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There's only one 6-Man team in the state who wouldn't want to trade places with the Cunningham Wildcats after Saturday night. On Oct 30th the Wildcats met up with the Natoma Tigers to decide the 6-Man State Championship at the Wild West Bowl in Dodge City. Both teams were the only two undefeated teams left in the 6-Man ranks. The Cats were riding high after several big playoff wins, confident and prepared going into the game. The Natoma Tigers, full of big strong seniors, were equally confident. Both teams held each other on their first drives. On the Cats second drive Trey completed a 43 yard pass to Luke and a 12 yarder to Lane. On 4th down the Wildcats appeared to score but had the TD nullified on a controversial call. Natoma scored on the next drive. The Wildcats drove again, highlighted by a 40 yard pass from Luke to Lane and a 14 yard run by Luke. The drive ended with no touchdown. Both defenses stopped their opponents on downs and Lane put the Cats on the board with pick 6 that he returned for 45 yards! The first quarter ended in what was a very low scoring 6 man game.

## Wildcats Look to Next Year After Loss at Dodge City

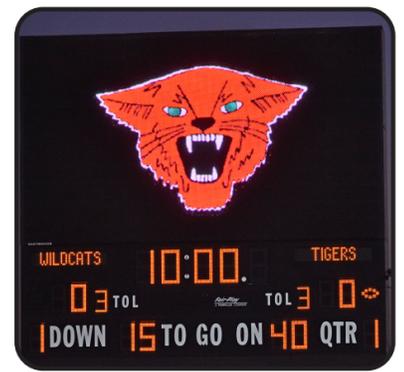
In the second quarter the size and power of the Tigers started to wear on the Wildcats. Crazy bounces and turnovers also came into play as the Tigers scored 3 times in the second to none for the Wildcats. There was a lot of hitting but not many highlight plays other than a 27 yard reception by Lucas from Luke right before half. The Cats were down 6-28.

The third quarter was nearly all about the Natoma Tigers. They completed a nice pass to Lane for a 54 yard score, but there was too much Natoma. The championship game ended early for the 3rd time in 3 years. The runs in 6 man football happen even in title games, and Cunningham was on the receiving end.

The highlights were too few for the Wildcats, although heart and grit were there in abundance through the very end. The Wildcats were slowed on the ground with 10 rushes for 12 yards. We didn't fare better in the air with 12 for 34 for 225 with 1 Touchdown and 3 interceptions. This is not the output the Cats are used to. Our boys, being who they are, mentioned something about next year within 1 minute of the state game ending.

Playing in the state championship game was a wonderful experience. Improving from 0 wins two short years ago to 6-2 with 4th place last year to 9-1 and the State Runner Up has been a great ride. It is not enough for the Wildcats. For now they will have to be somewhat content with being our best looking forward to the future. Hopes and dreams of hoisting the champion trophy and celebrating next year will have to be enough for now. It is hard to find a better group of young men.

by Coach Lance McGuire



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Jack Ruckle, Dagim Reed, and Isaiah Reed on defense.

## School Board Will Meet Wednesday

### AGENDA

- I. Call to Order
- II. Approval of Agenda (AI)
- III. Guest Recognition
- IV. Approval of the minutes of the October 13, 2021 regular meeting.(AI)
- V. Approval of the minutes of the October 25, 2021 special meeting.(AI)
- VI. Approval of financial reports and payment of bills (AI)
- VII. Reports
  - a. Superintendent report – Mr. Reed
  - b. Principal report- Mr. Dunlap
  - c. Special Ed report – Joyce Gridley
- VIII. Old Business
  - a. Bond Project
- IX. New Business (AI)
  - a. Executive Session (personnel)
    - i. Accept resignation (AI)
    - ii. Approve position (AI)
- X. Other
- XI. Adjournment

## Kingman County Commission Minutes for October 25th, 2021

The Board of Kingman County Commissioners met in the Commission Room of the County Courthouse, Kingman, Kansas on October 25<sup>th</sup>, 2021. Those present:

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

Visitors: Bob Morris, Kingman Leader-Courier; Larry Landwehr; Caller 01; Alan Talkington.

Staff: Amanda Stucky, Field Appraiser; Becky Luntsford, County Treasurer; Stan Goetz, HR/Planning/Zoning/Wastewater Director; Sheriff Hill; Mary Schwartz, Health Nurse and Charles Arensdorf, Public Works Director.

Chairman Henning called the Board

of County Commissioners Meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

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

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

No public comments.

Amanda Stucky, Field Appraiser was in to request NRP extensions for Dennis & Mindy Neville and Tiffani Allen.

MOTION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to approve the NRP extension for Dennis & Mindy Neville. Commissioner Foley seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

MOTION: Commissioner Foley moved to approve the NRP extension for Tiffani Allen. Commissioner Thimesch seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

The County Clerk submitted the minutes of the October 18<sup>th</sup>, 2021 Commission meeting for approval.

MOTION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to approve the minutes of the October 18<sup>th</sup>, 2021 Commission meeting. Commissioner Foley seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Becky Luntsford, County Treasurer

was sworn into office of the County Treasurer by the County Clerk, Carol Noblit.

Ms. Luntsford discussed that this year the mill levy sheets will be published in the Leader-Courier for three consecutive times.

The Commissioners signed county vouchers in the amount of \$6,404.14.

Chairman Henning read correspondence from the Council on Aging.

Chairman Henning read correspondence from Horizons.

Stan Goetz, HR/Planning/Zoning/Wastewater Director; Mark Brady, Nextera Energy; Matthew Jones, Nextera Energy were in to discuss the solar power zoning guidelines and changes that were made with the County Commissioners.

The County Commissioners asked questions about the decommissioning of a solar farm.

Mr. Jones let the Commissioners know that they are willing to work on the decommissioning agreement with them.

Commissioner Foley asked how many homes a solar farm would be able to service.

Commissioners let Mr. Brady and Mr. Jones know that they do not know what the agreements with the landowners say but the landowners come to the Commissioners when there is a problem.

Commissioners were in agreement with Mr. Brady and Mr. Jones on the changes to the solar power regulations.

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Minutes from Kingman County Commission

Mr. Goetz let the Commissioners know that there is a planning/zoning commission meeting tonight and let them know that a zoning change will be presented and the board will come up with a recommendation.

Mr. Goetz will also have a 410 hearing for a single wide home with Rachell Beach.

Mr. Goetz will also have a 411 hearing for a NextLink pole.

Mr. Goetz will also have a 412 hearing for a NextLink pole with Kale Pickett.

Mr. Goetz presented the current longevity and discussed enhancing it.

Sheriff Hill was in to discuss having an assessment done for what radios are needed for Kingman County.

Sheriff Hill had two individuals from Tusa to discuss a proposal to provide consulting services

for a needs assessment.

Alan Talkington, Tusa representative was online to discuss the process they will provide if they do a needs assessment for Kingman County.

Sheriff Hill asked if the pager system could be included in this assessment.

Mr. Talkington agreed that the pager system can be included.

Commissioners discussed the pricing presented in the amount of \$30,400.00 for a full assessment.

Commissioners let them know that they will look at it and see what they can do.

Commissioners asked Sheriff Hill if we could utilize the State of Kansas equipment to start at no cost.

Sheriff Hill said that they will not be able to help with needs assessment as Tusa can help with that.

Sheriff Hill let the Commissioners know that they will be able to give an idea of 15 years usage.

Chairman Henning asked Sheriff Hill about an attempted transport of a prisoner.

Sheriff Hill let them know about the transport and why it was an attempt.

Charles Arensdorf, Public Works Director was in to open yearly propane quotes from the following:

- Farmers Coop Equity-Isabel Propane \$2.389
Farmers Coop Elevator-Garden Plain Propane \$2.299

MOTION: Commissioner Foley moved to approve the quote from Farmers Coop Elevator-Garden Plain in the amount of \$2.299 per gallon of propane. Commissioner Thimesch seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Mr. Arensdorf let the Commissioners know that the Pre-Construction for FAS #13 is set for 10/26/2021.

Mary Schwartz, Health Nurse was in with

an update on active cases. The county has 64 active cases with highest number between the age of 10-17.

Ms. Schwartz said that there is one nursing home outbreak within the county.

The total of deaths in Kingman County are now 15 with the last one at the end of September.

Ms. Schwartz submitted to the County Counselor a document for insurance provider to be approved for signature.

MOTION: Commissioner Foley approved the EPO agreement with BC/BS to be a provider. Commissioner Thimesch seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Ms. Schwartz submitted a medical consultant agreement between the Kingman Healthcare Center and Kingman County.

MOTION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to approve the medical consul-

tant agreement with Dr. Morris. Commissioner Foley seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Ms. Schwartz submitted information on a grant awarded to Kingman County Health Department in the amount of \$63,000.00 through the "IP19-1901 Immunization and Vaccine for Children".

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to go into executive session at 11:55 a.m. with Mary Schwartz, Health Nurse and John Caton, County Counselor to discuss an individual employee's performance pursuant to the exception under the Kansas Open Meetings Act for discussion of non-elected personnel matters of nonelected personnel in order to protect the privacy interests of the individuals to be discussed, and they will return to open session in the board meeting room at 12:05 p.m. Commissioner

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

The Commissioners returned to regular session at 12:05 p.m. with extension of vacation approved for an employee.

Commissioner Thimesch let the Commissioners know that he got in touch with Leslie Schrag, Greg Graffman about the building information from the State.

County Counselor let the Commissioners know that he would send a letter to Mr. Wewe for road damages with the extra \$1,000.00 for penalty if they would agree.

Commissioners agreed to send the letter to Mr. Wewe with penalty added.

MOTION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to adjourn the regular board meeting at 12:30 p.m. Commissioner Foley seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.



Meanderings

There goes my baby with someone new
She sure looks happy, I sure am blue

She was my baby till he stepped in

Goodbye to romance that might have been

Songwriters: Boudleaux Bryant, Felice Bryant

Saturday evening Mary Oller and I meandered to Pratt for a concert at the Community College. It was one of the

Pratt Community Concert Series programs. The group was "The Everly Set". The two gentlemen, Shawn Altman and Jack Skuller, were Don and Phil Everly "approximators".

Well, what are we gonna tell your Mama

What are we gonna tell your Pa?

What are we gonna tell your friends

When they say, "Ooh la la!"

Songwriters: B Bryant, F Bryant

When that first note of music was strummed, that first drum beat, I almost cried. I have so missed live, professional entertainment. It's hard to beat an evening sitting in a cozy auditorium with others who enjoy and love music and being

entertained in a personal and lively fashion.

Hey, bird dog get away from my quail

Hey, bird dog you're on the wrong trail

Bird dog you better leave my lovey-dove alone

Songwriters: Boudleaux Bryant

Mr. Skuller and Mr. Altman are decades apart in age, but their love and knowledge of the Everly Brothers and the music and songs they wrote and composed was astounding. Mary and I listened and clapped and sang along a bit. I smiled the whole time.

Don't want your love anymore

Don't want your kisses, that's for sure

I die each time I hear this sound

Here he comes

That's Cathy's clown By Don Everly

I do believe I am STILL smiling. I do wish more folks could have found time to enjoy the evening with these entertainers.

For those who read the 'old news' from the days of Bill Bradley and the Cunningham Clipper, you must have noticed that at one time, Cunningham had a band. Not a high school band, but a community band, and I think I read somewhere there may have been a play or two put on by the community.

There were garden clubs and women's clubs and men's clubs and community concerts. People joined and belonged and made time for adult activities.

What has happened to our society when we don't have time to enjoy adult time for ourselves? Why don't more folks join the women's club? The Lions' Club? The Legion?

I do believe we have let school activities overtake and run our lives. When I was a kid in junior high, we played our ballgames in the afternoons; we were home by the time school let out. Evenings were for scouts and playing with the neighborhood kids. Our parents hired high schoolers to babysit us while they went to meetings and concerts and out dancing.

It wasn't until high school that we played ballgames in the evening. I wasn't much on attend-

ing sporting events in high school, I worked in the restaurant quite a bit, but I don't remember so MANY games and tournaments. It just seems there is always some reason to have a ball game.

More ballgames, less time for the appreciation of art and music. (Cheer chants and pep banks don't count).

Sometimes change makes me sad. Case in point.

Always reading, and currently reading, "Kingdom of the Blind" by Louise Penny, Roberta

"Without music, life would be a mistake." - Friedrich Nietzsche, Twilight of the Idols



My Breast Cancer Experience Part 12

By Beth Blasi 2021 MRI-The Pelvic MRI was a little different. Again, no metal, ear plugs, but no IV. They just gave me an injection for the contrast. A foamy "receiver" was placed over my pelvis and I went in on my back, feet first. It did get a little warm while they were pulver-

izing it. This took about an hour.

July 2021-Victory in the Valley. Before my July appointment with the Oncologist to follow-up on the pelvic MRI results, I stopped at a lounge area provided by Victory in the Valley that is on the same floor as the doctor's office in Wichita. When you check in for the doctor, the doctor's office provides you with a buzzer when they are ready for you so you can hang out in the lounge or just wander. The greeter was friendly and shared some of her cancer experiences over 11 years. She gave me a Victory Teddy Bear, a seatbelt pillow for the port-a-cath,

and other information about the organization such as getting wigs/head-coverings. On another day, I went to their boutique and had a fun time with a lady picking out a wig - I opted for a blonde one for the occasion that I might need hair (I am a brunette - thought I'd change it up a little). I received 1 free wig, and 3 head-coverings. They also gave me a bag with a lap quilt, snacks, more information, and other goodies. All of this was provided free!

Oncologist-Followed up with the oncologist on Friday, July 2 - right at the beginning of the Independence Holiday. He seemed more relaxed and more inclined to take time to answer questions, etc. MRI results on the hip were pretty inconclusive - arthritis, inflamed bursa, but no real indication of anything cancerous - good news for a change! We reviewed the Onco-score again and the reason for the chemo. He said several years ago, I would not have had chemo since the tumor was small and not in the lymph nodes but we now have this OncotypeDX test that helps determine

recurrence/aggressiveness. He asked if I had questions about chemo, and I just said "it is what it is". I figure if don't do it and it recurs (with my luck so far, it will), I'll be that much older to try to deal with chemo. Also, I think of it like a dart board target - much easier to hit that third of the target so cutting it in half is less of a target. The oncologist liked that analogy - even got a smile from him. Since this was a holiday weekend and the port-a-cath surgery was scheduled for the next Friday, July 9, I asked to delay chemo until July 19 as I had budget meetings with the city and township the week after the 9th that I would like to have a clear head for. He had no problem with that - he just liked to get started within 80 days of surgery. I am also able to do all my treatments & labs in Kingman (even the 1st one) and also see him in Kingman so that will save some driving.

The Date-So, there it is - the date of July 19 is the beginning of chemotherapy and the world of the unknown. With this date being set, my husband and I were able to

enjoy the holiday weekend even though we were party-poopers (I think we were still absorbing everything).

Port-a-Cath-This procedure was done at the same surgery location as my mastectomy with the same surgeon. They put me completely out again. Since I indicated I was a little nauseous with the last surgery, they gave me an ear patch. I still had to use the bathroom twice before surgery - the 2nd time was on the way to the surgery room so they got to take a little detour. I just remembered I was so full and desperate for the bathroom after the last surgery, I wanted to clear it out as much as possible this time. They had already started giving me some meds so I was out before I got to the surgery room. Surgery didn't take long - but since this was an afternoon surgery, it was 5 or so before we left and went home. Overnight, I woke up and had a hard time with my balance - same thing the next day! The patch came off quickly - it was creating its own motion and that motion/im-balance had to stop!

The port-a-cath is this "bump" in my upper right chest a few inches under the collarbone. It is completely under the skin so that's helpful in not worrying about it getting wet. There is also a thin tube from the "bump" to my vein (all under the skin) that goes right along my front neck muscle. You can see the tube (kind of like a mole tunnel) and it is a little uncomfortable on that neck muscle when moving my neck and/or stretching it. I'm trying to keep it stretched so I don't lose my range of movement. A knot formed at my neck along that tube, and of course, I was bruised from the surgery. I stopped at the chemo center to have them check it out - they thought it was fine but to keep an eye on it. I also asked more questions about the whole process and we discovered that I did not yet have a prescription for a steroid that I needed to start taking a day before my chemo treatment. They called that in so I would have it.

Next Week - Part 13 - Lucky or Unlucky?

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<b>Thursday, November 4th</b> Parents' Meeting for Winter Sports	<b>Wednesday, November 10th</b> 5:00 p.m. School Site Council ***** 7:00 p.m. BOE Meeting
<b>Friday, November 5th</b> 5:30 - 7:30 FFA Soup Supper/ Silent Auction	<b>Thursday, November 11th</b> 10:00 a.m. school gym NHS honors Veterans
<b>Monday, November 8th</b> JH BB at Macksville	<b>Friday, November 12th</b> 7:00 p.m. High School Play
<b>Tuesday, November 9th</b> HOPL Mass Choir at Cunningham	

**Ninnescah Valley Bank will be closed Thursday, November 11th, in honor of Veterans' Day**

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

*"In a good bookroom you feel in some mysterious way that you are absorbing the wisdom contained in all the books through your skin, without even opening them."*  
— Mark Twain

**Libraries**

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



**Zenda Public Library**  
Monday  
8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.  
Thursday:  
4:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.  
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Thurs. : 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.  
Fri. : 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.  
Sat. : 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.  
620-532-3061



**Pratt Public Library**  
Mon. - Thurs.  
10:00 - 7:00  
Friday: 10:00 - 6:00  
Saturday: 10:00 - 2:00  
Closed on Sundays  
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**NHS Will Honor Veterans**



National Honor Society will be putting on their annual Veteran's Day program on Thursday, November 11th at 10:00 a.m. in the CHS gym.



**Pancakes for Parker**

On Saturday, November 13th from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. there will be pancake supper at the Cunningham Community Center to raise funds for the Patton family. The proceeds will go to the family to help with expenses for little Parker's travels to Omaha for visits with a transplant doctor.

Questions can be directed to: Grace Patton at 620-770-6069 or Justin and Sarah Mack at 620-491-2660. Donations can also be left at the Ninnescah Valley Bank.

**Pratt Community College Will Perform**



The Pratt Community College Performing Arts will stage a USO Program on Sunday, November 7th at 2:30 p.m. The public is invited to listen to music and songs from the 1940's; as well as patriotic tunes.

Mark your calendars for Pratt Community College's "A Christmas to Remember". The Performing Arts department will be performing December 3rd and 4th at 7:30 p.m. and December 5th at 2:30 p.m.

*"Fine art is something wonderful that's felt long into the future ... eternal beauty."*  
— Masashi kishimoto

*"The best way to get your point across is to entertain."*  
— George Bernard Shaw

**Library Holds Open House**



On the left, Mary Stackhouse stirs the raffle entries before drawing the prize winners. Stacy Webster won the Fall Sampler put together by Rogene Jarmer, and Judy DeWeese took home the prize from West Cafe on the Go.



Rogene Jarmer prepares treats for a library patron.



Walt Rosenbaum visits with Sean Crowley



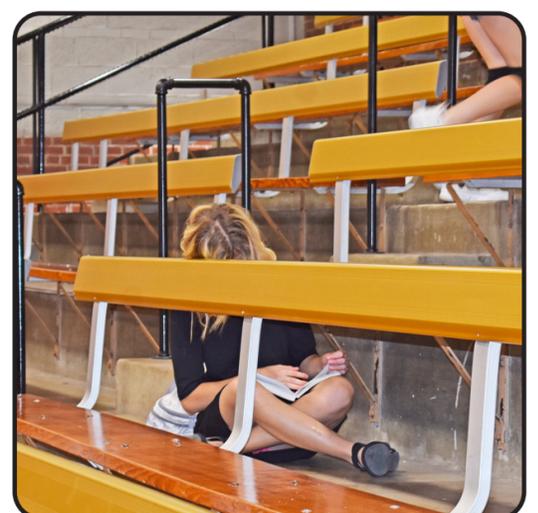
Sean Crowley enjoys a good cinnamon roll made by Rogene Jarmer.



A library display.

photos by Molly Morgan

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Friday & Saturday at 7:30  
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**November 5th - 7th**  
(no Sunday movie)  
**Ron's Gone Wrong**  
Rated PG



While at the gym recently, I snapped this photo of a young reader immersed in her book. I thought about asking her what she was reading, but I got the impression she didn't want to be disturbed. I understood ... completely. Read on, young lady, read on!

Consider this...

"I Can Read Your Mind"

By Mike Johnson  
I can read your mind. Better yet, I can show you how to read the minds of everyone you encounter. Tarot cards? Horoscopes? ESP? Hardly. Merely watch another's actions and you'll be able to see the thoughts behind them.

Think not? Remember the last time we received a gift that wasn't quite what we wanted and found ourselves saying, "Oh well, at least the thought was there?" We looked behind the action of gift-giving and saw the loving thought that generated the action. We read his mind.

Similarly, we've all seen the sales clerk who is in no hurry to wait on us. When we look behind those actions to her thoughts, we see a person who does not like her job and has little pride in herself. We read her mind too.

Then there's the cab driver who drenches us with syrupy greetings one moment, only to let loose traffic-directed profanity the next. What are his actions telling us about the hostile thoughts in his mind?

These people believe

-- like millions do -- that their thoughts are private things that only they can see. They don't realize that like footprints in a field of freshly fallen snow, their actions leave tracks that lead directly back to their thoughts. Tracks that reveal their true natures as if plastered upon their foreheads.

Reading minds by observing actions is not for the faint of heart. One stray action says more about a person than a book-full of words. Yet, we are so used to trusting another's words that we actually feel guilty after glimpsing an action that proves them all as false. As if we aren't supposed to see someone trying to fool us about who he is. Novices undertaking the study of human actions are often devastated and depressed by what they first begin to see.

The fact that many people are not who they say they are isn't pessimism-based thinking, it is reality-based thinking. We deal best with those we understand most. Looking no deeper than smiling facades and cheery words leaves us vulnerable to another's hidden motives. Even Charles Manson occasionally grins and tells his guards to have a nice day. On the other hand, sometimes we're to blame for seeing things in another

that don't exist at all. We paint a picture of how we hope the person is, and are then devastated later when we discover how wrong we actually were. Worse yet, we then blame the other person for failing to live up to our inaccurate original expectations.

When it comes to reading minds, five general tips help to more accurately size up another person.

To learn what someone thinks, watch what someone does.

To learn what someone values, watch where someone spends his time.

To learn what someone aspires to become, watch what someone reads.

To learn what someone is capable of doing to you, watch what someone does to others.

And if you really want to gain the deepest measure of someone, watch that someone's actions during a time of stress.

Our actions reveal our thoughts - our true nature. The thoughts we choose to hold reveal the very essence of who we are. But learning to read minds is a double-edged sword. Not only do we better see another, but we simultaneously realize how much more others can see of us. What are your actions telling the world?

We can read your mind.



Pass It On®... The Tenacity to See the Stars

One of the most often used behavioral descriptors today is Attention Deficit Disorder, which basically means unable to sit still or focus for longer than a few minutes. All parents know that ADD worsens when chores or homework are involved. And if we're honest with ourselves we all suffer from Attention Deficit if the task at hand is something we are not interested in, like say counting the stars in the universe. Most of us would drift off into somnambulism in less than a few minutes of staring upward. But fortunately for us, the heavens were an early fascination for Galileo. He was the Italian engineer, physicist, and father of observational astronomy. That means a lot of night shifts looking up and wondering how things work. He lived and worked in the early 1600s, charting the phases of Venus, the breadth of the Milky Way, Jupiter's moons and even sunspots. Galileo was wont to explore new realities based on science. The universe held his attention and he worked tirelessly to un-

derstand it, even after he was convicted of heresy during the Inquisition and put under house arrest for the last 10 years of his life.

Rather than complain about his inability to move about, Galileo turned his attention to what he could do in the confines of his studio. He expanded his research on the motion of objects and the strength of materials. If that sounds boring think about this: you can draw a straight line from Galileo sequestered in his primitive lab to Elon Musk and SpaceX. Galileo stuck with it when his friends abandoned him, when he was confined to his home, when he was feeling the affects of age. He was curious and driven. Elon Musk is equally driven and fearless in his exploration. SpaceX is changing just about everything about space exploration, from reusable rockets, to greater payloads, to radical innovations in spacesuits and parachutes. Musk has a vision of what space holds for the future, and he is sticking to it no matter the obstacles.

and roll. His first-grade teacher says Max has a hard time paying attention in class, yet Max will work for hours to figure out the electrical circuit between a battery, a motor, and a propeller. He's also building his own telescope. "I want to see what Jupiter's rings are really made of," he says. Perhaps if Galileo were in school today with his curious nature he would likewise be a little restless. Curious minds are always seeking problems to solve. As we learn to channel our curiosity into actions and finally results, we learn the power of stick-to-itiveness. Tenacity is the result of a challenge we give ourselves, a bigger vision to accomplish. Someday Max will make the connection to what he is learning in school to what he is building in his room, the same way Galileo saw the importance of his research while confined to his house.

So maybe the next time we feel bored with a task or chore we need to look up at the stars... and challenge ourselves to reach for them.

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Sunday 10:00 a.m.

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Sunday 8:30 a.m.

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

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**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.

Our worship service is found on the YouTube channel at:  
<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCCrenCH12I9nmpcojCFyYLA>

Pastor Dennis Fangmeyer  
Cell: 620-886-0911

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

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

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**United Methodist Church**

**Penalosa**  
Worship 9:15 a.m.

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

Pastor Mathew Ndambuki Musyoki  
620-298-2090

**Zenda**  
Worship 9:00 a.m.  
Sunday School: Children 8:30 a.m. Adults 10:00 a.m.  
Pastor Ken Keeling  
620-491-0680

**Cunningham Hands of Hope, Inc.**

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

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

**What:** Food

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

**Where:** 117 N Main (Old School Board Office)

**Why:** To provide food assistance to those in need.

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

Do you need assistance outside distribution hours?

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

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**Cunningham Public Library**

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**West Kingman County Education Foundation**  
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**Hands of Hope** (contact Fitzsimmons Insurance or any church)

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

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

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

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

YEARS AGO IN  
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W. A. BRADLEY, EDITOR



**1931**

**November 6-** The Canon Ball west to Pratt was opened to traffic late Monday evening. Vernon L. Stockwell, district highway supervisor, Monday morning said that preparations had been made to open the newly-oiled stretch from Cairo east, thus completing the fifteen miles of oil project east of Pratt. The route has been closed for a month, traffic having been detoured three miles south and west to Pratt. Lately they have been turning north at Cairo road.

The workmen will be transferred to the project west of Pratt, where they will smooth out the surface on that stretch which has grown quite rough. Too much oil in the mixture when applied is believed to have caused the rough places.

**1936**

**November 6-** President Franklin Delano Roosevelt swept to victory in the national election by the greatest popular vote ever accorded a President in previous history of the nation, and by the electoral vote of 523, the largest vote given a President since George Washington, who received the unanimous vote of the electoral College. Governor Landon carried only two states in the union, Maine and Vermont, which gave him 8 electoral votes.

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**1941**

**November 7 -**The weather and the high school Carnival were two outstanding causes for a quiet Hallowe'en night in Cunningham, as far as the usual Hallowe'en pranks were concerned. One can't do much in the way of ordering weather, and a snowstorm isn't very often in evidence on October 31, but if it could be so arranged it would be nice to schedule a similar snow flurry next year just to put a damper on youthful spirits.

The high school Carnival sponsored by the Seniors drew a good crowd in spite of the weather and bad country roads and everyone reported a good time.

**1946**

November 8, 1946

Mr. Carl Buntmeyer who has been manager of the local telephone office for the past four years has resigned his job to fill the vacancy of City Marshall which was created through the resignation and retiring of Mr. Tom Morrison.

Mr. Buntmeyer, besides being Marshall, will maintain the grading of the streets and look after the water system.

Mr. C. B. Anderson of Medicine Lodge is filling Mr. Buntmeyer's vacancy.

**1951**

**November 9-** The November meeting of the Ninnescah Valley 4-H Club was held Monday evening, November 5, at the home of Tommy Litchfield with ten members and five guests present.

The play committee chose a play for 4-H Achievement Day. A motion for Fun Night was tabled for discussion at our next meeting. A new member, D. B. Miller, was introduced to the Club.

The meeting was adjourned after which games were enjoyed and refreshments served to the group present.—Anna Smith, Reporter

**1956**

**November 8-** Cunningham has one dial telephone connection in use at the present time, but no definite word has been issued yet by the Reno Telephone Association, Inc., as to when the complete system will be put into operation except that it probably will take place before December 1.

The one dial telephone in use now is a company connection between the local office and the building housing the automatic dial equipment.

A shortage of vital switchboard equipment has forced a delay in the change-over to the dial system here which was originally scheduled for November 1.

The Cunningham Lions Club will vouch that the people around here really like pancakes and sausage as the result of their Pancake Day, Tuesday. The event raised over \$175, which will go toward a lighted ball field for Cunningham.

Enticed by the slogan, "All you can eat for 50¢," between 300 and 400 people entered the Lodge Hall, Tuesday, to whet their appetites from a menu of Dold's link sausages, Karo syrup, Jo-Mar and Hyde Park milk and butter, and Butternut coffee. The Quaker Oats Company also provided place settings, napkins, and cooks' hats.

Lions Club members served 60 pound of pancake mix, 61 pounds of link sausages, eight pounds of coffee, 15 pounds of butter, and over eight gallons of milk. No contest was held on the best eater of the

day, but it was the opinion of the waiters that Marvin Ewing won the honor with eight pancakes to his credit. Marvin said he could have eaten more but he had to bet back to school.

An election party was held after the supper hour.

The day was enlivened by the appearance of Ol' Man Mose, reported to be Aunt Jemima's boy friend.

Everything taken into consideration, the Lions Club wishes to thank the donors of the food, and the people of the community for their cooperation in helping to make the Pancake Day a success. The club believes they have a worthwhile and much-needed project in the lighted ball field, and with the cooperation of the community as of Tuesday will make the project come true and soon.

**1961**

**November 9-** For the second successive year, Cunningham tied for the football championship of the Ninnescah League. Last year Cunningham shared the football title with Alden, but this year the Wildcats share the championship with two other teams—Fairfield North and Alden.

Cunningham's record for the 1961 season was seven wins and one loss. The defeat was a 25-7 pasting by Alden, but Cunningham mauled St. Teresa 57 to 6, rolled over Arlington 66 to 7, pounded Sylvia 63 to 12, panted Fairfield South 35 to 14, edged out Fairfield North 38 to 27, bowled over Preston 29 to 6, and smashed Partridge 20 to 7.

Cunningham scored 315 points to their opponent's 104.

The 1961 season opened with a bang, when Bobby Meyers returned St. Teresa's opening kickoff in the first game 65 yards for a Cunningham touchdown. The season probably reached a climax in the fourth quarter of the Wildcats' homecoming game with Fairfield North, when, behind 25 to 27, Cunningham's line held the Falcons on downs within the seven-yard line. A play later, Eugene Huston raced 79 yards, two feet, and six inches for the go-ahead touchdown. After that, nothing could have stopped Cunningham—even K.U.

A lot of credit is due Coach Joe Battles and Assistant Coach Weldon Allen, who, after losing almost the entire line from last year's fine team, stocked this year's line with underclassmen who did a very good job.

Cunningham will lose only two starters off this year's team by graduation—Quarterback Bobby Meyers and Halfback Roger Krug. Back for the 1962 season will be the starting line, Robert Leiter and Kenneth Spade at ends, Norman Ellis, David Amick, and Lynn Fitzsimmons at guards, and Jerry Strickland at center, with Halfback Eugene Huston. Coach Battles substituted freely in most of the games this season, giving valuable experience to the freshman and sophomore members of the squad.

The Cunningham 4-H Club held their regular monthly meeting in the High School Recreation Room, Monday evening.

President Norma Greenlee conducted the business meeting during which Ruby Drew, Mary Kampling, and Janet Nickle became new club members.

Sue Hellar gave a talk on music appreciation, and Don Hellar discussed the topic, "4-H As a Family Affair," after which Sydney Boyd conducted a cooking demonstration; George Kampling gave a talk on the history of music, and Billy McGovney discussed parliamentary definitions.

Margene Millsap had charge of recreation, and Diane Dunn served refreshments to 17 members and four leaders.

- Cunningham IGA
- Emperor Grapes Pound 10¢
- Firm Ripe Bananas Pound 11¢
- Texas Oranges 12 for only 39¢
- Ruby Red Grapefruit 10 for 59¢
- Choice Chuck Roast Pound 39¢
- Choice Short Ribs Pound 33¢
- Choice Rib Steak Pound 79¢
- Extra Lean Ground Beef
- Pound 43¢ Flying Jib Shrimp 10 oz. pkg. 55¢
- Good Value Apricots 4 large #2 ½ cans \$1

**1966**

**November 10-** At a meeting of representatives of schools in the Chikaskia League and the Ninnescah League at the Cozy Café in Cunningham, Wednesday evening, Oct. 26, a decision was reached whereby the two leagues will be combined next year for competition in athletics, music, and speech-drama.

A new name for the eight-member league will be chosen by nomination from the student bodies of all the schools. The nominations (probably eight or more) will again be submitted to a vote of the student bodies for the final selection, but no student may vote for this

original nomination.

The new league will have eight member-schools—Cunningham, Sylvia, Alden, and Partridge from the present Ninnescah League, and Nashville-Zenda, Sharon, Hartdner, and Norwich from the Chikaskia League. Bluff City, a member of the present Chikaskia League, will not operate next year due to unification with the Harper County School System.

The Cunningham WSCS met at the home of Mrs. D. E. Thompson last Thursday afternoon.

President Mrs. Frank Cain, Jr. opened the meeting, after which Mrs. Bill DeWeese presented the lesson, "The Missionary In An Up-rooted Society." She was assisted by Mrs. Sherman Ellis.

During the business meeting, the UNICEF Drive Committee reported a collection of \$76.65, and an account was given of the society-sponsored girl's house party held recently at the Isabel Methodist Church. Girls attending from here were Kay Ratcliff, Sue Hellar, Carolyn Witt, Jean Brady, and Joyce Brooks, and they were accompanied by Mrs. Delmer Huffman.

Refreshments were served by the hostesses, Mrs. Francis Dafforn, Mrs. Dale Sheldon, and Mrs. Thompson, to 25 members at the close of the meeting.

The next meeting will be held in the Cunningham Methodist Church, Thursday evening, Dec. 1. It will be "Guest Night," and the guest speaker will be Mrs. Rufus Gray, who will show slides and tell of her foreign trip.

Mrs. Harold Schreck was hostess to the Past Noble Grand Club in her home last Wednesday evening.

President Mrs. Amy McClellan opened the meeting, and conducted the business meeting, after which the group spent the remainder of the evening visiting and playing games, with Mrs. Chet Davidson and Mrs. McClellan winning high and low prizes.

The hostess served pumpkin and banana pie, tea and coffee at the close of the meeting.

**1971**

**November 4-** Eleven students from the Spanish Department of Cunningham High School attended the seventh annual Spanish Contest, "Concurso de capacitacion para estudiantes de espanol," held on the campus of Wichita State University in Wichita, Saturday, Oct. 30.

This group presented two plays, each of which received a I rating. The play, "Dona Quixote y la rastra," was the original creation of a Spanish III student, Peggy Park. The play was a rollicking account of a feminine Don Quixote (Man of La Mancha) and her adventures with a garden rake. Peggy played the lead in this play, ably assisted by Edna Bishop, Juanita DeViney, Ruby Parsons, and Cindy Mantooth. Bill Cundiff played the lead in the other play, "Un Norteamericano en Mexico." Other performers in this production were Cindy Mantooth, Nathan Stillwell, Juanita DeViney, Kathy Fischer, Mary Jane Lubbers, Debbie Theis, Peggy Park, and Kirk Huhman.

The eight girls who attended sang "Amapola," for which they received a II rating. Cindy Mantooth was the soloist. Other awards received by Cunningham in the contest were all received by Peggy Park. They were a I rating in Conversation with a Native Speaker; II in Poetry Interpretation, and II in Sight Reading of Spanish. Debbie Theis, Ruby Parsons, and Juanita DeViney recited prose or poetry, but their ratings were not announced. The ratings in Composition in which Debbie Theis, Nathan Stillwell, and Cindy Mantooth participated, will be received later.

Approximately 850 students from 67 Kansas schools took part in this contest, competing in 13 areas.

The Cunningham group also enjoyed lunch in the Wichita State University cafeteria, and a program in the afternoon, consisting of group singing and a performance by El Curro, outstanding flamenco guitarist, and four dancers from his "Los Flamencos de San Antonio" dance troupe. The group was accompanied by Mrs. Rubie Cusenbary, Spanish teacher, and Mrs. Joan Stillwell of Penalosa.

Halloween in Cunningham passed without much incidence although two little piggies came to Cunningham instead of going to market, and eight street lights were broken. City Marshal Charles Bailey complimented the Cunningham school kids on their good behavior that evening.

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## Will Wegerer Runs in Regional Meet



Will Wegerer recently competed in the regional cross country meet. He placed 30th of 76 runners with a time of 21.04. Ada Adams, shown in the photo with Will, did not qualifying for regionals, but attended the meet in support of her teammate and did a fantastic job cheering him on.

-photo and information submitted by Ingrid Ricke

## 2021 Heart of the Plains League All-League Volleyball Team

Tamara Lozoya, Attica, Senior, Outside Hitter/Setter  
 Allie Blurton, Attica, Junior, Outside/Middle Hitter  
 Chloe Traffas, Attica, Freshman, Libero  
 Cassie Dunlavy, Burrton, Junior, Middle Hitter  
 Samantha Ramsey, Central Christian, Senior, Left side Hitter  
 Kaylee Kauffman, Central Christian, Junior, Setter  
 Aubrey Young, Pretty Prairie, Senior, Setter  
 McKenna Vogl, Pretty Prairie, Senior, Middle Hitter  
 Bailey Young, Pretty Prairie, Junior, Middle Hitter  
 Jorah Harbaugh, Pretty Prairie, Senior, Outside Hitter  
 Kady Anschutz, Skyline, Junior, Setter/Middle Hitter  
 Randi Hoffman, Skyline, Junior, Libero  
 Josie Wray, Skyline, Junior, Outside/Middle Hitter  
 Presli Harts, Skyline, Junior, Middle Hitter



## Heart of the Plains League Honorable Mention

Sidney Swingle, Attica, Junior, Outside Hitter/Middle Hitter  
 Leia Shank, Central Christian, Senior, Middle Hitter  
**Taylor Schultz, Cunningham, Sophomore, Setter**  
 Erin Schwertfeger, Fairfield, Sophomore, Middle Hitter  
 Kira Kelly, Norwich, Senior, Middle Hitter  
 Anna Kyle, Norwich, Senior, Libero  
 Haley Sheetz, Norwich, Junior, Setter  
 Grace Crandall, South Barber, Senior, Outside Hitter  
 Makayla Sedore, Stafford, Senior, Left side Hitter

## Kansas Emergency Rental Assistance Awards Nearly \$52 Million to Protect Tenants At Risk of Eviction

Pandemic relief measure provides rental, utility, and internet assistance to more than 9000 Kansas families

TOPEKA, Kan.— The Kansas Emergency Rental Assistance (KERA) program has provided more than \$51.9 million in relief funding to communities across the state. To date, KERA funds have supported 23,834 residents of 9,220

tenant households and 3,786 landlords facing financial hardship as a result of the COVID pandemic.

When Nick Baumgartner's small business began to flounder in 2020, he could not afford to pay his rent and was barely keeping up with utility bills. "I never had to ask for any kind of financial assistance before," said Baumgartner, whose Topeka business served local restaurants. "But because restaurants were so negatively impacted by the pandemic, my profits suffered too."

That's when Baumgartner's landlord suggested they jointly apply for Kansas Emergency Rental Assistance (KERA). After receiving rental

assistance, his landlord was made whole, and Baumgartner was able to keep his own business running, helping local restaurants bounce back financially. He has since reapplied for three prospective months of rental assistance.

KERA provides rent, utility, and internet assistance to households financially impacted by the COVID pandemic. Landlords and tenants apply via a joint application process, and payments are made directly to housing and service providers. Once eligible KERA applicants receive assistance for any past-due amounts, they are eligible to recertify for three prospective months of rental assistance at a time, for a total of up to

15 months of support.

Recent program updates have streamlined application processing and provided additional resources to Kansans at risk of eviction:

Thanks to recent changes in Treasury rules, KERA applicants can now self-attest to eligibility guidelines including household income, COVID hardship, and housing instability, easing the documentation burden and shortening processing time.

The program's new Bridge to Housing Stability initiative has partnered with community organizations across the state, providing more than \$7.3 million to support Kansans experiencing homelessness. Bridge partners use KERA funds

to provide hotel vouchers, housing counseling, and rapid rehousing solutions, helping tenants enter into new leases with KERA funding.

KERA has prioritized applicants at imminent risk of eviction and utility shutoff, halting 349 active evictions, preventing utility shutoffs for more than 1,900 households, and restoring utility services to more than 100 homes.

Through partnerships with the legal community, KERA has provided free representation to applicants engaged in eviction proceedings, as well as program resources and training to attorneys and judges. These efforts have helped tenants avoid eviction and helped landlords void legal action.

Funded by the federal Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations act of 2021, the KERA program is administered by Kansas Housing Resources Corporation (KHRC).

To learn more and apply, please visit: [kshousingcorp.org/emergency-rental-assistance](https://kshousingcorp.org/emergency-rental-assistance).

Kansas Housing Resources Corporation (KHRC) is a self-supporting, nonprofit, public corporation committed to helping Kansans access the safe, affordable housing they need and the dignity they deserve. KHRC serves as the state's housing finance agency (HFA), administering essential housing and community programs to serve Kansans.

## Medicare Open Enrollment Is Underway; Free Counseling Available from KDADS SHICK Program

TOPEKA—More than 553,000 Kansas residents receive health coverage through Medicare, and the time to review their benefits is here. The open enrollment period for Medicare coverage in 2022 began October 15, 2021 and runs through December 7, 2021.

"Older adults can use this 7-week period to sign up for Medicare for the first time, and current Medicare beneficiaries can make changes to several aspects of their coverage as well," said Kansas Department for Aging and Disability Services (KDADS) Secretary Laura Howard. "If you're already enrolled, this is an opportunity to review your options for coverage and make adjustments if necessary, so it better meets your needs."

By shopping available plans and comparing costs, beneficiaries may be able to find a Medicare health or drug plan with better coverage or a lower premium in 2022. The Medicare Plan Finder allows users to compare pricing be-

tween Original Medicare, Medicare prescription drug plans, Medicare Advantage plans, and Medicare Supplement Insurance (Medigap) policies.

During open enrollment, those currently enrolled may:

Switch from original Medicare to Medicare Advantage, or vice versa

Switch from one Medicare Advantage plan to another or from one Medicare Part D prescription drug plan to another

If you didn't enroll in a Medicare Part D plan when you were first eligible, you can do so during open enrollment, although a late enrollment penalty may apply

If you want to enroll in a Medicare Advantage plan, you must meet some basic criteria:

You must be enrolled in Medicare Part A and B

You must live in the plan's service area

If you're already enrolled in a Medicare Part D prescription plan or a Medicare Advantage Plan and you don't want to make changes to your coverage for 2022, you don't need to do anything during open enrollment, assuming your current plan will still be available in 2022. If your plan is being discontinued and isn't eligible for renewal, you will receive a non-renewal notice from your carrier prior to open

enrollment. If you don't, it means you can keep your plan without doing anything during open enrollment.

Be aware that benefits and premiums could be changing for 2022. So even if you're confident you want to keep your current coverage for the coming year, it's important to understand any changes that may apply and check to make sure your current plan is still the best available option. The available plans and what they cover change from one year to the next, so even if the plan you have now was the best option when you shopped last year, it's important to verify that again before you lock yourself in for another year.

Each year, there's a Medicare Advantage Open Enrollment Period from January 1 – March 31. During this time, if you're in a Medicare Advantage Plan and want to change your health plan, you can switch to a different Medicare Advantage Plan with or without drug coverage or go back to Original Medicare and, if needed, also join a Medicare Prescription Drug Plan.

Changes to be aware of for 2022 include:

Medicare Advantage plans are available in 2022: 88 compared to 79 plans in 2021.

100 percent of peo-

ple with Medicare have access to a Medicare Advantage plan.

The average monthly Medicare Advantage premium changed from \$9.53 in 2021 to \$7.79 in 2022. This represents a -18.19 percent change in average premium.

29 Medicare prescription drug plans are available with premiums varying from \$6.60 to \$101.40.

100 percent of people with a stand-alone Medicare prescription drug plan have access to a plan with a lower premium than what they paid in 2021.

Eight stand-alone Medicare prescription drug plans and 29 Medicare Advantage plans with prescription drug coverage will offer lower out-of-pocket insulin costs through the Part D Senior Savings Model.

Through the CMS Innovation Center's Value-Based Insurance Design (VBID) Model, 16 plans will offer Medicare Advantage enrollees eliminated Part D cost-sharing; rewards and incentives programs related to healthy behaviors; and customized, innovative benefits that address social determinants of health, such as food insecurity and social isolation, for certain underserved and/or chronically ill enrollees.

State-by-State Fact

Sheets are available at <https://www.cms.gov/files/document/92921-state-state-fact-sheets-2022-medicare-advantage-and-part-d-landscape-final.pdf> (Kansas' Fact Sheet pgs. 49-51).

For more information on these changes and other Medicare-related issues, please contact KDADS' Senior Health Insurance Counseling for Kansas (SHICK), a free program that offers Kansans an opportunity to talk with trained community volunteers and get answers to questions about Medicare and other insurance issues. SHICK has counselors throughout the state that can as-

sist people, so they stay informed on changing conditions in health care insurance. Call 800-860-5260 for this free counseling service.

SHICK counselors receive training on Medicare, Medicare Supplement Insurance, Long-Term Care and other health insurance subjects that concern older Kansans. The counselors do not work for any insurance company, their goal is to educate and assist the public to make informed decisions on what's best for each individual situation.

## Comfortably Dumb by Bruce Quast



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Wild West in Dodge City



Clockwise from above left:  
Lane Halderson  
CHS Cheerleaders  
Dagim Reed  
Luke McGuire



A Send-Off Befitting the Wildcats



Molly Morgan Photos

Booster Club Thanks Hospitality Heroes

The Cunningham Wildcat Booster Club would like to thank many community members who went the extra mile to support the CHS Football team. After each home game, a meal was served for our football team/coaches as well as the opposing team. The gesture of feeding both teams was an effort to provide great hospitality and build good will off the field. Every visiting team conducted themselves with utmost gratitude for the meal and hospitality. It was awesome to see the boys interacting with each other as the teams mixed together and visited while they ate. Football boys can consume quite a bit after playing a game and the expense of the meals did add up. Several community members and businesses volunteered to sponsor the cost of the football meals. We consider these individuals and businesses to be our Hospitality Heroes for defraying the expense of the meals. These special contributors are:

- Heartland Soil Service
- KCNonline
- West Café On-the-Go (prepared and donated a meal)
- Tyler & Jamie Thimesch
- Janet DeWeese
- Steve & Liz Miller
- Jeff & Leah Ellis
- Chris Rohr
- Ken & Ginny Wright
- Sean & Donna Crowley
- R Thimesch Construction

Both our JH and our HS football teams had outstanding seasons. We are so fortunate to have such wonderful community members willing to support our Cunningham youth.  
-Judy DeWeese, Booster Club President

### Pratt County Commission Minutes for October 25th, 2021

The Pratt County Commissioners met in regular session, Monday, October 25, 2021 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. Also, present, Micheal Blackford, Pratt Tribune.

Tyson Eisenhauer, county counselor, please state your name and title when speaking, public comment will be allowed to the extent that it is on topic. Persons participating via Zoom are currently muted. If you have a comment, please let Mark know via the chat function. Mark will then inform chairman Shriver, who can take up the comment in a manner that does not disrupt the agenda. In the event an executive session is needed, it will be muted when recessed and turned back on when they return from executive session.

Heather Morgan, COVID/economic development consultant, reported the Pratt area economic development committee met and there are two new businesses coming soon. The new napa store will have a grand opening in two weeks. The committee moved forward on a retail store that will open after renovations are finished in the building.

Reported daycare is still an issue. There have been different conversations with entities on the lack of daycare and possible solutions. In January 2021, economic development will host a

meeting for businesses to learn more about incentives, focusing on the retail sector. The federal ARP reporting and funding for small cities and Pratt County has been extended to April 30, 2022. They are close to passing the infrastructure bill possibly by the end of the month. Hopefully more guidelines will follow. She has not heard back from the accountant, Varney & Associates. Also, there was grant money awarded to EMS, needs reporting done by December 31, 2021. She is assisting EMS with the reporting process. Chairman Shriver reported he had received an email from Senator Moran concerning the Hwy 54 project. He has requested his cell number. He said he would keep Heather updated.

Jon Roach, noxious weed director, reported they had finished spraying for this year. They are still surveying for the state. They will winterize the vehicles. He asked to get bids for a new four-wheeler, instructed to wait until January 2022, but go ahead and get the spec sheet ready. He asked for approval to keep the part time employee active through the winter or until a full time employee is hired. Commissioners approved the request.

Kelly McMurphy, Landmark Architect, reported the jail exterior door/window job is nearly finished. There are a few small items being finished. He reported an issue with locks and door closure in the detention area. He had someone look at it, they recommended calling the company that installed the locks inside the detention center.

He presented a request for a cost proposal for the Pratt County Public Safety Center from Smiley Concrete LLC in the amount of

\$27,872.00 for additional dirt work and concrete for changes to the piers and footings. He reported the project is 57.7% finished. Commissioner Jones questioned why the cost proposal was not brought to their attention sooner. Chairman Shriver stated it should have been presented as a change order the commissioners would have approved, before the work was done. It was stated communication between contractor, architect and commissioners needs to be better. Kelly reported the mechanical contractor and concrete sub-contractor are on site. Framing is in progress. The generator set last week Chairman Shriver questioned how workers were going to get in and out when the road construction starts. Kelly stated it will start March 2022. They will start at Hwy 54 and work north, up to and including the south drive. That approach has been poured. They will let it set to cure. They then will use the south part of the road and will pour on to the north. It is a 30-60 day project.

John Hamm, Hamm real estate/auction, questioned the purchase of a piece of property Pratt County owns. It is .03 acres in the SE4SE4 of 35-27-11. Tyson stated Pratt County bought it at a tax foreclosure sale in 2001. It will have to go out to bid. It has to be published in the Pratt Tribune for three consecutive weeks. All bids can be rejected if they are in an amount less than the current market value of said property. The bids will be opened in the commissioner meeting, Tyson will check with Doug Freund, road supervisor if he using the land for anything. Adams made a motion to approve the sale of tract in the amount of .03 acres in the SE4SE4 in 35-27-11 if the road department isn't using. Commissioner

Jones seconded. Motion carried 3-0. Tyson went over the process of selling the property. If the Pratt Tribune can publish the public notice and advertisement for bids, November 3, November 10 and November 17, 2021, the bids will be due in the county clerk's office on or before November 22, 2021, at 2:00 p.m., at which time the bids will be opened and read aloud.

Darcie Vander Vyver, health director, reported on the KS-Han newsletter. All COVID 19 vaccines boosters are now authorized and recommended. They are still giving COVID 19 vaccines on Thursday this week. She does not have enough staff to do pods. Pharmacies and other health facilities are also giving boosters/flu shots. The first week of November they are having walk in's only for COVID boosters and flu vaccines. She was awarded a grant from the IAP supplemental 3 in the amount of \$63,000 to be used at the Community Center for a sign, security cameras and an electronic door. She reported the Committee for Health Assessment needs had a meeting and reported daycare is still a need in Pratt County.

Commissioner Jones made a motion to approve the minutes from October 11, 2021. Commissioner Adams seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Chairman Shriver signed the EMS contract

with Osage Industries Inc for a new chassis for Medic 3.

Tyson Eisenhauer, county counselor, presented a contract agreement with Gilmore & Bell in the amount of \$1500.00. Commissioner Adams made a motion to approve the contract engagement with Gilmore & Bell for disclosure in the amount of \$1500.00 for five years. Commissioner Jones seconded. Motion carried 3-0. He stated the KDOT agreement will need to be signed after hearing from Kirkham Michael.

Commissioner Adams questioned the sprinkler system at the courthouse if the other commissioners are interested. Need to have someone write up the specs and get bids.

Chairman Shriver requested a fifteen-minute executive session at 3:26 pm to discuss an attorney/client matter and return at 3:41 p.m. Commissioner Jones seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. Commissioner Jones stated to come out of executive session at 3:41 p.m. with nothing to report.

Commissioner Jones made a motion to approve payment vouchers for October 25, 2021. Commissioner Adams seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. Chairman Shriver questioned payment for two new vehicles at the sheriff department, is he adding or replacing? He asked if they wanted to table signing the check or approve it. Tyson explained he

has the authority to spend his budget how he wants. Chairman Shriver stated he feels Sheriff White should communicate with the commissioners.

Commissioner Jones made a motion to approve payment to Harman Huffman Construction Group Inc for Certificate #10 in the amount of \$264,600. Commissioner Adams seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. Commissioner Jones stated there is \$317,980.65 left in the bond proceeds. When that is depleted, the remainder will be paid out of capital improvement.

Sheriff White was questioned about the vehicle purchase. He stated he had traded in two vehicles and purchased two new patrol vehicles. Chairman Shriver questioned him about the jail locks. They are still functional, just need adjustments before they get worse.

Chairman Shriver requested to recess into executive session at 4:06 pm for five minutes to discuss non-elected personnel and will return from executive session at 4:11 p.m.

Commissioner Jones seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. Chairman Shriver stated there is nothing to report.

Commissioner Adams made a motion to adjourn at 4:12 pm. Commissioner Jones seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. Meeting adjourned at 4:12 pm.

### Public Notice

First Published in The Cunningham Courier on Thursday, November 4, 2021 (3t)

IN THE THIRTIETH JUDICIAL DISTRICT  
DISTRICT COURT, KINGMAN COUNTY, KANSAS  
CIVIL DEPARTMENT  
BLB OIL LLC., a Florida limited liability company;  
BRENDA B. REDFERN, as trustee of THE BRENDA B. REDFERN LIVING TRUST dated September 14, 2006;  
KIM L. CURRY, as trustee of THE KIM L. CURRY REVOCABLE TRUST dated August 1, 2018  
Plaintiffs,  
v.

BAYSHORE ENERGY KS LLC;  
JOHN RICHARD KLINE a/k/a John R. Kline, deceased;  
JEWELL DARLENE KLINE;  
PATRICIA A. SIMKINS;  
JEANNIE GARARD;  
JEFFREY S. PRUITT;  
BRADLEY D. PRUITT, deceased;  
JOYCE MILLER PRUITT a/k/a Joyce Phipps;  
TONYA M. PRUITT;  
NICHOLAS SCOTT PRUITT;  
RACHEL JANEEN GUBITZ a/k/a Rachel Pruitt  
JAN LEE STEWART, deceased;  
LISA M. MCCORMICK;  
JENNIFER L. PEARSON;  
H. A. MAYOR, JR., deceased;  
NORMA HALB MAYOR, deceased;  
H. A. MAYOR, III;  
LORI JEAN MAYOR;  
MARCY MAYOR RAMSAY;  
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Defendants.

Pursuant to K.S.A. Chapter 60 Case No. 2021-CV-000020  
TITLE TO REAL ESTATE INVOLVED  
NOTICE OF SUIT

To Bayshore Energy KS LLC, Jewell Darlene Kline, Patricia A. Simkins, Jeannie Garard, Jeffrey S. Pruitt, Bradley D. Pruitt, deceased, Joyce Miller Pruitt a/k/a Joyce Phipps, Tonya M. Pruitt, Nicholas Scott Pruitt, Rachel Janeen Gubitza a/k/a Rachel Pruitt, Jan Lee Stewart, deceased, Lisa M. McCormick, Jennifer L. Pearson, H.A. Mayor, Jr., deceased, Norma Halb Mayor, deceased, H.A. Mayor, III, Lori Jean Mayor, Marcy Mayor Ramsay, Kenton S. Stewart Revocable Trust dated January 23, 1995, JPMorgan Chase Bank, National Association, as successor by merger to the Valley National Bank of Arizona, trustee of The Paul K. Boyer Trust, and Washington Federal Bank, National Association, and the unknown heirs, executors, administrators, devisees, trustees, creditors and assigns of above-captioned persons alleged to be deceased, unknown spouses of any above-captioned individual, unknown officers, successors, trustees, creditor or creditors and assigns of an above-named individual or entity that is an existing, dissolved or dormant corporation, unknown executors, administrators, devisees, trustees, creditors, successors and assigns of any above-named

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You are notified that a Petition has been filed in the District Court of Kingman County, Kansas, Civil Department, by BLB Oil, LLC, Brenda B. Redfern, as trustee of the Brenda B. Redfern Living Trust dated September 14, 2006, and Kim L. Curry, as trustee of the Kim L. Curry Revocable Trust dated August 1, 2018, praying for partition of the working interest in the following described oil and gas leases covering the following described land situated in Kingman County, Kansas:

"Tjaden E Lease": Oil and Gas Lease dated December 22, 1953, between Joe Tjaden, et al., as lessors, and Pickrell Drilling Co., as lessee, recorded in Book 67, at page 131, covering the Southwest Quarter of Section 28, Township 30 South, Range 8 West, Kingman County, Kansas;

You are hereby required to plead to the Petition on or before December 15, 2021, in the court at the Kingman County Courthouse, 130 N Spruce Street, Kingman, Kansas 67068. If you fail to plead, judgment will be entered upon the Petition.

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Attorneys for Plaintiffs

### From the Kingman County Health Department

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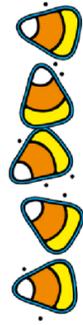
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### Comfortably Dumb by Bruce Quast



# Trick-or-Treat Street



photos by Molly Morgan



Several merchants took advantage of the chance to treat the ghouls and goblins on Trick-or-Treat Street last Friday.

Those businesses and organizations who were open or brought goodies to Main Street for the spooks were: City Hall, Cunningham Public Library, Skyland Grain, Ninnescah Valley Bank, Cunningham Historical Society, Beat Repair, Cunningham Auto, and Fitzsimmons Insurance.

Thanks to all who made this a fun afternoon adventure on a beautiful fall day .

## Kingman County Sheriff's Report

### Sunday, October 24

- Traffic complaint
- Traffic complaint
- Fire investigation
- Fire --structure
- Harassment
- Suspicious person
- Theft
- Vehicle- Disabled

- 600 Blk N Main Street Spivey
- E Hwy 54 & NE 150 Ave Cunningham
- 400 block W. Burns Ave, Norwich
- 16000 block NE 20 St. Cheney
- 200 block S Morningside St. Norwich
- 100 block E. A Avenue, Kingman
- 14000 block NE 20 St. Cheney
- 7000 block NE 20 St. Cheney

### Monday, October 25

- Traffic complaint
- Traffic complaint
- Animal
- Suspicious person
- Suspicious person
- Theft
- Trespassing

- NE 10 St & NE 90 Ave area, Kingman
- 3000 Blk E Hwy 54, Kingman
- 12000 block SE 170 St. Norwich
- NW 5 St. & NW 150 Ave area, Cunningham
- 100 block W First St. Cunningham
- 30 block SE 160 Ave. Cheney
- 8500 block SE Burns Ave. Kingman

### Tuesday, October 26

- Traffic complaint
- Traffic complaint
- Traffic complaint
- Traffic complaint
- Animal
- Suspicious person
- Suspicious vehicle
- Suspicious vehicle
- Theft
- Vehicle - disabled

- NE 10 St & NE 80 Ave area Kingman
- NW 60 St. & N Hwy 11 area, Kingman
- SW 90 Ave & SW 40 St area Zenda
- NE 10 ST & NE 100 Ave. area Murdock
- SE 20 St & SE 80 Ave area, Murdock
- 16000 block SW 130 Ave. Zenda
- 327 N Douglas St. Cunningham
- 300 block N Main St. Cunningham
- 200 block S. Main St. Spivey
- NE 100 Ve & E Hwy 54 area, Kingman

### Wednesday, October 27

- Traffic stop
- Traffic complaint
- Traffic complaint
- Suspicious person
- Vehicle - disabled
- Vehicle - disabled
- Vehicle - disabled

- 5
- 200 block W Burns Ave. Norwich
- SW 110 St & SW 30 Ave area, Spivey
- 15000 block E Hwy 54 Cheney
- 8000 block W Hwy 54, Cunningham
- NW 110 Ave & W Hwy 54 area, Kingman
- SW 170 Ave & W Hwy 54 area, Kingman

### Thursday, October 28

- Traffic Stop
- 911 Hang-up dial
- Harassment
- Motorist assist
- Motorist assist
- Suspicious person
- Suspicious person
- Vehicle disabled
- Vehicle disabled

- 3
- 3800 block S Hwy 14 Kingman
- 10000 block SW 40 Ave Spivey
- 2500 block E Hwy 54 Kingman
- 5000 block E Hwy 54 Kingman
- 2000 block NW 50 Ave Kingman
- 600 block NE 20 Ave Kingman
- E. D Ave & N Main St area, Kingman
- 2000 block E Hwy 54 Kingman

### Friday, October 29

- Traffic Complaint
- Alarm
- Animal
- Suspicious person
- Vehicle disabled
- Vehicle disabled

- 700 blovk E Hey 42 Spivey
- 200 block S Parkway St. Norwich
- 4000 block NE 40 Ave Kingman
- 800 block NE 20 Ave Kingman
- 1600 block S Main St. Kingman
- 700 block W. D Ave Kingman

### Saturday, October 23

- Traffic complaint
- Traffic complaint
- Citizen Assist
- Suspicious vehicle
- Vehicle disabled
- Welfare check

- 16000 block NE 50 St. Cheney
- SE 20 St. & S Hwy 14, Kingman
- NE 10 St & NE 130 Ave area, Cheney
- 5000 block E Hwy 54, Kingman
- 400 block N Main St. Zenda
- Kingman County



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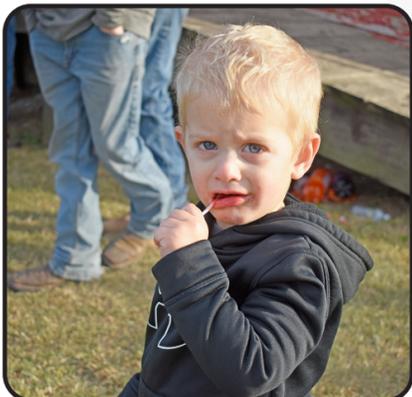
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IN THE THIRTIETH JUDICIAL DISTRICT DISTRICT COURT OF KINGMAN COUNTY, KANSAS

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF:)

ROBERT S. WUNSCH, Deceased.

CASE NO. 2021 PR 31 (Pursuant to K.S.A. Chapter 59)

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:

You are hereby notified that on October 22, 2021, a Petition for Issuance of Letters of Administration was filed in this Court by Melissa Tetrick, an heir.

You are required to file your written defenses thereto on or before November 16, 2021, 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.

All creditors of the decedent are notified to exhibit their demands against the Estate within the latter of four 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.

*Melissa Tetrick, Petitioner*  
Brandon T. Ritcha  
Ricke & Ritcha Law Office  
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Attorney for Petitioner

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## Evelyn Schafer

Evelyn Schafer, 89, of Wichita KS, passed away Thursday, October 21, 2021, at Catholic Care Center, Bel Aire, KS. She was born July 4, 1932 in St. Leo, KS to Casper and Irene (Lingg) Schnittker. In 1950, she graduated from Sacred Heart Academy in Wichita. Evelyn earned her degree in nursing at St. Rose Hospital, Great Bend, KS in 1953.



Evelyn had a career in nursing for more than 40 years, working in various areas including: gerontology, orthopedics, family practice and county health. She also helped her husband with his veterinary practice in Pretty Prairie, KS for 18 years while raising five children.

The most important thing in Evelyn's life was her family, and spending time with her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren was the highlight. As the kids were growing up, she was very active as a Boy Scout den mother, a 4-H leader, and a catechism teacher. She was involved with various clubs, including the Beta Study Club and Altar Society. Her hobbies included gardening, crafting, baking, reading, and collecting apple paperweights.

Evelyn was a strong advocate for the developmentally disabled and served on numerous boards to promote vocational and independent-living opportunities for many. She was a role model for other parents, including her son, Dennis and his wife, Nancy. Evelyn pushed for educational opportunities for her daughter, Cindy, in the years before special education laws existed.

She is survived by her husband, Jerry, and daughter, Cindy, of Wichita; daughters, Susan (Ron) Wendland of Randolph, KS, Judy (Ronnie) Jones of Owasso, OK; sons, Greg (Cindy) Schafer, Wichita, and Dennis (Nancy) Schafer, Anacortes, WA; sister, Florence Dean of Vicksburg, MS; eight grandchildren and sixteen great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; sisters, Leona Hipp, LaVena Davis, Victoria Smith, Emilia Spade, Marietta Brabec, Agnes Schnittker; and brothers, Elmer Schnittker and LeRoy Schnittker.

Funeral Mass was Thursday, October 28, 2021, at Church of the Resurrection Catholic Church.

A memorial has been established with: Arrowhead West Inc., 1100 E. Wyatt Earp Blvd, Dodge City, KS 67801.

The family wishes to thank Catholic Care Center along with Home Health and Hospice of Wichita for the care and help given.

Services in care of Downing & Lahey Mortuary - East Chapel.

## Donetta Raymond

Donetta Kay Raymond, 68, retired Spirit employee passed away on Tuesday, October 26, 2021. She was preceded in death by her parents; Doyle and Vanetta Matthews and sister; Robin Walter. Donetta is survived by her children; Greg Madison and Leslie Schrag. Daughter-in-law; Charlene Barber. Sister; Monica (Punk) Roe. Grandsons; Matthew, Casey, Connor and Clayton. Memorial services were held on Wednesday, November 3, 2021 at the Cheney Baptist Church. Memorials may be made to: Cheney Baptist Church and National Ovarian Cancer Coalition.

## Angie Biggs

Angeline "Angie" Catherine Biggs, 93, died Oct. 28, 2021 at Park West, Wichita.

She was born May 29, 1928, in St. Mary's Aleppo, Kansas, the daughter of Michael Jacob Martin, Jr. and Angela Marie Ewertz Martin. A longtime resident of Kingman County, previously of St. Mary's, Garden Plain and Andale, she was a retired teacher.



Angie received her education at St. Mary's Aleppo Grade School, Andale High School, Newman University and Wichita State University.

She was a member of St. Patrick's Catholic Church in Kingman, St. Catherine of Sienna in Wichita; and the Daughters of Isabella.

On Oct. 24, 1950, Angie married Daniel Biggs, Jr. at St. Mary's Aleppo; he died Apr. 1, 2011. Survivors include sons Gregory (Jeri), Wichita, Bradley (Sherri), Shalimar, FL, and Daniel III (Elvira), Miami, FL; daughters Sharon (Bill) Buscher, Topeka, Constance (John) Leavitt, Olathe, Marianne (Bruce) Larue, Oberlin, and Judith (Benjamin) Garbuio, Washington, D.C.; sisters Joan Wood-Smith, Wichita, Patricia Beardsley, Omaha, NE and Mary Bremerman, Salina; 22 grandchildren; and 30 great-grandchildren. She was also preceded in death by brothers Louis and Raphael Martin; and sisters Rose Marie Kasel and Betty Bowling.

Mass of Christian Burial was, Wednesday at the church. Burial was in the Walnut Hill Cemetery.

Memorials may be made with St. Patrick's School and Newman University.

## Karen Conner

Karen Viola Conner, 86, passed away Friday, October 15, 2021 at Plaza West Care Center. She was born on June 20, 1935 in Pratt, Kansas, to Walter Edwin Northrop and Elvira Belle (Meredith) Northrop. Karen married Kenneth Jack Conner on December 9, 1950 in Pratt. He preceded her in death on January 11, 1999.



Karen was a member of Pratt Pentecostal Holiness Church. She enjoyed painting, planting flowers and crocheting.

She is survived by her children, Kenneth Edward, and wife Melody Conner of Cathedral City, California, Patricia Marie Minton of Topeka and James Edwin Conner of Pratt; brother, Harry Northrop; 9 grandchildren; 12 great grandchildren; and 4 great-great grandchildren.

Karen is preceded in death by her parents; husband, Kenneth Jack Conner; son, Phillip Jay Conner; and 10 siblings.

Visitation will be Saturday, November 6, 2021 from 1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m. with funeral service following at 2:00 p.m. at Larrison Mortuary, 300 Country Club Road, Pratt with Reverend Kenneth Edward Conner presiding. Burial will follow at Greenlawn Cemetery, Pratt.

Memorials may be made to Karen Conner Memorial Fund in care of Larrison Mortuary.

## Lavina Yoder

Lavina M. Yoder, 94, died Oct. 24, 2021 in Kingman.

She was born July 6, 1927, at St. Francis, Kansas the daughter of George Daniel and Josephine C. Tagtmeyer Felzien. A longtime Kingman resident, she was a retired beautician

On June 26, 1943, she married Floyd Yoder at Goodland, Kansas; he died Oct. 22, 2007. Survivors include grandchildren Troy Yoder, Kelsey Yoder, Laurie Simmons, Christy Johnston and Stasi Fox. She was also preceded in death by son Danny Yoder; two brothers and two sisters.

Memorial services will be 11:00 a.m., Nov. 15, 2021 at the First Baptist Church, Kingman.

## Charlotte Swonger

Charlotte Rae Swonger, 96, passed away Monday, November 1, 2021 at Leisure Homestead in Stafford. She was born on September 9, 1925 in Dodge City to Newton Ray and Clara Harriet (Case) Pride. Charlotte married Rex Leon Swonger on January 25, 1946 in Sawyer. He preceded her in death on June 6, 2007.



Charlotte graduated from Sawyer High School in 1944. She taught 4th grade at Sawyer Elementary School for 7 years and then taught 4th Grade at Skyline Elementary School for 26 years. She was a member of Reach Church, Sweet Adelines and Apple Patch Quilters. She enjoyed teaching Sunday School, quilting, singing, collecting antiques and reading.

She is survived by her daughter, Sue (John) Meuten of Wichita; son, Brett (Susan) Swonger of Pratt; grandchildren, Jeremiah McCutchen of Pratt, Rosa (Gary) Valentine of Warsaw, Missouri, Dustin Meuten of Wichita, Brandon (Angela) Meuten of Wichita, Marti (Tyler) Applegate of Chanute, Chelsea (Kendall) Snyder of Wichita and Jesse Swonger of Wichita; 12 great grandchildren; and 9 great great grandchildren.

Charlotte is preceded in death by her husband, Rex Leon Swonger; parents; sisters, Norma Wargo and Carol Dauner; and brothers, Laurel "Casey" Pride and Jimmy Pride.

Visitation will be Monday, November 8, 2021 from 9:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m. with family receiving friends from 5-7 at Larrison Mortuary, 300 Country Club Road, Pratt. Funeral service will be held at 10:00 a.m., Tuesday, November 9, 2021 at Reach Church, Pratt with Pastor Bryan Beittel presiding. Burial will follow at Ellenwood Cemetery, Sawyer.

Memorials may be made to Skyline School Foundation in care of Larrison Mortuary.

## Alison McVay

A celebration of life service will be held at 2:00 p.m., Saturday, November 6, 2021 at Anderson Elementary School, Wichita, Kansas for Alison S. McVay, age 43. She was born July 5, 1978 in Atchison, Kansas to Ted McVay and Sharon Brennan McVay and passed away on October 28, 2021 at her home.



Alison graduated from Kingman High School and Emporia State University and began her teaching career in the Wichita Public School system. She was passionate about teaching and all her children held a special place in her heart. Alison pursued a master's degree in special education and held her colleagues in high regard at Anderson Elementary School. The only thing she loved more than teaching was her therapy dog Custer and her nieces and nephews. Her love for all things Kansas State and Kansas State Football was evident daily.

Alison is survived by her father and step-mother Ted and Sue McVay; mother Sharon McVay and friend Fred Bammes; sister Angela (Matt) Landwehr; step-sister Angie (Luke) Schmidt; step-brother Jason (Ghen) Hess; nephews McCoy Landwehr; Ben and Jacob Schmidt; Liam Hess and nieces Jacqie Schmidt; Cassie and Amarissee Hess. She was preceded in death by her therapy dog, Custer.

The family is requiring masks be used and encourage Kansas State or Anderson Elementary casual attire be worn for the service. Also, nonperishable food items are being requested for the Anderson Elementary Holiday Food Drive. Memorials may be made to Anderson Elementary School in care of Livingston Funeral Home, 1830 N Main, Kingman, KS 67068.

## Larry Harbin

Larry L. Harbin, 80, died Oct. 26, 2021 at Cunningham, Kansas.



He was born Nov. 7, 1940, at Anthony, Kansas the son of Squire Oliver and Beryl Helene Wilcox. A resident of the Harper and Anthony communities most of his life, he was a retired auto mechanic.

Larry was a 1959 graduate of Anthony High school where he excelled in sports and was an Eagle Scout. He was also active in the Anthony Gun Club.

He married Barbara J. Renollet. He married Donna Burling on Aug. 24, 1985, at Anthony. Other survivors include sons and their wives, Mike and Carol, Brad, Mark and Pam and Galen and Claudia; step-daughter Joyce Ann Robinson and husband David; step-son Marvin Burling, Jr. and wife Shannon; 13 grandchildren; and 8 great-grandchildren. He was preceded by a brother Donald Jack Harbin and his sister Donna Sue DeWoody.

Graveside services were Saturday at the Forest Park Cemetery in Anthony.

Memorials may be made with the Hilltop Manor of Cunningham.



### A Note of Thanks

*The family of Beverly Zrubek would like to thank everyone for their cards and memories; for their memorials and masses; for their thoughts and love extended to us after her passing. She was proud to call Cunningham her home. It is filled with gracious and caring people. A special thank you to the editor of the paper for the kind words about our mom and grandmother.*

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