda High School and their sponsor. John Baber was the bus driver.

The 1975-76 Junior class held their annual magazine sale this past week. The sale lasted ten days, from Friday, Sept. 7, until Monday, Sept. 15. Something new was added this year; the class could sell records, tapes and cassettes. After the meeting with the magazine salesman, Mr. Rohr appointed Robert Schnittker and Natasha Armstrong as team captains. Each captain chose class members for their team mates and the contest started. The juniors set their goal at \$3,000, but when the sale ended, the class has sold \$3,511.39 in magazines and \$418.84 in music.

YEARS AGO IN

The Cunningham Clipper

Publisher: Charles G. Barnes

Editor:Vickie Lohmann

Reporter: Florine Kampling

1980

September 18, 1980- Residents of Cunningham and vicinity are invited to pick up a copy of the new Cunningham Direcoty, which can be obtained at the First National Bank. The directory contains information on telephone numbers for emergency calls; and of those responsible for utility services, city government, schools, newspapers, churches, newspaper distribution, organizations, and other services. There is a city ap giving street names and the location of the 51 public buildings and businesses that comprise the city. Industries not included in the city are also named.

Members of the football team enjoyed a watermelon feed put on by Marvin Oller and Steve Jones. The watermelons were donated by Raymond Zrubek.

The Cunningham Grade School softball teams have recently started the season with games against Sylvia and Arlington. In girls’ action, Cunningham is off to a slow start, dropping both contests by scores of 20-9 and 20-5, respectively. Leading hitters for the Wildcats are Kristy Rohr, Janie Cornelius, and Michelle Albers with three hits each. Kathy Beat and Janie Cornelius have done the pitching and Kristi Rohr is the catcher.

The boys team has split a pair of games, losing to Sylvia, 18-2 and defeating Arlington, 12-10. Scott DeWeese has collected three hits to lead the way. Pitching for Cunningham have been Dennis Fitzsimons, Monty Amick and Scott DeWeese, with Orin Stillwell as catcher.

By Naola Thimesch and Donna Beat: On July 26 at 10:50 a.m. we left Wichita airport for 18 days on a fun-filled Mexican Adventure Tour.

There were 44 people from the Wichita area and 22 people from the Kansas City area, which totaled 66 people, young and old.

The Wichita people met the Kansas City people at the Dallas-Ft. Worth airport at 11:50 a.m. All blasted off in destination of Mexico City at 2:40 p.m. We touched down in Mexico City at 3:55 p.m. and rode the old college buses to El Hotel de Carlo.

We spent the first four days n Mexico City where we visited the Alemedea Park, The National Palace, Xochimilco (The Floating Gardens), Basilica of the Virgin Guadalupe, The Zocalo (the central plaza), and had many strange experiences on the metro (subway).

1985

September 19, 1985 – The Cunningham Grade School and High School will have an open house on Monday, Sept. 23. The grade school open house will be from 7:30 to 9 p.m. Starting at 8 p.m. the high school instructors will be conducting an informative presentation about the subjects they teach.

The hour will be divided into six eight-minute periods with two minutes between presentations to allow time to pass to a different class. Parents are invited to pick six different subjects area they are interested in and attend those sessions.

Kent and Sandy Scripsick wish to announce the birth of Eric Michael Sept. 4, 1985. He weighed 6 lb. 15 oz. Brothers are Brant, 4, and Kelly, 2.

Grandparents are Gene and Rose Adelhardt, Kingman, Emma Adelhardt, Cunningham and Buelah Scripsick, Kiowa.

Using a quick and aggressive defense, Cunningham was able to hold Sharon last Friday night, Sept. 18. All 28 players suited up were able to see several minutes of playing time. In the early part of the game both teams made a several mental mistakes that were due to first game jitters.

Midway through the first quarter our offense began to get untracked and put points on the scoreboard. The defense also seemed to get stronger and better.

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JH Wildcat Football Victorious

On Thursday, September 11, 2025 the Cunningham JH football team played host to the combined team of Stafford and Fairfield and came away with a 34-6 win.

The Wildcats got on the scoreboard first when Landon Green got loose and raced in for a touchdown from 32 yards out, a Casyn Miller to Brody Halderson pass converted the PAT to give Cunningham an 8-0 lead.

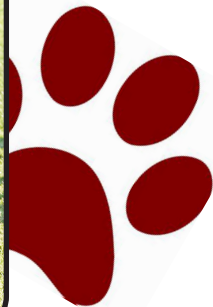
The Wildcats would extend their lead to 14-0 midway through the second quarter when Green scampered in from 52 yards out.

The second half got off to a somewhat ominous start when the Wildcats would mishandle a backwards pass and Fairfield/Stafford would pick it up and return it 40 yards to cut the Cunningham lead to 14-6.

On the next possession, however, the Wildcats would get that score back when Green would score his third touchdown, this one on a 47 yard run, PAT failed but Cunningham once again led by 14, 20-6.

The defense would step up and get a couple of pass interceptions in the fourth quarter one by Jace Oldham and the other by Bryce Simon. Calvin Fischer also had a fumble recovery earlier in the game to stop a Fairfield/Stafford drive. Midway through the fourth quarter, Green would score his fourth touchdown on a 7 yard run to extend the lead to 26-6. Brody Halderson would score a late touchdown for the Wildcats on a 38 yard run, Miller added the PAT to bring the final score to 34-6. The win moved the Wildcats to 2-0 on the season.

-Coach Bart Ricke



photos by Molly Morgan

JH Lady Wildcats In Action Against Fairfield and Stafford



Head Coach: Sarah Thimesch
Assistant Coach(s): Jennette Rogers

#	First & Last Name	Grade	Height
1	Mackley Glenn	8	5' 0"
2	Shandi Romine	7	5' 2"
3	Avery Kinsler	6	4' 9"
4	Lux Thimesch	8	5' 1"
5	Jessica Dittmer	7	4' 10"
7	Elsie Ruckle	6	5' 3"
8	Willow Preisser	6	5' 2"
9	Parker Miller	6	5' 1"
10	Jalynn McGuire	6	5' 3"
11	Vaughn Preisser	8	5' 4"
12	Carly McGuire	8	5' 7"
13	Paisley Westerman	8	5' 5"
14	Alyssa Osner	8	5' 8"
15	Leah Rogers	7	5' 3"
17	AnnMarie Kerschen	7	5' 3"
18	Amerey Sickles	7	5' 0"
19	Addyson Huffman	7	5' 8"



Editor's note:
I was unable to identify all these young ladies, so I didn't put names with any of them.
I can identify a handful, but I didn't want to take a chance and try guess those whom I don't know.
Had their numbers been visible, it wouldn't be a problem. But they seem to think they have to be moving their arms and bodies around to keep a ball in the air, thus obscuring their numbers.
By the time I got around to putting this page together, it was too late to ask for help. APOLOGIES.

Cross Cournty Team Places at Skyline Meet

The Cunningham Cross country team traveled to Pratt Skyline for their second meet of the year. All of the runners did an amazing job on a much tougher course with faster times this week. We started the day with Colton Zwierzychowski placing 29th in the mile race as a 6th grader (7:33). JV 5k was next with Larry Heatherman placing sixth with a 23:35, Hank Adams Placed 7th with a 23:41 and Kane Reid placed 15th with a 29:02.

Varsity 5K runners were Newt Heatherman who was 25th in 20:18, Blake Swope 34th in 20:51, Will Halderson 39th in 21:29, and Sean Kostner 55th with 23:09. Thank you to all of the people who came over to cheer them on during their race! We appreciate you! Way to go Wildcats!!

*photos and information
submitted by
Coach Ingrid Ricek*



Wildcat Football is Off and Winning!

Football is back! Along with all the other “Last Firsts” posted here, there, and everywhere, The Wildcats hosted the South Barber Chieftains for their Last First Six-Man football game as the media-reported preseason underdogs. adding a little extra motivation for this group that has waited in the wings for “their time” to shine. There was not much shining in the weather, however. Fans and players alike dug into their closets to gather all available November cold/rain gear. After a soggy first half, the rain stopped and both teams enjoyed a beautiful football night.

Skyler Thimesch had a nice 22-yard return on the opening kickoff, followed by a 12 yard run by Stephen Kerschen. A penalty and a fumble stopped the drive the next few plays. The defense held the visitors to a four and out series to get the home offense back in business. The Cats had some misfires and could not build on a 21-yard pass reception from Logan Kinsler to Skyler, giving the ball up on downs deep in visitor territory. The Chieftains responded with a huge pass play on their second play of their drive to open up the scoring but did not get the extra point. Cats down 0-6, but not for long as they immediately answered with a 60-yard kickoff return for a TD by Stephen, who ran nearly untouched. Brody Bock kicked the 2-point conversion for an 8-6 lead. The defense stepped up the next series and finished the SB drive at 3 plays when Skyler sacked the Chieftain QB for a big loss. Stephen returned South Barber’s punt 26 yards to paydirt. Cats up 14-6, and the defense held again on four downs. The Wildcat offense had one completion the next series from Logan to Liam McGuire for 14 yards, but the incompletions around it stalled the drive. After another good defensive series the Cat offense was set up in good shape. A 26 yard punt return by Stephen was followed by back to back completions from Logan to Dylan Halderson for 11 yards and John Paul Kerschen for a 6 yard TD. Brody was good for the extra points kick for a 22-6 lead.

The Chieftains marched the ball on their next drive, but a sack by Skyler put them in a long yardage situation. Skyler pressured the QB on the next play and a 59-yard interception return for a TD by Dylan stopped the drive. Brody followed up the score with another good PAT Cats up 30-6. The visitors marched the ball again with the benefit of a few Wildcat penalties, but the Cats tightened up the defense again when their backs were against the wall. Skyler sacked the QB and forced a fumble that was promptly picked up by Dylan who rumbled a long way before being brought down. A penalty cost the Cats yardage, but they kept the ball. Attempting to score again before half, the Cats ran out of time Logan completed a 10 yard pass to Dylan. Skyler had a 25 yard run and Logan had a 10 yard run, but the Cats did not put it in the endzone. That left the first half score at 30-6.

Wildcat defense gave up a TD but no extra point after half, so the score was 30-12. Then the Cats did not corral an inside kick as the Chieftains tried to stack on the momentum. A solid Wildcat defense stopped them at 4 downs. The Cat offense went nowhere and had to punt. The Chieftains scored again but failed the extra point to narrow the lead 30-18. The Cats covered the next inside kick. Logan began the drive with a 20 yard completion to Dylan Stephen rolled to a 15 yard run. Skyler capped the drive with a 5 yard TD run. Brody put the kick through for the extra points. 38-18 Cats. The Cats scored again after a stand by the defense. Skyler ripped off a 57 yard TD run. Brody was good again for the kick to lengthen the lead to a less pulse-raising 46-18. As the Cats got on a roll they repeated the last series. The defense held and on one play they scored again, this time with a 75 yard run by Stephen. 52-18. A 3rd down sack by Logan was followed by a 19 yard punt return by Stephen. Just like the last two series, the Cats took only one play to score, finally wearing down our rival. Skyler went up the middle through two defenders for a 24-yard rushing TD. Brody hit another extra points kick for a 60-18 score. The defense stopped the Chieftains on downs and took over at midfield. The young Cats fumbled the ball back to the visitors on their third play. South Barber could not move the ball, giving the young guys from Cunningham the ball back again at mid-field. This drive worked out much better as Liam scored on a 27 yard run. Game over 66-18.

The Cats showed glimpses of what they can be, but there is a lot to work on. They can be extremely explosive, but many self-inflicted penalties and turnovers will need to be addressed. Starting 1-0 on the year against one of the top ranked teams is good enough for today.



Wildcats Win First Road Trip

Road Trip! The Wildcats loaded up to head east to Peabody’s unique venue for the first time on Friday, September 12. Fun fact: it is a shorter drive from Cunningham to Peabody than from Central Christian to league school South Barber.

Rain gave us trouble last week; this week the heat and leg cramps factored into the game as it progressed. The Cats kicked off to start the game. Cat defense was very stingy, allowing minimal yards in three plays to force a punt, giving the offense the ball at midfield.

In contrast to last week with four one-play drives that resulted in touchdowns, the Cats started the game with a twelve play drive. That is correct. They scored on their twelfth play. There was one incomplete pass and one penalty. Ten runs under 10 yards and one that was ten yards. The result was a 3yd TD by Stephen. Cats up 6-0 playing old style football ground and pound!

The rest of the first quarter and the beginning of the second was Peabody trying to answer with a long drive of their own. Some untimely penalties kept their drive alive. The drive abruptly ended with an interception by Stephen. Unfortunately, the offense did not do much with the good field position and the ball.

The Warriors of Peabody scored on their next possession. The kickoff return sported some good blocking, and Liam returned the ball 21 yards to set up the offense in good shape. The Cats did not move the ball much. Defense took over and forced a punt on the 4th play of their drive. Logan started the drive with a 13-yard completion to Liam on the first play of the drive. However, a turnover on the second play of the drive put the Warriors in great field position. Wildcat defense held, and with their backs against the wall, they got the ball back.

The offense looked out of sync and did not charge the field much. They were forced to punt the ball out to mid-field. The defense was up to the task as the Warriors had one more chance to score before half. Stephen and Brody tag-teamed a sack to end the half 6-6.

Defensively holding a team to six points a half in 6-man is pretty good, but the halftime talk was that there were too many big plays allowed. Offensively the Cats were not clicking at all.

The second half did not start off like the Cats had planned. The Warriors recovered an inside kick, but something clicked. The defense stepped up and got the ball back at midfield. Play one of the drive was an 11-yard run by Stephen. Play two was a 39-yard TD run by Stephen. Brody kicked the ball through the uprights for a 14-6 lead. The defense backed that up with another stand. Dylan threw a big offensive block on a big play with a great run by Stephen that resulted in a penalty. It was called back, but we just ran it again for Dylan to make an example of the same player on the same block. Liam was the beneficiary this time with a 33-yard TD run.

Cats up 20-6. The Warriors responded with a TD of their own. Cats up 20-12. The Wildcats covered the next inside kick and scored in 5 plays by pounding the home team with several runs of 6-8 yards. One 10-yard run by Skyler and a 10-yard TD by Skyler were the highlights.

Cats up 26-12. The Warriors held the ball on their next opportunity but did not score. The Cats were pretty well rounded when they got their next chance. Skyler had a run of 15, Stephen 18, and Logan completed a 25-yard TD pass to Kendall. Cats up 32-12. Stephen and Skyler tag teamed a huge sack that was nearly a safety to pin the Warriors deep. After a Warrior punt, the Cats scored on one play. Stephen rumbled untouched for a 54-yard touchdown with great blocking up front. Brody got the extra points kick for a 40-12 lead. Skyler and Stephen tag teamed another sack, then Skyler blocked the punt and ran the ball in for the score. No need for offense on this one. 46-12.

After stopping the Warriors’ next drive the young Cats went in to ice the game. They did not waste time. Liam had a 20 yard run and JP capped a short drive with a 15 yard TD. 52-12 Cats Win. The Cats’ physical play and subs that came in at crucial points were huge factors that Peabody couldn’t match.

-submitted by Coach McGuire



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Poems about small town life

Hurray, the kids have done it!
Our team is going to state!
Now be aware.
Let’s all be there
The next important date.

Teachers have our kids each day
From eight to three, or more.
“A cherished group”...
That ain’t no scoop.
Their worth we can’t ignore.

One day, sometimes two, each year
A town will celebrate.
Streets are filled,
Treats chilled and grilled,
And kids can hardly wait.



Kingman County Sheriff's Report

Sunday, September 7	
Traffic Stops	2
Civil Paper Service	7
Abandoned Vehicle	NE 30 St & NE 160 Ave, Cheney
Animal Complaint	3600 Blk SW 10 Ave, Kingman
Unlock Vehicle	3700 N Hwy 14, Murdock
Debris in Roadway	2500 Blk N Hwy 14, Murdock
Suspicious Activity	1200 Blk E Hwy 54, Kingman
Traffic Complaint	200 Blk E 1st St, Cunningham
Non-Injury Accident	2000 Blk SE 120 Ave, Murdock
Miscellaneous	12000 Blk NE 30 St, Murdock
Monday, September 8	
Traffic Stops	2
Violate Protection Order	200 Blk E B Ave, Zenda
Miscellaneous	200 Blk S Parkway St, Norwich
Miscellaneous	200 Blk E 3rd Ave, Norwich
Court / Inmates	130 N Spruce St, Kingman
Theft	SE 100 St & SE 80 Ave, Kingman
Check Welfare	3000 Blk W Hwy 54, Kingman
Abandoned Vehicle	9000 Blk E Hwy 42, Rago
Harassment	200 Blk S Parkway St, Norwich
Animal Complaint	8800 Blk SE 150 Ave, Norwich
Check Welfare	13000 Blk SE 140 Ave, Norwich
Disturbance	600 Blk S Morningside St, Norwich
Tuesday, September 9	
Transport Prisoner	120 N Spruce St, Kingman
Follow Up	120 N Spruce St, Kingman
Miscellaneous	300 Blk N Dresden St, Cunningham
Miscellaneous	8700 Blk SE Burns Ave, Kingman
Miscellaneous	200 Blk S Parkway St, Norwich
Animal Complaint	5100 Blk SW 180 St, Harper
Animal Complaint	1700 Blk E Kansas Ave, Kingman
Animal Complaint	400 Blk N Robbins Rd, Norwich
Abandoned Vehicle	500 Blk SW 90 ave, Cunningham
Harassment	400 Blk E E ave, Kingman
Check Welfare	300 Blk E D Ave, Kingman
Agency Assist / Medical	6200 Blk S Hwy 14, Kingman
Wednesday, September 10	

Traffic Stops	3
Civil Paper Service	1
Animal Complaint	9000 Blk E Hwy 54, Murdock
Miscellaneous	200 Blk E Leiter Ave, Cunningham
Miscellaneous	600 Blk N Spruce St, Kingman
Animal Complaint	400 Blk S Robbins Rd, Norwich
Return of Property	120 N Spruce St, Kingman
Disabled Vehicle	E A Ave & N Marquette St, Kingman
Miscellaneous	120 N Spruce St, Kingman
Transport Civilians	N Hwy 11 & W Hwy 54, Kingman
Suspicious Activity	600 Blk N Pine St, Kingman
Thursday, September 11	
Traffic Stop	1
Non-Injury Accident	NW 50 St & NW 70 Ave, Cunningham
Court / Inmate	130 N Spruce St, Kingman
Agency Assist / KHP	6000 Blk E Hwy 54, Kingman
Miscellaneous	130 N Spruce St, Kingman
Abandoned Vehicle	14000 Blk E Hwy 54, Cheney
Court / Inmate	130 N Spruce St, Kingman
Warrant Service / Inmate	120 N Spruce St, Kingman
Injury Accident	4900 Blk NE 10 St, Kingman
Friday, September 12	
Traffic Stops	4
Non-Injury Accident	SW 170 Ave & SW 110 St, Nashville
Execute Search Warrant / Arrest	9000 Blk SW 80 St, Spivey
Animal Compalint	W Hwy 42 & S Hwy 14, Rago
Follow Up	200 N Main St, Kingman
Suspicious Person	1700 Blk E Hwy 54, Kingman
Saturday, September 13	
Traffic Stops	2
Miscellaneous	5000 Blk SE 140 Ave, Norwich
Non-Injury Accident	E Hwy 42 & S Hwy 14, Rago
Animal Complaint	5200 Blk SW 80 St, Kingman
Miscellaneous	120 N Spruce St, Kingman
Non-Injury Accident	9600 Blk SW 80 St, Spivey
Agency Assist / Disturbance / KMPD	300 Blk W C Ave, Kingman
Follow Up	120 N Spruce St, Kingman
Accidental 911 Dial	400 Blk SE 120 St, Spivey
Animal Complaint	SE 120 St & S Hwy 14, Rago



The Pratt County Commission minutes were not available this week at press time.

The Kingman County Commission minutes were not available this week at press time.

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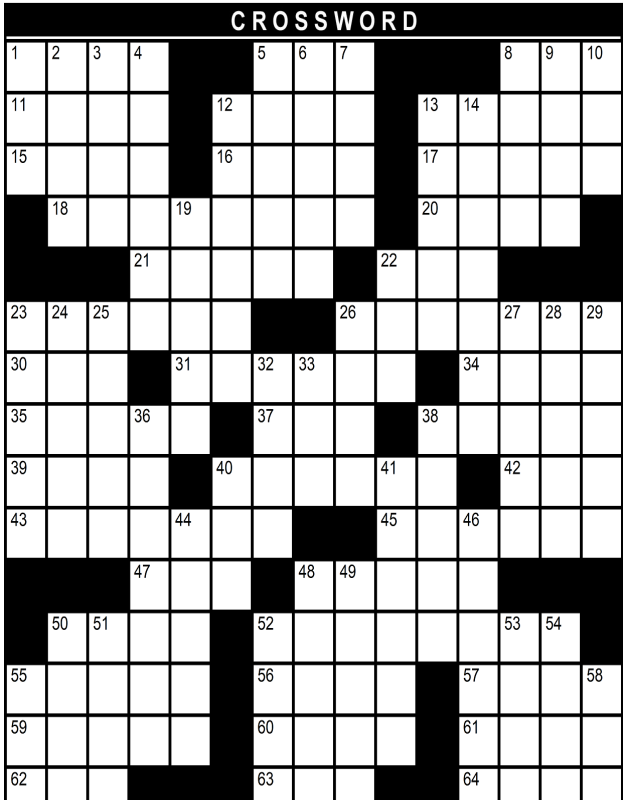
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16. Enthusiasm
17. Pueblo people, pl.
18. *Pre-game party (2 words)
20. Doomsayer's sign
21. Perfume bottles
22. Tombstone acronym
23. Construction binder
26. "____: The Movie," 2002 slapstick comedy
30. Genetic info carrier, acr.
31. Dorsa, sing.
34. "He's Just Not That ____ You"
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37. Earth Day mo.
38. Opposite of cation
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43. Assess pro rata
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57. Biblical captain

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A History Column

by Alan Albers

I hope I’ve succeeded in informing the area about the events concerning Frank Weischenk and developing both Willowdale and St. Leo.

Again, I’ll mention what I told my history students. The history books were written by the winners. This does also apply to the local history of our locals. The local writing about Weischenk only mentioned his greatest successes and ignored his

greatest failures.

Frank took a failed small Kansas town and turned it into a booming community and thriving Catholic Church. After selling all the available land around Willowdale he bought up the failing ranch area to the west and started the little village of St. Leo.

It’s mentioned in the writing that Frank got the consent of the Catholic Bishop of the Wichita Diocese to start two Catholic Parishes in these towns. It’s also written that he felt that for communities to be successful they needed

to have much in common. He chose that German and Catholic were to be these commonalities.

It must be said that this idea worked for the most part. St Leo and Willowdale still exist more than a century after their birth. What isn’t spoken of often is the friction and bias that this design created.

Growing up on a farm near St. Leo I was warned to never trust a Protestant from outside of the community. When we played sports events against Protestant kids we were especially vigilant to watch for cheating and

theft. We had been taught to distrust anyone that seemed different from us. Maybe that is part of being an American.

Anation of immigrants who had one thing in common (be Americans) but many other things different. I’ve often made the statement “War, what is good for absolutely nothing”. In this case War had exposed those isolated German/American Catholic kids to the outside world. War and higher education exposed my people to the outside world. We and they soon came to know that people different than

ourselves were equally good people. I mentioned in past writings about the German men’s group Meinenfrien and its strict requirements of behavior.

Frank Weischenk would have been booted out of Meinenfrien in the end. Power and money corrupts. With Frank’s great wealth and power he thought he was free to do whatever he pleased. After decades of marriage to one woman he divorced her and married a younger woman. Not at all Catholic.

It’s mentioned that he and his wife and an adopted daughter sailed

around the world on cruise ships. But Frank seemed like a different man when he got back. He had betrayed his family and his faith. He returned to Iowa, the place of his birth after his return to America. According to Grandpa Bill he lost most of his fortune in bad investments and died before his 60th Birthday. Power and money took this man’s happiness, possibly his soul in the end. Good lesson learned. Alan Albers



Meat Candy – The History of Bacon

“Bacon is proof that God loves us and wants us to be happy.”
Benjamin Franklin

Bacon is the candy bar of meat. Who doesn’t like bacon? It is a delicious and vital part of our American diet and culture. We eat it for breakfast. We use it to make sandwiches. We add bacon to soups and salads. Bacon is the only food that is so good we use it to wrap other foods. You can make anything taste better with bacon. But how did we get to this point? How did we fall in love with bacon? It’s an interesting story...

What is bacon exactly? Bacon is a cured and smoked side of pork. This usually comes from the underside, or *pork belly*, of a hog. The word “bacoun” was first used about the 12th century as a term for all types of pork. Later, the term was used to describe only the salty strips of cured meat we know today.

It is believed that the Chinese were the first to salt and cure pork around 1500 B.C. This practice, in time, spread around the world to other cultures. The Greeks and the Romans enjoyed bacon. During the Middle Ages, bacon became especially loved in Europe. It was a popular source of protein for peasants at the time because it was less expensive than other cuts of meat and it traveled well. The salt curing process preserved the meat, with no refrigeration required. Bacon was enjoyed throughout Europe, especially in England, France, and

Germany. It would soon become a favorite in the United States.

Until the 19th century, the dry-cure salting method was primarily used for making bacon, with production concentrated in rural communities and then sold in towns and cities. But in the 1770s that changed. An Englishman named John Harris developed a method for producing low-salt bacon using a special brine. This created a delicious, sweet bacon that we still enjoy today. Harris opened his processing plant in the English town of Calne in Wiltshire. This new method of producing bacon became known as the “Wiltshire Cure.” Today, Wiltshire is considered by many to be the *Bacon Capital of the World*. The English were so big on bacon that they even developed breeds of swine specifically bred to produce bacon. The Yorkshire and Tamworth swine breeds are two

examples.

Here’s an interesting side note regarding bacon. We’ve all heard the phrase “bring home the bacon.” We assume it refers to bringing home money, but it originally had to do with bacon. In 12th century England, in the town of Dunmow, the church there promised a side of bacon to any married man who could swear before the congregation and God that he had not quarreled with his wife for a year and a day. In the spirit of marital harmony, a husband who could *bring home the bacon* was held in high esteem by the church and community for his apparent patience, self-control, and long-suffering.

Bacon eaters may notice that there are different types of bacon. American-style bacon, what we typically consume in mass quantities here in the U.S., is distinguished by the fat that runs down long strips (streaky bacon). It comes

from the underside of the pig and is essentially sliced pork bellies. English bacon (rashers) is cut from the loin, or back of the hog, with the fat cap attached. This gives a good fat to meat ratio. Canadian (and Irish) bacon is typically round and resembles ham. It has less fat, and is also cut from the loin, but without the fat cap. Canadian bacon is a favorite topping for pizza. Pancetta (*pronounced pan-chet-ta*), or Italian bacon, also comes from the back of the pig, and is often seasoned with garlic and other herbs. It can be added to pasta and other dishes for a savory and rich bacon flavor. The bacon we love comes from pork, but there are other options available these days, like turkey bacon.

One legitimate concern that many folks have is that *sodium nitrate* and *sodium nitrite* are added to most bacon that you buy. Meat processors

use these to stabilize the red color in meat, making it more attractive (gray meat looks less appetizing). Sodium nitrate is a naturally occurring chemical and sodium nitrite is its synthetically made brother. Both can contribute to the formation of cancer-causing chemicals called *nitrosamines*. But today, we do have the option of buying bacon without these extra additives. This healthier version of our beloved bacon is often labeled as “uncured” with “no nitrates or nitrites added.” In an attempt to stay healthy and alive, this is the bacon that I usually buy.

It’s almost time for breakfast now - think I’ll fry some bacon!

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KANSAS WHEAT

Wheat Scoop: Agriland Inspires Generations at Kansas State Fair

What started as a small idea nearly three decades ago has grown into one of the most popular attractions at the Kansas State Fair. Agriland, the interactive agricultural exhibit in the Pride of Kansas Building, has been giving families and school groups a hands-on look at farming and food production since 1995. For Kansas Wheat and other commodity groups, it remains a key way to tell the story of agriculture in a format that sticks with

visitors long after they leave Hutchinson.

The inspiration for Agriland came after the 1994 Kansas State Fair, when Cindy Falk, while working with the Kansas Wheat Commission (KWC), noticed that booths with interactive features drew more attention.

“Every year, busloads of schoolchildren came to the fair, wide-eyed and ready to explore,” Falk said. “I couldn’t help but think how powerful it would be to have a place just for them, a space where they could see, touch and learn about the important role agriculture plays in their everyday lives.”

Soon after, Falk and KWC Administrator Steven Graham began conversations with the

Kansas Department of Agriculture, Kansas Foundation for Agriculture in the Classroom and commodity organizations across the state. Together, they launched the first Agriland exhibit, a 260-square-foot space in the middle of the Pride of Kansas Building. The idea quickly gained momentum, and with support from the fair staff and building superintendent, the display expanded to the east end of the building.

“Honestly, I don’t remember any real obstacles,” Falk said. “Everyone pitched in to help fund it, build it and work the exhibit.”

The original goal was to highlight the wide variety of Kansas farm products and show how

they connect to everyday life. Falk remembers lockers filled with items made from Kansas crops and livestock, such as crayons, a wool scarf and a football. Visitors could climb into a combine cab, step onto a livestock scale or explore bins of different grains.

“Agriculture is the foundation of life, the one industry every person depends on to survive,” Falk said. “Here in Kansas, we are especially blessed. Our land, climate, water and people make this state one of the best places on earth to grow the crops and livestock that nourish families, not only here at home but all around the globe.”

Over the years, Agriland has grown into a staple of the state fair.

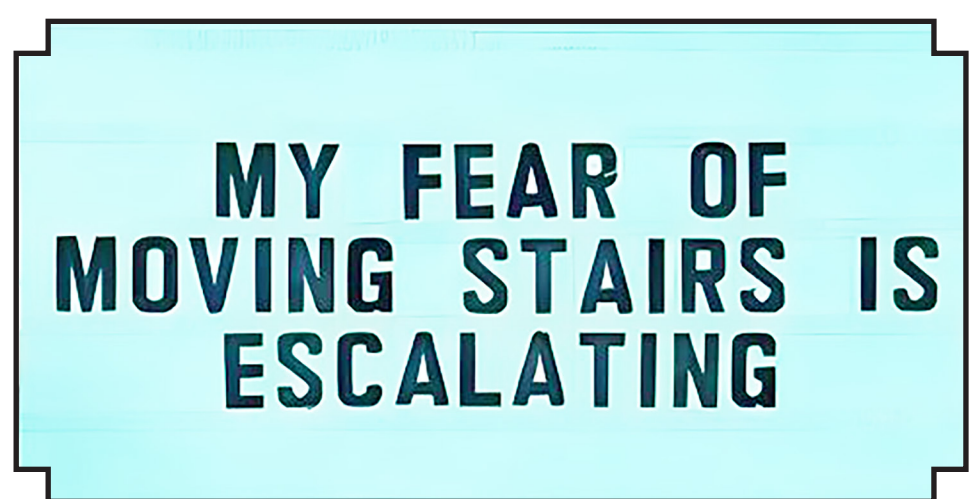
Children line up to take turns on the combine simulator, which features harvest footage filmed on Kansas farms. Families pause for photos with animal cutouts, while teachers use free lesson plans and educational resources that extend the learning into classrooms across the state. Additions such as the cotton display, walk-through soil tunnel and an animatronic cow named Maybelle have kept the exhibit fresh and engaging.

Falk said some of her fondest memories are of families sharing laughter inside the exhibit or kids so eager to try each activity that volunteers needed stopwatches to move them along. She also recalls building the first Food Guide Pyramid with a wooden garden

display, paint and food items, turning it into a colorful and inexpensive nutrition display. Today Agriland continues to grow, with commodity groups and farm organizations taking turns staffing the exhibit and sharing their stories with visitors.

For Falk, the most rewarding part is seeing how the exhibit has impacted generations.

“It is inspiring to see its lasting impact, like the little boy who once perched on a horse saddle in Agriland and is now returning as a high school senior to assist in the exhibit,” she said. “Generations of families will keep exploring, learning and connecting with Kansas agriculture in a way that is as engaging as it is unforgettable.”



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Official Notice of Zoning Hearing

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN AND TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED:

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on Wednesday, October 15, 2025, the Planning Commission of the City of Cunningham, Kansas will hold a public hearing at 6:00 p.m., at City Hall, 119 N. Main St. in Cunningham, Kansas. The purpose of the public hearing is to consider an application filed by Randall Hageman, 310 E. First St., Cunningham, Kansas, pursuant to Section 11-100 of the City Zoning Regulations, requesting a change from the current zoning classification of I-1 (Industrial District) to R-1 (Residential District). The legal description of the property being as follows:

A tract of land of Section 32, Township Twenty-seven

(27), Range Ten (10), West of Cunningham Town Site, Kingman County, Kansas, containing .83 acre, more or less.

The general location of the property being 310 E. First Street at the corner of Dresden Street.

This application has been assigned Case No. Z-25-1. All interested parties and citizens will be given an opportunity to be heard at this meeting. The public hearing may be recessed and continued from time to time without further notice. For further information contact the City Zoning Administrator at (620) 298-3077.

Dated this 15th day of September, 2025

/s/ Nick Rogers, Chairperson
Cunningham City Planning Commission

/s/ Molly Morgan
Zoning Administrator

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF KINGMAN COUNTY, KANSAS

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF PHYLLIS L. BLACKER, DECEASED.

Case No. KM-2025-PR-000039

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:

You are hereby notified that on September 10, 2025, a petition was filed in this Court by Kelli McCormick and Kyla Eller, heirs, devisees and legatees, and a co-executors named in the “Last Will and Testament of Phyllis L. Blacker,” deceased, dated October 2, 2017, requesting the will filed with the petition be admitted to probate and record; petitioners be appointed as co-executors, without bond; and petitioners be granted Letters Testamentary.

You are required to file your written defense to the petition

on or before October 9, 2025, at 11:00 a.m. in the District Court, Kingman, Kingman County, Kansas, at which time and place the cause will be heard. Should you fail to file your written defenses, judgment and decree will be entered in due course upon the petition.

All creditors of the decedent are notified to exhibit their demands against the Estate within the latter of four (4) months from the date of first publication of notice under K.S.A. 59-2236 and amendments thereto, or if the identity of the creditor is known or reasonably ascertainable, 30 days after actual notice was given as provided by law, and if their demands are not thus exhibited, they shall be forever barred.

Kelli McCormick, Petitioner
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CASE NO. KM-2025-PR-37
(Pursuant to K.S.A. Chapter 59)

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

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You are hereby notified that on August 29, 2025, a Petition for Issuance of Letters of Administration was filed in this Court by Christopher Franz.

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IN THE THIRTIETH JUDICIAL DISTRICT

DISTRICT COURT OF KINGMAN COUNTY, KANSAS

IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION OF

XAVIER CURTIS STEPHENS, by and through his next friend, AMANDA M. MIZE, his parent/guardian,

To Change Name to:
XAVIER CURTIS SEIWERT

Case No. KM-2025-CV-28

NOTICE OF HEARING

THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL WHO ARE OR MAY BE CONCERNED:

You are hereby notified that XAVIER CURTIS STEPHENS, filed a Petition in the above court on the 3rd day of September, 2025, requesting a judgment and order changing his name from Xavier Curtis Stephens to Xavier Curtis Seiwert.

The Petition will be heard in Kingman County District Court, 130 N. Spruce St., Kingman, Kansas, on the 3rd day of December, 2025, at 11:00 a.m.

If you have any objection to the requested name change, you are required to file a responsive pleading on or before 3rd day of December, 2025 in this court or appear at the hearing and object to the requested name change. If you fail to act, judgment and order will be entered upon the Petition as requested by Petitioner.

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Suzie Harris

Suzanne Louise Harris was born on July 3, 1942, in Pratt, Kansas. She was the first child of Clare and Vera Harris. The world was at war. Clare was called to serve in the Pacific, when Vera was a few months pregnant. It would be four long years before they would be back together as a family and Suzie would meet her daddy for the first time.



Suzie attended school in Pratt and graduated from Pratt High School in 1960. She attended Kansas State University before returning to Pratt to marry her high school sweetheart, John Dauner. Together they raised two daughters, Dedra and Jill. She felt that her sons-in-law, Bo Brant and Ben Jacobson were her children too, often calling them her sons-in-love.

Suzie was a talented painter and enjoyed crafting. Her grandmother, Olive Barker, taught her how to garden and can. Suzie loved to bake and cook and was always looking for people to feed. Suzie enjoyed bridge club, sorority and her lifelong “Stitch and Bitch” group. Suzie was a Kansas City Royals superfan and was known as their secret weapon. Whenever she was in the stands with Dedra, they almost always won.

Suzie loved to travel and was always looking forward to her next adventure. She visited each of the 50 states. She took her daughters on their first international trip to Europe in the summer of 1979. She made many other international trips over the years, but her favorite was going on Safari in Botswana with her daughters. That trip was life changing and she cherished the memories in her heart.

She was the toughest woman ever, surviving many serious health issues. She had a will and a fight to live like no one else. Suzie passed on September 14th under the loving care of Parkwood assisted living residence in Pratt.

She is survived by her daughters, Dedra (Bo) Brant and Jill Dauner (Ben Jacobson); sisters, Jane Bolen and Ginny Quenzer.

Cremation has taken place. A memorial service will be held at 11:00 a.m., Friday, September 19, 2025, at Larrison Mortuary with a reception immediately following.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorials be made to the Pratt Area Humane Society in Suzie’s memory and mailed to Larrison Mortuary, 300 Country Club Road, Pratt, KS. 67124 Online condolences may be made at www.larrisonmortuary.com

Pat Elpers

Patrick Joseph “Pat” Elpers, 64, died Sept. 11, 2025, in Wichita. He was born April 21, 1961, in Wichita the son of Roland and Mary Jane Albers Elpers. A long-time resident of Kingman County, he was a farmer and stockman. Pat was a member of the St. Rose Catholic Church, Mt. Vernon; the Farm Bureau Association, the St. Rose Men’s Club, the Pretty Prairie Booster Club; and was currently a Kingman County Commissioner.



On April 20, 1991, he married Lori Billips at Hill City, Kansas. Other survivors include two daughters Anne Pitts and her husband Nate, and Renee Elpers; his parents Roland and Mary Jane; brother Mark Elpers; sisters Kathy Scheer and Lori Billinger; and grandchildren Augustus and Emmett Pitts.

Parish rosary will be 7:00 p.m. at the St. Rose Catholic Church on Friday, Sept. 19, 2025. Mass of Christian Burial will be 10:30 a.m., Saturday, Sept. 20, 2025 also at St. Rose Catholic Church. Burial will be in the St. Rose Catholic Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers memorials may be made to Lori Elpers in care of the Pat Elpers Memorial Fund.

Daren Cornelius

Daren Keith Cornelius, 45, born on February 12, 1980, was sent to his eternal home on Monday, September 15, 2025, at his home in Manhattan. He was the beloved son of Darrel and Jacqueline (White) Cornelius.



Baby Daren, as he was affectionately known, was a shining light in the lives of all who had the privilege of knowing him. His journey on this earth was one marked by love and compassion. His passing has left a void in the hearts of his family, friends and many more whose lives were touched by him. We ask that you remember him for the way he loved his family, and for the profound impact he had on the lives of those who had the pleasure of knowing him.

Daren graduated from Norton High School in 1998 and went on to receive his bachelor’s degree from Kansas State University in Manhattan, Kansas in 2003. During school he started working with Howie’s Recycling & Trash Service. Outside of his work, Daren found joy in gaming with his brother and working on his pickup with his dad and brother.

He is survived by mother, Jacqueline Cornelius of Pratt; brother, Roger Cornelius of Park City; sister, Melisa Allen of Pratt; nieces, Brandi (BJ) Dean and family of Pratt and Chere (Johnathan) Bahena and family of Park City.

Daren was the grandson of the late Keith and Ruth Cornelius and Rev. C.W. and Grace White. He also leaves behind aunts and uncles who adored him dearly and a host of cousins who shared in his joyful spirit. He was preceded in death by his father, Darrel Cornelius and his grandparents.

Cremation has taken place. A Celebration of Life service to honor the life of Daren Keith Cornelius will be held at 10:00 a.m., Monday, September 22, 2025 at Cairo Cemetery, Cairo with John Hamm presiding.

Memorials may be made to Lemon Park Lights.

Linda Hoagland

Linda Hoagland (nee Shaffer), 85, of O’Fallon, Missouri, passed away with family and friends by her side in O’Fallon, MO on August 31, 2025. Linda was preceded in death by her high school sweetheart, Don on July 9, 2025, after 63 years of marriage. Linda, beloved mother of Kevin (Nicole) Hoagland, Sister of Karen Loyd and brother Larry Shaffer and was preceded in death by her son Eric Hoagland and her daughter Sabrina Gibbs; dear mother-in-law of Jeff Gibbs; treasured grandma to Kyle Gibbs, Lorelei & Shelby Hoagland.



Linda graduated from William Jewell College in Liberty, MO in 1976 and served as a teacher in the Excelsior Springs Missouri school district for 22 years. Linda enjoyed traveling, scrapbooking and reading in her free time and loved being with her grandchildren.

Don and Linda moved to the Saint Louis area in 2000 to be near their children and grandchildren. The family will have a graveside service for both Don and Linda on Saturday, October 4, 2025, at 10:30 a.m. The service will be held at Sunnyside Cemetery in Sun City, Kansas. Memorial contributions have been suggested to June Jessee Memorial Foundation, which provides relief and support to children with medically complex neurological conditions and their families. <https://junejessee.org/donate/>

Clyde Reed

Clyde Reed, 87, passed away Sunday, September 14, 2025 at his home. He was born at his home on April 4, 1938, Hueysville, Kentucky to Claude and Ressie (Sexton) Reed. Clyde joined the United States National Guard on October 8, 1978. He attended First Southern Baptist Church.



He enjoyed fishing, hunting, collecting coins and indian relics, listening to music especially Johnny Horton and Kentucky bluegrass, doing jigsaw puzzles, working in scrap metal and playing card games and chess.

He is survived by his children, Brett (Deborah) Reed of St. John, Anthony (Maggie) Combs of Willard, Ohio, Daphne Reed, Donna (Robert) Riley of Iola, Gold Daniel (Sheila) Reed of Macksville, Darren (Becky) Reed of St. John and Lisa (Terry) Slaughter of Pratt; 6 siblings; and numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Clyde is preceded in death by his parents; son, Bart Reed; wife, Betty Reed; and 7 siblings.

Cremation has taken place. The family will have a memorial service at 1:00 p.m., Saturday, September 20, 2025, at Trousdale Community Church, Trousdale, Kansas.

Memorials may be made to Larrison Mortuary for funeral expenses.

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