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Kansas Profile- Now That's Rural: Landon Oldham, Heartland Soil Services

If you have a sore foot, you don't want your doctor to treat you for a headache. If you have a stomachache, you don't want your doctor to put a cast on your hand.

The treatment should be driven by the precise diagnosis.

Such is the case in modern agriculture, where farmers are recognizing that different types or amounts of soil treatments can be applied more precisely exactly where they are needed. Today we'll meet a company that is helping farmers use data to apply their inputs in a more efficient, effective and environmentally friendly way.

Landon Oldham is the founder and owner of Heartland Soil Services, headquartered in Cunningham with representatives in several other Kansas towns. Landon grew up in Cunningham, working for multiple farmers in the region. He met Vicki in grade school and they would eventually marry. He earned a degree in agribusiness at K-State.

During and after college, he worked for a Missouri company installing precision agriculture equipment. "It seemed to me that there was a missing link," Landon said. "Farmers needed more



data in order to use those systems to their full potential."

He saw how more information would help farmers use this equipment more effectively and thought there might be a business opportunity there.

"It was the end of 2009," Landon said. "My wife was eight months pregnant with our first child and we had signed a contract on a house. I told her my idea and she said, 'Yes, it could work.' I said, 'Well, I hope it does, because I quit my job today.'"

It was a leap of faith, but that was the beginning of Heartland Soil Services. Today, Heartland Soil Services specializes in soil sampling, yield mapping, imagery, irrigation management tools, variable rate seeding and fertilizer prescriptions, and end of season data

analysis. This is useful for precision agriculture, which means applying precise amounts of field inputs only where needed and in the amounts needed.

In previous decades, farmers might apply blanket amounts of fertilizer to their fields. Heartland Soil Services can gather the data to enable farmers to adjust their field applications according to nature's needs. The process begins with testing soil samples from a field.

"Unless you test, it's just a guess" is a Heartland Soil Services motto. The soil tests indicate what nutrients are needed where.

"Our field technician will physically drive the boundary of a field, lay out a grid map, and pull (soil) core samples for testing," Landon said. The samples are tested in a lab and the results are entered into the Heartland Soil Services software system.

"From that, we create a soil surface nutrient analysis and product recommendation," Landon said. "Those recommendations are specific to that crop, that field, that grower, and that acre," he said.

The analysis covers both major and micro-nutrient needs. Furthermore, he said, that information can be loaded onto a thumb drive that can be plugged into the equipment so that inputs can be applied at various rates as needed in the field.

When Heartland Soil Services' sys-

tem was first developed in 2013, the data files were too large for practical use. "We built our own file storage and transfer system," Landon said. Now, Heartland Soil Services offers several services including DataFarm, which allows producers or co-ops to download files into a tractor or to control a spreader or sprayer.

"The data is accessible on a cell phone," Landon said.

Heartland Soil Services works with USDA's Natural Resources Conservation Service on a program called FarmComp, which compiles and formats data that farmers need to submit in order to comply with soil and water conservation programs.

All this creates a modern, high-tech way of farming that is good for the producer and the environment. It's great to find this cutting-edge business in a rural community such as Cunningham, population 454 people. Now, that's rural.

For more information, see www.heartlandsoilservices.com.

We commend Landon Oldham and all the people at Heartland Soil Services for making a difference with their innovative, high-tech approach to farming. Can their system help a farmer and the environment? Precisely.

by Ron Wilson

Posted on November 17, 2021 by Pat Melgares

Tuesday, November 30 City Council Meeting Agenda

Meeting will be held at City Hall, 119 N. Main St.

6:30 p.m. – Call to Order

Approval of Agenda

Approval of Minutes of October 25, 2021 meeting

Public comments, concerns, & communications

Fire Dept. – Harold Stark, Chief's Report

Burn site keys

New Council Webinar

Reports

Property Officer

Planning & Zoning

Maintenance

Swimming Pool

Animal Control

Financial Report & payment of bills

Adjourn

Minutes from Kingman County Commission November 15, 2021

The Board of Kingman County Commissioners met in the Commission Room of the County Courthouse, Kingman, Kansas on November 15th, 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; Matt Towne, Ideatek; Corey Jansen, Ideatek and Rhonda Fernandez, PIC.

Staff: Stan Goetz, HR/Planning/Zoning/Wastewater Director and Charles Arensdorf, Public Works Director.

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

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

Chairman Henning wanted to add Flat Ridge 3 discussion.

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

Chairman Henning asked if there were any public comments.

No comments were made.

Commissioners discussed Flat Ridge 3 and that they have started producing power and a million dollars was due to the County per the road agreement.

John Caton, County Counselor said that a bill should be sent today for the million dollars to AEP Renewables (Flat Ridge 3).

Commissioners agreed to a vacation extension.

Matt Towne and Corey Jansen with

Ideatek were in to present their phone system to the County Commissioners and reviewed the price quote.

MOTION: Commissioner Foley moved to go with Ideatek phone system. Commissioner Thimesch seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

The County Commissioners reviewed the levy sheet for 2021 taxes.

Rhonda Fernandez, PIC (Professional Insurance Consultants) was in to let the Commissioners know about her company and what it available.

Stan Goetz, HR/Planning/Zoning/Wastewater Director was in with a resolution for a change from Light Industrial to Rural resident status change.

MOTION: Commissioner Foley moved to approve the Resolution 2021-R17, A RESOLUTION CHANGING THE ZONING DISTRICT CLASSIFICATION OF CERTAIN PROPERTY LOCATED IN THE
(con't page 8)

**Cunningham City Council
Meeting has been moved to
Tuesday, November 30th, 2021
at 6:30 p.m.**



Happy Thanksgiving

Thank you for choosing us to care
for and your family.

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Meanderings

To the right, you will find a few mathematical equations that sum up the chaos at my home. You do see who the common denominator is, right? Yes, I thought you did.

This new gal is just not getting the full picture of how nice her life here will be if she'd just settle down and behave. Play nice, don't fight. Leave the cats alone. Eat from ONLY your bowl. Potty outside. Don't jump on me. Leave the cat food alone. Stay out of the litter boxes.

I have decided to give her three months - until the end of January - to make some major strides in her behavior. If she can't play nicely with the other dogs, and she can't leave the cats alone, she may have to find another home. She is my fourth

Clarence + Quin	= barking, snarling, growling, yelping, whining
Belle Starr	
Clarence	= barking, snarling, growling, yelping, whining
Belle Starr	
Quin	= barking, snarling, growling, yelping, whining
Belle Starr	
Cats	= barking, hissing, growling, whining, spitting
Belle Starr	
Clarence + Quin + Cats	= peace and quiet

dog as an adult, and I had no trouble training the other three.

Okay, well, let me rethink that.... Clarence did take a bit of time. I got him right before the new year and he finally settled in the middle of March... about three months. He still had some issues, but for the most part, he learned to behave like the good dog he is.

Clarence doesn't appear to like Belle. He bullies her constantly. Tags along after her, growling and nipping at her. Quin wants to play with her until she gets too rough. The cats are terrified of her, except Zsa Zsa who

is totally annoyed by her.

Because Clarence liked to get into the cats' food, I have it up on table in my bedroom. He has learned to leave it alone, but I still keep it up there... just in case he's ever tempted.

When I brought Quin home this past summer, it wasn't long before he found a way to get up on the table using a nearby chair. He got in trouble the two times I caught him, and he hasn't tried it again.

Belle, too, has found a way to get up on that table using the nearby chair. And no matter how many times I caught her

(countless times, I assure you), she kept getting into the food, so I moved it on top of a chest of drawers. Belle used a nearby table to get up there. I piled a couple of boxes on the chair by the table, she managed to get past those boxes to the food. She gets in trouble every time. She doesn't care. She even tries to get to the food while I'm standing there watching her.

I put up baby gates and blocked it with her crate and the chest of drawers. Didn't work. She STILL managed to get up there and eat the cat food. GRRR.

I am now building a small fortress around the table. I am using large Rubbermaid storage containers. And because Belle will find a way to knock them over, I am filling them with books. I know if they aren't heavy, she will knock them down, and find a way to get up on that table. I really am doing my best to make sure she learns to behave.

I have two cat boxes in my bathroom. Those tasty tidbits she has to dig out of the litter, are a true treat for her. I now have TWO baby gates propped up in front of them to deter her from entering. They also act as an alarm. If she tries to squeeze through, they will tip over and the clatter startles her and alerts me. She must like to be startled, because it took her 1/2 a dozen tries before she gave up. She now just looks at the cat boxes through the gates. I just shake my head.

We have a long way to go.

Last week's internet fiasco resulted in me going to bed before the paper was done.

I woke early the next morning so I could get the paper done. The internet worked great.

When I called Centurylink the afternoon before they set 7:30 the time it should be working. I guess they meant 7:30 in the morning. Very frustrating. I am not my best early in the morning, but the paper got done, and sent, I drove up to get it and it was ready on time.

Not sure what I would have done had it not been ready....

Always reading, and currently reading, "All the Devils are Here" by Louise Penny, Roberta

"C. S. Lewis wrote that we can create situations in which we are happy, but we cannot create joy. It just happens."

— Louise Penny, All the Devils Are Here

"We just don't know. The key is to keep going. Joy might be just around the corner."

— Louise Penny, All the Devils Are Here



My Breast Cancer Experience Part 15

By Beth Blasi 2021

Week of Treatment

I usually felt pretty good Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday. Then I think the pre-meds would start wearing off and I would start feeling pretty lousy on Thursday, Friday, Saturday, and sometimes Sunday. By lousy, I mean more tired, messed up intestinal issues, stomach upset, achy. After the first session, I figured out that by being more careful with my diet - almost fasting - things were a little better. That meant Sprite, water, oatmeal, toast, maybe an egg and orange or apple juice most of the week - especially at the end of the week. I hate taking

medications, but I also learned that taking some of the medications available could be very helpful to feel better.

Next Two Weeks after Treatment - On the next two Mondays, I headed back to Kingman to have bloodwork. I didn't have to wait for the results but I would most often wait in the oncology center for them to save me a return trip if there were any issues. Fortunately, I did not require any additional therapies. The key items they were watching were the white and red blood counts.

During these two weeks, the body would work to recover - but there were always intestinal issues and stomach grumbling and some new side effect. Nothing tasting or feeling as it should didn't help any. Usually by the beginning of week 2, I was feeling pretty good and felt comfortable driving and continued to deliver Friendship meals on week 2 and 3. However, by the 4th

treatment, my muscles were really beginning to feel fatigued and I really needed my afternoon naps. I did finally quit delivering meals after my 5th and 6th treatments. I endeavored to keep up with my 30-minute treadmill routine - maybe slower, and not always 30 minutes, but I could do it most days.

Routine - That was pretty much the 3-week routine - Week 1, treatment and feel bad by end of week. Week 2, lab work and start to recover. Week 3, lab work and pretty much recover (taste stayed altered). Side effects would sneak in there as well. Then start all over.

In between treatments, I would have appointments with the Oncologist to cover the side effects I was having, ask any new questions I might have, and to confirm that treatments would continue. These were usually short visits. I did get a third COVID shot in September.

Final Treatment - Nov 1, 2021! As a way to celebrate my last treatment, I wore the multi-colored wig that I had purchased for Halloween. I decided I started the treatments with colored hair,

I should end with colored hair! Unbeknownst to me, the Oncology center had also added a new experience when you finish your treatments. Several of the hospital staff gather to help you celebrate as you ring a bell three times with this saying:

"I will ring this bell three times well as my testament to say

I have fought the fight I have finished the course

And I have kept the faith"

Kind of a cool way to celebrate the last "poison" treatment (even though there is still follow-up coming!)

Life - Of course, life continues while undergoing treatments and recovery. There were those "memorable" things that occurred during these weeks. The Sunday after my first treatment, I was scheduled to play for church services. However, my body had other plans. Finally, I had to call my sister-in-law at 6:30 in the morning to tell her I just could not do it and she needed to play for church at 8:30.

The next day, Monday, was a day for lab work AND my brother and his wife had invited us to go on a road trip. I was

actually feeling better, weak - but better. As my luck had been running, of course we had a shredded tire on the camper and were lucky to find a place that could replace the tire. There was one evening when I was sitting in a recliner lawn chair covered with blankets. I was feeling puny and then had to laugh as I think I looked like one of those old folks you see in the movies lined up on the lawn of a care facility in the early 1900's.

On Day 14, my hair starting falling out and took about a week to fall out. Every shower left a pile in the drain and I always had a handful when I ran my hand through my hair. I could literally say I was "pulling out my hair"! My husband finally shaved what little remained with his electric razor.

I was able to continue my monthly lunches with a group of gals from work. Of course, choosing something for lunch was a little tricky sometimes. I had friends that came over and washed windows. Friends that met us at the Lumberyard and brought me flowers and gifts. Friends that sent me cards and kept

checking up on me.

Our annual Pig Roast had great weather in August. I restricted my eating but did discover that there were some desserts that tasted really good! Little bit of sweet is one thing I found I could still enjoy.

My husband started a new "hobby" - trapping gophers in the township cemeteries. And, as our luck had been running, my husband had to have a basal cell cancer removed from his nose. This involved a biopsy and then the in-office surgery to fully remove it. Don't worry, it didn't mess up his good looks - lol!

My brother and his wife actually took us along another road trip after my 5th treatment. We covered a lot of miles (it really was a "road" trip) which was probably a good thing since physically it was taking me much more effort. Walking level was okay, but inclines and stairs became a great challenge for the last couple treatments.

Next week - Side Effects

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Wednesday, November 24th - 26th No School, Thanksgiving Break	Wednesday, December 1st School Picture retakes
Sunday, November 28th 6:00 p.m. Dafforn Park Caroling at the Gazebo	Thursday, December 2nd JH BB vs Stafford at HOME Friday, December 3rd HS BB at Minneola
Monday, November 29th JH BB vs Norwich at HOME	Monday, December 6th 7:00 p.m. PreK - 12 Christmas Music Concert
Tuesday, November 30th 6:30 p.m. City Council Meeting ***** HS Scholar's Bowl at HOME	Tuesday, December 7th HCC apprenticeships for Junios and Seniors ***** HS BB Falcon Classic at Fairfield

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



Pratt
Community College Will Perform
"A Christmas to Remember"

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.

Caroling at the Gazebo Returns Nov. 28th

Do you hear what I hear? Could it be sleigh bells jingling ring-ting-tingling, too? Maybe there's a song in the air! Perhaps it's a group of friends and neighbors who have come a wassailing! It's all of those things! It's the return of Caroling at the Gazebo this Sunday, Nov. 28th, at 6:00 p.m. at Dafforn Park. Sponsored by PRIDE, this event is a fun kick-off to the Christmas season. All are invited to "don your gay apparel", get your fa-la-la on, and join for a time of caroling, followed by refreshments at city hall.



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"fawn face, the expression a deer makes not when it's caught in headlights but when it catches a human looking at it in wonder. The deer looks back, acknowledging not only its own terror but its own grace, and it shows off for a moment in front of the human."
— Meg Wolitzer, *The Interestings*

Joyce Depenbusch photo

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

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8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
Thursday:
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Saturday:
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5 Tips to Prep Your Home for Holiday Guests

(StatePoint) Cooler temperatures, outings to the Christmas tree farm,

game nights and holiday feasts. Now that the holiday season is here, it's time to prep your home for seasonal fun! Whether you're hosting a big or small group of family and friends this

holiday season, decorating and decluttering around the house can make party prep easier and more enjoyable for everyone. With that in mind, here are some top tips to create functional and stylish spaces that are easy to keep clean and tidy throughout the festivities.

Delightful décor. Make any room feel warm and welcoming with EasyLiner Removable Adhesive Shelf Liner by Duck Brand. Decorating with laminate is an affordable way to add pops of color to a kitchen backsplash, reading nook or old side table. Choose a print that matches your style and easily stick the laminate to smooth, flat surfaces for a fresh new look that will wow your guests.

Mudroom without messy floors. Preparing an area near your entryway for bags and shoes is a must when expecting visitors. If you have a bench with storage, add machine-washable liner to the cubby to keep shelves clean and dry. Placing liner by the entrance of your home will also offer extra space to store muddy or wet shoes and stop salt and snow from tracking in the house. When guests leave, toss the liner in the wash and reuse.

Spotless spaces for kids. All holiday gatherings need a space for kids to have fun and play

together. While setting up for arts and crafts, line the table with a clear, textured liner to prevent crayons, markers or glue from damaging surfaces. When it's time to clean up, simply wipe the liner or toss it in the dishwasher.

Get your guest room ready. If you have family staying overnight, it's time to get your guest room in shape. Dress up drawers and closet shelves with Smooth Top EasyLiner. The grip bottom will keep the liner and items in place. Trendy patterns will elevate your home décor and guests will appreciate how clean and homey the space feels during their stay.

Bathroom basics. Once you're done prepping the guest room, don't forget about the guest bathroom. Keep styling stations and the bath clean and tidy with shelf liner and a bath mat. Duck Brand offers a variety of cushioned, machine-washable bath and shower mats for extra comfort and safety. The Clorox mat is also designed to prevent the growth of mold and mildew on the mat.

Making these small updates around the house now will keep your most-used spaces clean and tidy to ensure family and friends are comfortable and happy over the holidays.

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Dennis Lubbers

Dennis J. Lubbers, 72, died Nov. 23, 2021 at Mt. Hope.

He was born March 2, 1949, in the Mt. Vernon community the son of Ed and Aurelia Blasi Lubbers. A longtime Kingman resident, he was a dairy farmer, and a CO-OP employee.

Dennis was a member of the St. Patrick Catholic Church, where he enjoyed singing in the Adult Choir, the Knights of Columbus; and was past president of the Kansas Milk Producers Association.

Survivors include son Preston and his wife Kami; daughter Stephanie Sowers and husband Rodney; brothers Vince, Eddie and Randy; sister Delores Neal; 12 grandchildren; and 6 great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents; and brothers Larry, Raymond, Kenneth and Reynold.

Parish rosary will be 6:30 p.m., Sunday at the St. Patrick Catholic Church with Mass of Christian Burial at 10:30 a.m., Monday at the Church. Friends may call from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m., Sunday at the Livingston Funeral Home. Family burial services will take place at a future date.

Memorials may be made with the St. Patrick Grade School in care of Livingston Funeral Home.

Eva Ohley

Eva Grace Ohley, 96, passed away Tuesday, November 23, 2021 at Grand Plains Skilled Nursing. She was born on October 11, 1925 in Mountain View, Missouri to Walter E and Lillie G. (Cochran) Willbanks. Eva married Moreland Dale Ohley on June 1, 1944 in Hopewell. He preceded her in death on May 31, 2016.

Eva worked as a Secretary for the Municipal County clerk. She was a member of First Christian Church and Eastern Star. She enjoyed sewing, crafting, quilting and gardening.

She is survived by her son, Kenneth Dale (Dayna) Ohley and granddaughter, Courtney Michelle Ohley all of Broomfield, Colorado.

Eva is preceded in death by her husband, M. Dale Ohley; parents; brothers, Lloyd Willbanks and Dale Willbanks; and sister, Christina Ogden.

Visitation will be Friday, November 26, 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. Graveside service will be held at 10:00 a.m., Saturday, November 27, 2021 at Iuka Cemetery, Iuka with Jan Blasi presiding.

Memorials may be made to Interim Hospice in care of Larrison Mortuary.

Lions' Club Seeking Funds to Help Kenyan Village

I'm not finished with the history pieces that I started years ago. I just got side-tracked but I guess I'm back. I haven't got to the part of history that I know the most about and I think few know about--St. Leo and Willowdale.

That history will tell of the richest man in the state who influenced the lives of hundreds in this area in regard to community and religion. There is another person who has shown an interest in participating in this endeavor and he is the true base of knowledge that I'm excited to cooperate with.

Now about the connection to water and the settlement of southwest Kingman County. When interviewing my grandpa, Bill Hageman, in 1974, he mentioned the importance of water in the lives of the early settlers. Willowdale was settled in the 1870's. It was 25 years later that St. Leo was occupied. Why? It was water!

Willowdale had more running water nearby and water closer to the surface. St. Leo wasn't settled until the availability of equipment and technology to drill deeper water wells including windmills.

Partly because of my past family history I was shocked when our Pastor Mathew showed us the video of his village members in Kenya walking for water. In the village Kakindu in Kenya people walk 5 miles or more for water for their family and animals. After talking with Mathew I decided to try and help Kakindu's water problem.

Their water shortage isn't only just distance. Quality of water is also a problem. The water they walk 5 miles one way for is also runoff water that the animals drink from with all of the pollution that entails. Fortunately, the Kakindu villagers and family have already started to try to alleviate this problem. They have paid for an extensive study to locate the best spots to drill for water. The villagers have also agreed to pay for 25% of the drilling costs, so it will be their well to maintain in the future. The water is deep--300 to 600 feet deep, and it will cost about \$10,000.

I've approached the Lion's Club about sponsoring the drilling of a water well. I've seen the generosity of this community when a real need arises. Don Heller, a recently retired engineer/farmer from Cunningham, has seen the importance of this program and is advising and cooperating with us on our progress.

If you feel in your heart you want to participate in this effort, please add your money to ours to get water for Kakindu village in Kenya. Please put Kenya Water in the memo line of your check. Tax deductible donations can be sent to The Cunningham Lions' Club P.O. Box 95, Cunningham, KS 67035.

Thank You! Alan Albers

Eilene and Jack to Celebrate 65 Years



Eilene and Jack Crick will be celebrating their 65th wedding anniversary on December 2, 2021. An anniversary open house will be held on December 4 at the Cunningham Community Center from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m.

They would like to invite their friends and family to come and help celebrate with them. And, please, your presence at this joyous event is the only gift they need.

"I want to try with someone who loves me enough to try with me. I want to grow old looking at the same face every morning. I want to grow old looking at the same face every night at the dinner table. I want to be one of those old couples you see still holding hands and laughing after fifty years of marriage. That's what I want. I want to be someone's forever."

— Rachel Gibson, *The Trouble With Valentine's Day*

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



Happy Birthday Wishes to Acotas Quinones



Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday, from 8:00 - 5:30 (except during lunch 12-1) on Wed., from 8:00 - 12:00 Call for Saturday hours. 1015 East U.S. 54, Kingman, KS



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Saturday 4:00 p.m.

St. Leo
Sunday 8:30 a.m.

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

St. Peter Willowdale
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Worship Service
10:30 a.m.

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Sunday School & Bible Class
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Worship Service
8:30 a.m.

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Worship 9:15 a.m.

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Worship 10:45 a.m.

Pastor Mathew Ndambuki Musyoki
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What: Food

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Cunningham Alumni Scholarship Fund

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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
The Cunningham Clipper

W. A. BRADLEY, EDITOR



1931

November 27-The Fee Hardware Co. presents to the people of this community another of a series of "Yore Lore" windows. This display is chiefly antique firearms. The oldest is a Springfield army rifle dated 1830. Every article needed to operate muzzle loading weapons is exhibited. Besides many cap and ball pistols and a late 1889 Craig Army rifle there is a Philippine "Bolo" which has killed at least one American during the Spanish-American War. Besides war and peacetime articles an old shoe-peg clipper is shown. The earliest traced date for its use is 1725. Candlestick molds, German material, and mine apparatus are included in the window.

The thing that gives the most laughs is an old Cunningham Grade School picture. Many of our older folks are shown as small school children. One picture in particular is that of C. H. Lakin, shown with a full growth of hair.

1936

November 27-The Operetta, "And It Rained," presented by the Music Department of the High School, at the High School auditorium last Friday evening proved splendid entertainment and received much favorable comment. A capacity house greeted the young people on their initial public appearance of the school year. The Operetta was directed by Miss Gulah Hoover, music supervisor of the schools. She was assisted in the Dance and Drill work by Miss Bernice Wyssenback and Lee Senzel, with the costumes in charge of Miss Helen Gordon.

Accompanists for the Operetta were Miss Esther McGovney at the piano, and Dr. D. E. Thompson, clarinet.

The principal characters were as follows: Mr. Wise, Proprietor of Wise Hotel, Donald Huhman. M'LLe Marie Caray, Manager of French Dancers, Joan Anderson. Dennis Black, Returning from college, Henry Pelzl. Maize Black, His sister, with one hundred dollars, Joanna Franks. Mrs. Wise, Boss of the Wise hotel and her husband, Eunice Harris. Maybelle Rich, On a special errand bent, Betty Anderson. John Rich, Her wealthy father, Oscar Tope. Curly Rich, her brother always in trouble, Oliver Baber. Steele Black, father of Dennis and Maize, and a real sport, Raymond Shrum. Jack and Fred, members of the Glee Club, Billy Bradley and Dean Thoot.

The Boys and Girls Glee Clubs formed the vocal chorus, with the Dancing chorus taken also from members.

1941

November 28-The Better Homes and Gardens club met Friday afternoon, Nov. 21, at the home of Mrs. Clayton Watkins with Mrs. Glenn Douglas as the assistant hostess.

The president, Mrs. Percy Scott, presided over the business meeting. The minutes of the last meeting and party were read and approved. Ten members answered roll call.

Mrs. Francis Bretz had Club Betterment.

Refreshments of cranberry ice, cookies and coffee were served to the following members: Mesdames Francis Bretz, Glenn Douglas, Paul Fitzsimmons, Rufus Leiter, Hubert Sellon, Percy Scott, Perry Shafer, Floren Rose, Evan Thornhill, and Clayton Watkins.

1946

November 29-The public is cordially invited to the Y. W. C. A. Christmas Tea, Monday, December 2 at 8:00 p.m. at the high school. Following the program, which is printed below, a silver offering will be taken-the proceeds of which will be given to the Tuberculosis Association to aid in their efforts.

Devotionals: Mrs. Jessie Nossaman.

Solo: "There Were Shepherds," by Miss Fairy Foster

Mixed Ensemble: "Angels From Their Realm On High."

Solo: "O Holy Night," by Mrs. W. E. Bradley.

Reading: "The Mansion," by Mrs. Ferd Burnett.

Tea will be served by the hostesses.

1951

November 30-The Cunningham Boosters, accompanied by the School Band, completed a successful booster trip Tuesday and Wednesday of this week. The Boosters visited the communities of St. Leo, Willowdale, Zenda, Nashville, Isabel, Cairo, Preston, Turon, Langdon, and Penalosa, and met with interested audiences in all towns as they advertised Cunningham's Santa Claus Day, Saturday, December 8.

1956

November 29-The Twentieth Century Club met at the S. T. Kincheloe home, Tuesday afternoon, for a Cuban Travelogue presented by Mrs. Lon Hoagland and Mrs. Ferd Burnett. Souvenirs, china, lace work, and jewelry, all of Cuban origin, were displayed.

President Mrs. S. T. Kincheloe presided over the business affairs of the club, and presented various Christmas relief and aid plans which were adopted as projects by the members.

A delicious salad course was served to Mesdames Ferd Burnett, Lon Hoagland, Edwin Krug, Guy Remy, Ted Dix, Bedford Taylor, Robert Pennock, Laverna Bradley, C. L. Davidson, and Bill Bradley.

The Girls Auxiliary of the Women's Missionary Union, and the Royal Ambassadors, local First Baptist Church youth groups, enjoyed a skating party at Pretty Prairie a week ago Monday evening. Each youth group member invited a guest. Those attending were Marshall Swander, Gary Phillips, Michael Krug, Kenneth Winters, Wesley Hendricks, Mickey Miles, Mary Leiter, Sharon Duncan, Rex Ratcliff, David Duncan, Nora Ditto, Connie Rose, June Crosley, Janet Graves, Sandra Miller, Tony Thompson, Steven Krug, Lynn Millsap, Kenneth Garrigues, John and Dale Campbell, Ronnie Wesbrooks, Timmy Cain, Jerry Strickland, Shirley Benson, Teresa Rose, Diane Spain, Pamela Noel, Monti Miles, Susan Duncan, Jill Rose, Linda Logsdon, Kenneth Glenn, Nancy Lagree, and Lowell Gridley. They were accompanied by Rev. R. W. Campbell, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Rose, Mr. and Mrs. Victor Miles, Wilbur Spain, Mrs. S. L. Logsdon and Dick, and Mr. and Mrs. Roy Duncan.

Hauser's Market

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1961

November 30-One hit and one miss were registered in wildcat oil tests in the Cunningham community during the past week.

The hit was the No. 1 Parks, located five and one-half miles northwest of town in Pratt County, where good oil and gas shows were recorded from the Viola and Simpson Sand formations.

The miss was at the No. 1 Huffman, one-half mile east and one-half mile north of town, which was listed as a dry hole at a total depth of almost 4,500 feet.

Women's Day will be observed at the Christian Church, Sunday, Dec. 3, with women of the congregation having charge of the morning worship services.

Mrs. Kenneth Hull, wife of the pastor, will deliver the sermon, using as her subject, "The Living of These Days." She will be assisted in other duties by Mrs. Everett Hauser leading Communion, and Scripture reading and prayers by Miss Betty Amick, Mrs. Floren Rose, Mrs. John Vermillion, Mrs. Alf Cooley, Mrs. Jack Crick, Mrs. Wes Hendricks, Mrs. Merrel Folsom, and Mrs. Dean Cooley. Miss Donna Renner will preside at the piano, and Mrs. John Baber will lead the song worship.

This service, led by the women, is in observance of World-Wide Missions Week, and all church members and their families are urged to be present.

Special music will be provided by Mrs. Waldo Graves and Mrs. James Wilson.

1966

December 1-The Cunningham 4-H Club held their regular monthly meeting in the high school recreation room, Monday evening, Nov. 7.

The meeting was opened by President Monte Rose, after which the members voted to enter a float in the Santa Claus Day Parade, and Gary Sterneker gave an interesting demonstration on safety in cleaning a gun.

The Dean Mantooth and Herbert Park families served delicious refreshments to the group at the close of the meeting.—Linda Kamplung, Reporter.

Plans are "shaping up" for the big welcome to be accorded Santa Claus when he comes to Cunningham, Saturday afternoon, Dec. 10, according to Dean Cooley, General Chairman.

An afternoon of fine entertainment is in the offing, starting with the parade at 1:30 o'clock, followed with the arrival of Santa Claus and the distribution of treats to everyone, and climaxed by several special

events conducted by Special Events Chairman Bill Bradley. The special events will consist of pancake races, egg-spoon races, and three-legged races. Entries in the several categories will compete for cash and merchandise prizes.

All boys and girls of the community, high school age and under, are urged to begin making plans to enter the parade. Parade divisions are the same this year as in the past-pets, horses, bicycles, dolls and doll buggies, tricycles, wagons, and floats.

Prizes of \$3.00, \$2.00, and \$1.00 will be awarded to the first, second, and third place winners in all parade divisions except floats. First, second, and third place winners in the float division will be awarded \$25.00, \$15.00, and \$10.00. Float entries will receive a \$5.00 entry fee, and every other parade entry will receive a 50¢ entry fee.

A horseshoe pitching tournament has been added to the program this year. Sixteen players will compete for trophies donated by the Cunningham Lions Club. Play will begin at 10:00 o'clock on two diamonds set up south of the Lodge Hall. You can enter the tournament by contacting Dean Cooley.

The following people have donated Bibles to be awarded to lucky treat-holders on Santa Claus Day: Homemakers HDU, Community YWCA, Cunningham Lions Club, Young Adults Sunday School Class of the Methodist Church, Mr. and Mrs. Albert McGovney, Bill, Bob, and Mike, B & H Electric, Mr. and Mrs. Dean Cooley, Rogene and Marleen, and Mr. and Mrs. Bill Bradley and Kandi.

1971

November 25-R. D. (Rusty) Baber carried an "extra" passenger around his school bus route last Wednesday morning.

When Rusty was discharging his busload of school children at the schoolhouse after completing his route, one of the kids asked if "Butch" was getting off, too.

Unbeknownst to Rusty, "Butch," Monte Steve Rose's dog, had boarded the bus during the rain when Rusty stopped at the drug store prior to going out on his route. The dog crawled under a seat and apparently enjoyed his ride around the bus route before getting off with the other passengers at the schoolhouse.

Mike Schrant has compiled an impressive record while playing for Cunningham these last two years. As a sophomore, he was given honorable mention to the Golden Plains League all-league team, and last year Mike was named to the all-league first team.

The 6'4" senior center will "team up" with four other lettermen returning for this season. Steve Albers, 5'9" senior, and Bob McGovney, 5'9" senior, both will play as guards, while Dean Simon, 6'1" senior, and Leon Fischer, 6' senior, will take the forward positions.

Another player expected to see much action is Mark Stillwell, a 5'11" junior, who can play either forward or guard.

Concerning the overall squad, Coach Nolte said, "We do have good size in some positions, but overall we are not as big as some teams in our area. One of the problems yet to be solved is how well our young people progress to compete in certain situations."

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Jr. High Basketball Girls Fall to Argonia

On Monday, November 15, 2021, the Cunningham JH girls traveled to Argonia for a non-league basketball game. Both the B-team and the A-team lost to the Lady Indians, the B-team lost 8-10 and the A-team fell 17-29. In the B-team game the Lady Wildcats trailed 4-10 at the half and held the host team scoreless the entire second half but were unable to make enough shots to win, falling 8-10. Brynn Wyatt led the B-teamers with 4 points followed by Janessa Schnittker and Whitney Mead with 2 points each. In the A-team game, the Wildcats again had trouble getting the ball through the hoop, that combined with too many turnovers led to the Argonia 29-17 win. The two teams play pretty even throughout the first half as the score was

tied 7-7 after one quarter and the Lady Indians held a slim 12-11 lead at halftime. In the second half the Lady Cats had trouble getting shots off and when they did, they weren't finding the bottom of the net often enough as Argonia pulled away in the fourth quarter to win 29-17. The Lady Wildcats were led in scoring by Emily Ogg with 7 points, Kyra Morgan was close behind with 5, Grace Hageman and Rylee Miller each chipped in 2 points and Whitney Mead rounded out the scoring with 1 point. The Lady Wildcats record now stands at 1-1 and will play their home opener on Monday, November 22 against the Raymond Bulldogs. Game time will be 4:00 for the B-team girls, with B-team boys and both A-team games to follow.

By Coach Bart Ricke



Emily Ogg



Kyra Morgan

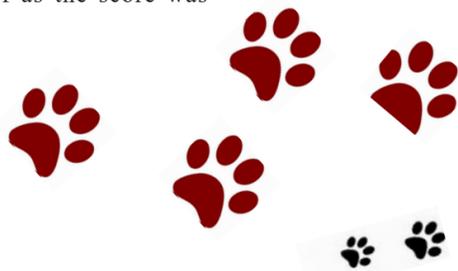


Macy Neufeld



Whitney Mead (Rylee Miller is #12)

Molly Morgan Photos



JH Wildcats Beat Back Chase Raiders

On Monday, November 15, Cunningham traveled to Argonia for a pre-season match up. The Cats jumped out to an early lead and kept that lead throughout the first quarter. They only allowed an inbounds bucket by the Raiders to lead 8 to 3. The second quarter found the Cats not playing their best ball. Being cold from the field and fouling the opponent's best player tightened up the game considerably when he made 5 of 7 from the line. The Cats had a 2 point lead and were in a little foul trouble going into the break, but came out more focused in the second half. Our defense showed up, getting turnovers and easy points. The home Raider team only scored one basket the entire third quarter, finishing it with the Wildcats up 23 to 14 and looking better. The final quarter was pretty

even as the Wildcats gave up some extra chances with missed baskets and turnovers. We did show some resilience, finishing the game 29 to 21. The chemistry is growing and hopefully better shooting is in the near future. We will rely on defense to keep us in games and get more opportunities to score. Each player has been challenged by the team to get better and earn more playing time. Some of the boys have started to step up!

Dylan Halderson led the team in rebounds with 9 while Stephen Kerschen followed with 7. Steals were led by Dylan with 4 and a host of boys had one or two steals.

by Coach Lance McGuire

Wildcat Scorers

Stephen Kerschen	7
Andrew Kerschen	6
Kendall Rogers	6
Adam Sternker	4
Layne Green	2
Andrew Schultz	2
Jack Harden	2
Blake Swope	2



Layne Green



Dylan Halderson



Coach McGuire meets with team during a time out

Molly Morgan photos



Michele Hamm Graduates from Emporia State University

Michele Annette Hamm of Pratt, Kansas, graduated from Emporia State University in August 2020. Hamm earned a Master of Science degree in Special Education with a concentration in Teaching Of Gifted. About Emporia State University Emporia State University offers over 200 academic programs in the School of Business, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, School of Library and Information Management and The Teachers College.

For five consecutive years, ESU is the only public university in Kansas to have earned national recognition as a College of Distinction, an honor for universities that demonstrate innovative application of high-impact education. In addition, U.S. News and World Report data shows ESU students have the lowest student debt of all Kansas public universities. U.S. News also cited ESU's School of Business as a best value for both in-state and out-of-state students and ranked the online graduate education program in the Top 100 programs in the nation. For more information, visit www.emporia.edu.

"Good becomes better by playing against better, but better doesn't become the best by playing against good."
— Amit Kalantri, *Wealth of Words*

"Go to College, Stay in school, If they can make penicillin out of mouldy bread, they can sure make something out of you."
- Muhammad Ali

How to catch a Turkey

Cunningham 2nd grade

I am hungry so I will catch a Turkey. Frist I will make a trap. I will use a tree. Next I will use a rope and put it on the tree. Then I will use a metal cage and wait to catch the turkey. I love my turkey.

Jaxon Barber

I am going to catch a turkey to eat for Thanksgiving. First I'm going to find a tree. I will get a net. Next I will put the net on a branch. Then I will get a long rope to tie to the net. After that, I will dig a big hole and the long rope will get in the hole and I will get into it. When the turkey comes, I will tug the rope and the rope will go around the leg and then the feast will begin.

Wyatt Neywick

I have to catch my family's turkey. First I go out in the field. Next, I dig a hole for a turkey to fall into it. Once I catch a turkey, I use a rope and tie it up. Last, I put it in my car and take it home.

Bentlee Johnson

I am going to catch a turkey for Thanksgiving. First I will tie two ropes around two trees. Then I make a corn trail to the ropes. Next the turkey falls into the fole. Last I put the turkey in a bag and tie a rope around the top of the bag. Now I will cook the turkey.

Wesson Rohlman

I am going to catch a turkey for Thanksgiving. First I will dig a hole. Next I will wrap a piece of string around two trees. Then I will put the seeds in front of the string. Last he will see the seeds and when he goes to the seeds, he will trip and fall. Then the turkey will be caught.

Willow Preisser

It's Thanksgiving and I'm getting a turkey for my family. I tie a rope around a tree. I tie a board on the rope. I put corn on the board. The turkey comes, snap! I put a cage over it. I bake it . It was good!

Parker Miller

Kansas Masonic Foundation Supports Local Kansas Masonic Lodge With Humane Society Donation

Kilwinning Lodge No. 265 Donates \$690 to the Pratt Area Humane Society

Pratt, Kansas -The Kansas Masonic Foundation, a nonprofit organization dedicated to benefitting Kansas communities, has partnered

with Kilwinning Lodge No. 265 to donate \$690 to the Pratt Area Humane Society, an organization committed to improving the quality of life for companion animals.

Founded in 1886, Kilwinning Lodge No. 265 is a Kansas Masonic Lodge dedicated to Freemasonry, the oldest surviving fraternal organization in the world. The lodge has 44 active members and supports various community organizations and events, including the local fire department, schools, and homeless individuals in the Wichita

I am going to catch a turkey for my family. First I dig a hole in the ground. Next I get a rope and put it on the hole. Then I put tree branches on the hole and the rope. After that, I put seeds by it. Finally the turkey falls into the hole. We have a great Thanksgiving.

Elsie Ruckle

I am so so hungry so I am going to catch a turkey! First I am setting a trap so I grab some string and seeds and go into the forest and go to a tree and tie the string to the tree. Next I put the seed right below the trap. Then I hide behind the tree. After that, I will wait and then he will get stuck. Finally, I caught a turkey. Now I am going to grab it. I have my turkey!

Avery Kinsler

I'm so hungry I'm going to catch a turkey. First I'm going to get a trap and the trap will have a rope on the ground. Next the turkey will step in the trap and when he steps in the rope, I will pull the rope. Then I will go up to the turkey and take him out of the trap. Now I love my yummy turkey.

Hazen Whitwell

I have to catch my family's turkey. I am going to chase the turkey down with my four wheeler. I will rope the turkey and put it in a bucket and take it home to my dad. My mom will clean the turkey and my dad will cook it.

Grady Green

I am going to catch a turkey for my family for Thanksgiving. First I am going to put a trap in my yard. Next I'm going to get it out of the trap. Then I'm going to clean the turkey. After that, I'm going to eat the turkey with my family.

Kingston Huffman

I was in charge of catching our turkey for my family to eat. I used a rope tied around two trees so I could trip him. Then I choked it. It was eaten for supper. It was really good.

Jacob Podzemny

This year will mark the lodge's first donation to the Pratt Area Humane Society as they continue to further their philanthropic outreach.

"Our Brothers define doing good charitable work as making each other better through association in helping our community while also making an impact on others' lives so that they may find people can be inherently good without gaining anything from their actions," said Kilwinning Lodge No. 265 Member Steven DeBerry.

To help further

their mission of bettering the community in which they live, this year, the Brothers at Kilwinning Lodge No. 265 have teamed up with the Kansas Masonic Foundation to provide a monetary donation of \$690 to the Pratt Area Humane Society. The society operates an animal shelter where they house stray and homeless pets from Pratt County before putting them up for adoption. Additionally, they work within the community to educate about the humane treatment of animals and the importance

I am going to catch a turkey for my family. I am going to get some tape. I will get a hula hoop and put the tape in the hula hoop. He will get stuck to the tape and I will grab the turkey. I eat my turkey.

Asher Bestgen

I am going to catch my family's turkey. First I am going to dig a hole. Next I'm going to build a trap. Then I am going to take two sticks and hide behind a bush. Then I'm going to trap him. Then we will cook him.

Bentley Strohl

I am going to catch a turkey for my family. First I am going to make a trap with string. Next I will put food in the trap. Then I will hide. After that I will put out the string and the turkey will be caught. Then I brought my turkey home.

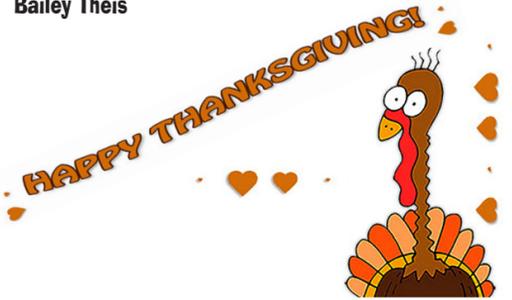
Jalynn McGuire

I am going to catch a Turkey for Thanksgiving. First I will make a trap. Now I get sticks and tape. Next I will find a turkey. Then I'm going to chase the turkey into the trap. Finally I caught a turkey. My family and I ate it.

Wren Winfrey

I am going to catch a turkey for my family for Thanksgiving. First, plan a trip to the farm. Then, set up the location. Next, you set corn because turkeys love corn. Then, disguise yourself as a turkey and when a turkey is close to you, you snatch him up.

Bailey Theis



of spaying and neutering pets. The funds raised, along with matching funds from the Kansas Masonic Foundation, will help provide new homes to stray pets and assist with the process of spaying, neutering, microchipping, and administering all necessary shots to animals prior to adoption. A formal donation presentation will take place later this year at the Pratt Area Humane Society.

About the Kansas Masonic Foundation:

As the philanthropic arm of Kansas Masons,

the Kansas Masonic Foundation is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization dedicated to benefiting Kansas communities and supporting fellow Masons and their families. Since its inception, the foundation has invested more than \$50 million in Kansas communities and individuals through funding academic, scientific, and charitable endeavors. For additional information about the Kansas Masonic Foundation and to get involved, please visit <https://kansasmasonic.foundation/>

Annual Christmas Santa Claus Day Parade

Saturday - December 11th at 1:30 p.m.

Packed with several new events/activities this year, this event is set to be a fun time for everyone.

To help with the cost incurred with the parade, we are asking for donations.

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Minutes from Kingman County Commission November 15, 2021

UNINCORPORATED AREA OF KINGMAN COUNTY, KANSAS, UNDER THE AUTHORITY GRANTED BY THE ZONING

REGULATIONS OF THE COUNTY AS ORIGINALLY APPROVED BY RESOLUTION NO. 2007-38. Commissioner Thimesch seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Mr. Goetz presented the Commissioners with the performance review forms for the Exempt employees and the performance reviews will begin

November 29th, 2021. Mr. Goetz discussed the longevity for employees with the Commissioners. MOTION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to approve the change to policy #8 Compensation plan letter G. Commissioner Foley seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners. Mr. Goetz presented

an employee hire form for a part-time employee for the Sheriff's Department. Charles Arensdorf, Public Works Director was in to discuss a request from a township for a review of a road. EXECUTIVE SESSION: Commissioner Foley moved to go into executive session at 11:10 a.m. with Stan Goetz, HR and John Caton, County Counselor to discuss individual employee's

evaluation pursuant to the exception under the Kansas Open Meetings Act for discussion of non-elected personnel matters of non-elected 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 11:25 a.m. Commissioner Thimesch seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County

Commissioners. Commissioners returned to regular session at 11:25 a.m. with no decision made. MOTION: Commissioner Foley moved to adjourn the regular board meeting at 11:43 a.m. Commissioner Thimesch seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Pratt County Commission Minutes for November 8th and 12th, 2021

The Pratt County commissioners met in regular session, Monday, November 15, 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.

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, eco-

conomic development/covid consultant, reported the Economic Development Corp met last week, they reviewed the new NAPA store. They discussed Prairie Foods, a new company to the Pratt area. They are hosting a meeting in January 2022, focusing on local businesses. Helping them with marketing and other needs. They discussed improvements around the pool, tennis courts and scout cabin. They also reviewed when appointments were up, and Brian Moore is up in January 2022. The county commissioners will need to reappoint Brian to the board. Secretary of Transportation sent out an email analysis that shows direct funds will be sent to Kansas in the amount of 145 million, focusing on safety and travel savings. There will be workshops to help counties be more competitive when applying for the funds. The Greensburg Airport was awarded a KDOT cost share for improvements. The letter of support for a bill related to ARPA funds asking for more flexibility in spending, is in Washington. resolution and forms concerning applying/receiving grants.

Darcie Vander Vyver, health director, presented the COVID update. KDHE changing reimbursement for COVID testing. They are changing labs and to receive reimbursement They will have to switch labs. They do have pediatric COVID vaccines. They will be closed December 16, 2021, to host a LAPC tabletop meeting. They will also be closed January 19, 2022 for WIC training. Jon Roach, noxious weed director, had a customer that is interested in buying the four-wheeler that is being replaced. Tyson stated the notice to accept bids will have to be published and accept sealed bids after the new one is purchased next year. Commissioner Adams made a motion to recess into executive session for ten minutes at 2:25 p.m. to discuss non-elected personnel including Jason Winkel, landfill/recycling supervisor and Jon Roach, noxious weed director to return at 2:35 p.m. Commissioner Jones seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. Commissioner Jones made a motion to return from executive session at 2:35 pm with no action. Commissioner Shriver seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Jason Winkel, landfill/recycling, reported they will be shipping HHW next week. They have shipped books/magazines. They are getting ready to ship out plastic. He would like to look for a used short enclosed trailer to pick up HHW from Coldwater and Greensburg. The scraper has been returned to the landfill. It needed some adjustments and is now running normal. He would like to purchase a good used truck for the landfill to make trips from landfill to recycling and to pick up HHW out of county. Commissioners gave approval to check for a truck. Tim Branscom, emergency management/zoning, went over requirements for the EOP. He let commissioners know he has changed his cell from personal number to work number. Tiffany Ailstock, RSVP, presented her applications to reapply for transportation grant. She went over assurances and certifications and presented forms for signature. She presented monthly checks to be signed. Jeff Roskam, Gary Mason, Steve Higer, Prairie Food, gave a presentation on their business. Manufacture a liquid slurry to put on farm ground. Liquid carbon. Manufacturing on site. Manure, water, distilled grain is used. 175 have signed up for the service. They will be looking at a different building. Computer controlled, right now they have 7 employees. They are also looking at other locations to expand in Kansas, Oklahoma and North Dakota. They do not spray only sell product. The purchaser will be using their

own spray applicators. Looking for investors, main headquarters will be in Lawrence, Ks. Brian Atteberry, EMS director, presented a new employee pay slip for a paramedic. Commissioner Jones made a motion to hire Ryan Souders for \$16.50 per hour. Chairman Shriver seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. Commissioner Adams made a motion To recess into executive session at 3:28 pm for ten minutes to discuss non-elected personnel, will return at 3:38 pm. Commissioner Jones seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. Commissioner Jones made a motion to return from executive session with no action. Chairman Shriver seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. Sheriff White, questioned his 2022 budget amounts. Commissioner Adams made a motion to approve payment to Landmark Architect for Invoice #18 in the amount of \$3,491.25. Commissioner Jones seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. Commissioner Jones made a motion to approve the minutes from November 8th, 2021, and November 12th, 2021. Chairman Shriver seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. Commissioner Adams made a motion to approve change order #3 from Landmark Architect. Chairman Shriver seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. Tyson discussed the forms and resolution for processing grants. Chairman Shriver discussed line items that have money, some don't. He feels another accounting firm needs to be con-

tacted to go over the funds. Tyson thinks it would be a good idea. He can contact Swindoll to see if they are available and which services they can provide. Chairman Shriver made a motion to recess into executive session for fifteen minutes at 3:56 p.m. excluding Tyson Eisenhauer, county counselor & Lori Voss, county clerk. Commissioner Jones seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. Commissioner Adams made a motion to return from executive session at 4:17 pm. Commissioner Jones seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. Chairman Shriver made a motion to recess into executive session for five minutes at 4:18 pm and will return at 4:23 p.m. to discuss non-elected personnel. Commissioner Adams seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. Commissioner Shriver made a motion to return from executive session with no action. Commissioner Adams seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. The commissioners discussed whether to have a Christmas party, they asked Lori to contact department heads if they would rather have a dinner or the \$150 in chamber bucks that were given last year because there was no dinner due to COVID. Commissioner Jones made a motion to approve payment vouchers for November 15, 2021. Commissioner Adams seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. Commissioner Jones made a motion to adjourn at 4:35 pm. Commissioner Adams seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Kingman County Sheriff's Report

Sunday, November 14th	
Traffic stops	2
Traffic complaint	7000 block E Hwy 54, Kingman
Welfare check	8000 block SE Burns Ave. Kingman
Monday, November 15th	
Traffic stop	2
Traffic complaint	800 block E. D Avenue Kingman
Traffic complaint	15000 block SE 90 St. Norwich
Stolen Property Found	3000 block E Hwy 42 Rago
Theft	5000 block NE 140 Ave. Cheney
Vehicle disabled	7000 block E Hwy 54 Kingman
Tuesday, November 16th	
Traffic stops	2
Traffic complaint	1700 block E Hwy 54 Kingman
Traffic complaint	18000 block W Hwy 54 Cunningham
Traffic complaint	W. D Avenue & N. Douglas St. area Kingman
Disturbance	2000 block S Hwy 14 Kingman
Sign down	N Main St. & E Ave B area Zenda
Wednesday, November 17th	
Traffic stop	1
Traffic complaint	W. D Avenue & N. Douglas St. area Kingman
Traffic control	E Hwy 42 & SE 140 Ave. area Norwich
Alarm	200 block N Parkway St. Norwich
Animal	500 block E Leiter Ave. Cunningham
Suspicious person	4000 block NE 20 St. Kingman
Welfare check	NE 10 St & NE 170 Ave area Cheney
Welfare check	400 block N Ninnescah St. Kingman
Thursday, November 18th	
Traffic complaint	11000 block W Hwy 54 Cunningham
Traffic complaint	10000 block S Hwy 14 Kingman
Fire-outside	600 block W Washington Kingman
Shots fired	200 block W Kansas Ave. Kingman
Welfare check	200 block S Douglas St. Cunningham
Friday, November 19th	
Traffic stop	1
Traffic complaint	14000 block W Hwy 42 Nashville
Traffic complaint	2000 block W Hwy 54 Kingman
Traffic debris in roadway	100 block W B Ave Kingman
Sign down	NW 20 Ave & W Hwy 54 area Kingman
Vehicle abandoned	500 block W Douglas Kingman
Saturday, November 20th	
Traffic complaint	15000 block SW 90 Ave Cunningham
Traffic complaint	NW 10 St & NW 170 Ave area, Cunningham
Animal	1000 block E Hwy 54 Kingman
Animal	400 block E. B Ave Kingman
Trespassing	10000 block SE 30 St. Murdock
Welfare Check	15000 block E Hwy 54 Cheney

Comfortably Dumb by Bruce Quast



"I'm getting better, but I paint really slow."

"To me the purpose of art is to produce something alive...but with a separate, and of course one hopes, with an everlasting life of its own."
— Henry Green

"Well, art is art, isn't it? Still, on the other hand, water is water! And east is east and west is west and if you take cranberries and stew them like applesauce they taste much more like prunes than rhubarb does. Now, uh... now you tell me what you know."
— Groucho Marx

50 for 50

Gwen Pike - Bishop Miege Volleyball

Celebrating 50 Years of Title IX

Asking players to step out of their comfort zone, is one of the biggest things Pike enjoyed about her illustrious and unmatched high school coaching career.



50 for 50: Gwenn Pike- Miege Volleyball

2003 Bishop Miege Volleyball

Headed to her senior year at Bishop Miege in the fall of 1994, Laura Gorr (Bokenkroger), was about to get some unexpected news.

A defensive specialist for the reigning Class 5A state champion volleyball team, Gorr knew the Stags graduated a talented senior class, but she didn't really anticipate her role changing much.

Her coach, Gwenn Pike, had other ideas.

"She sat me down before the season, when I was a senior, and said, 'I need you to set,'" Gorr said. "I hadn't set, even in club, but I said, 'OK, I'll do what you need me to do.'"

Gorr went home that evening a little perplexed.

How was she going to handle this, being the setter for one of the state's marquee volleyball programs? This was, after all, a program that had won the last three 5A titles.

"I went home and told my mom that I didn't want to let the team down," Gorr said. "My mom told me, 'Gwenn Pike wouldn't ask you to do that if she didn't think you could do it.'"

Like so often times in life, mom was right.

The Stags went 38-4 during Gorr's senior season, capping off the season with a two-set sweep of rival St. Thomas Aquinas in securing the state championship.

The kind of challenge Pike presented before the 1994 season, asking players to step out of their comfort zone, is one of the biggest things Pike enjoyed about her illustrious and unmatched high school coaching career.

During her time at Miege, Pike's Stags won 21 state titles and had a record of 1,224-239.

"Molding teams, that's what I love about coaching," said Pike, who retired from coaching Miege after guiding the Stags to the 2015 Class 4A championship. "Those little details are something I feel like I had an eye for. Like with Laura, I know a setter has to be a leader. She was the one I thought could get the job done."

Volleyball was still a relatively new high school sport when Pike played at Shawnee Heights, where she graduated in 1976. In 1971, KSHSAA had its first sanctioned state volleyball tournaments. The next year, Title IX became a Federal civil rights law.

"Volleyball was so vague to me," Pike said about playing in high school. "But I was a competitive person. It was fun

for me and I loved it."

Pike began at Miege as an assistant volleyball and basketball coach. The head girls basketball coach then was a young man named Terry English who likewise would build a mammoth program. Pike also coached the swim team.

Pike took over a soaring Miege volleyball program in 1980, a program that had already won three state titles. The Stags continued an era of dominance under Pike by winning state titles from 1980-1983.

"I wasn't thinking about building as much as whatever year I was in, I wanted to win all the games I could," Pike said. "I expected everyone to be as competitive as I was."

Pike's success has landed her in various halls of fame, including the National High School Athletic Coaches Hall of Fame, and the Kansas Volleyball Coaches Hall of Fame.

In March, during Women's History Month, Pike was selected as the best Kansas female coach in Kansas high school history by Maxpreps.

Pike has stayed in volleyball since leaving Miege, as she coaches with the KC Power club.

When Pike thinks

about how far volleyball has come since she was helping Shawnee Heights win third place in 1975, she points out the club volleyball scene.

No longer just something to keep volleyball players active in the sport for a bit in the winter, spring or summer, club volleyball is now a year-round behemoth, in Kansas City and beyond.

The quality of volleyball is so deep now compared to when Gorr played, that Gorr likes to say that the sub-varsity teams at Mill Valley High School, where she has a daughter who plays, would beat the state champion teams Gorr played on.

While many volleyball clubs are gigantic, Pike prefers a smaller club. But don't let that fool you. KC Power still helps send players to

major NCAA Division I programs.

"My club is small. We focus on the quality of coaches and players so we can concentrate on the players," Pike said. "I'm most proud of the young ladies I get to work with. Seeing them, getting to work with them, and creating positive relationships is what I enjoy."

That relationship is what Gorr holds onto, as much if not more than the state titles she helped Miege win.

"(Pike) was an important figure in shaping me, not just as an athlete but also as a person," Gorr said. "She's by far the coach who I learned the most from, and the coach I played the hardest for. She wasn't there to be your friend. She was there to push you to be a better person and better player."



2003 Bishop Miege Championship Team

Day Hiking Mushroom Rock State Park

by Lyndon Perry

At five acres, Mushroom Rock State Park in Ellsworth County may be the smallest state park in Kansas but it's surely one of the quaintest. And so unique! The rock formations are sandstone concretions in the shape of, well, mushrooms.

Voted one of the "8 Wonders of Kansas Geography" back in 2010, the park has a geological connection to Rock City Park (also about 5 acres, run by a non-profit), about 50 miles away near Minneapolis, KS. Both feature prime examples of hardened rock eroded from the Dakota Formation sandstone.

These 100 million year-old leftover deposits from the edges of North America's inland sea are definitely picture-worthy and are easily accessible. The famous "mushrooms" are located along the Prairie Trail Scenic Byway (a beautiful 56-mile drive through north

central Kansas) about halfway between Salina and Ellsworth, just off of K-140. It's free; no vehicle permit is needed.

The park's central location and simple path north and south of the road make it just right for a pleasant half-mile stroll. If you are new to day hiking, this is a perfect introduction to the hobby.

Day hiking is a low impact exercise activity that benefits both body and soul. It is light exercise combined with nature, sightseeing, and the great outdoors. Sure, day hiking might be just a fancy term for walking outside, but when you pair it with beautiful scenery and the many wonders throughout Kansas, it has benefits beyond mere exercise.

Make a day trip of it!

Last year, my wife and I headed out with some friends from Wichita for a day's worth of exploring. We hiked, enjoyed nature, and took pictures at a number of special and historic sites, including Coronado Heights, just north of Lindsborg. This prominent hill is also formed from Dakota

sandstone and overlooks the scenic Smoky Hills and the Smoky Hill River Valley.

By blocking off a morning and afternoon, you can reach plenty of worthy destinations within a few hours' drive. Trails, parks and historic sites aren't the only attractions in the area, however. Along the Prairie Trail Scenic Byway, you'll also want to visit the quaint and friendly towns of Ellsworth, Marquette, and Lindsborg and do some 'day shopping' along with your day hiking!

In fact, Lindsborg boasts the serene Valkommen Trail, a 4.5 mile "rails to trails" paved hiking and biking path converted from the old Missouri-Pacific and Union Pacific rail beds.

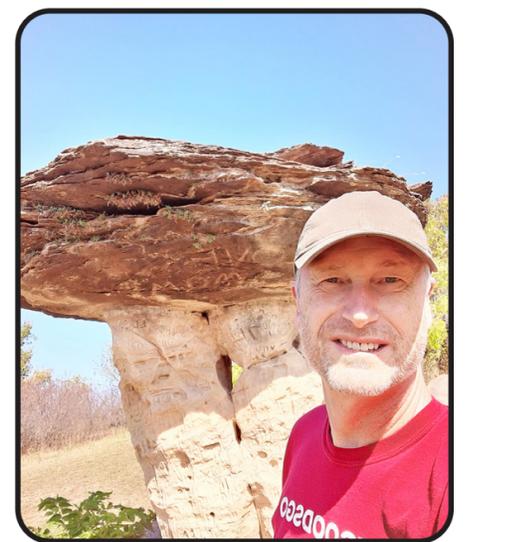
More rustic hiking (mountain biking and horseback riding, too) is available at the Alum Creek Trail and Prairie Trail just north of Kanopolis Lake. Hiking boots work best for these natural, grass surface trails, which are 8 and 6 miles long, respectively. They're free to access but are closed during November through January.

If you want to create a weekend experience, consider camping at Kanopolis Lake State Park. Visit the Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks at ksoutdoors.com for details. Also check out travelks.com for more ideas on where to visit, shop, and day hike.

Take time to enjoy the companionship of friends and family as you experience the natural offerings all around us. Good walking shoes are fine, but think about investing in some light weight hiking boots as well. Set a goal to discover some of the hidden gems of Kansas. And, as always, as the saying goes, take nothing but pictures, leave nothing but footprints.

So check your calendar. Set a date. Then bring your family or grab a friend or two and head outdoors for a little day hiking. You'll enjoy the scenery and benefit from a bit of exercise along the way!

photos by the author



Studies Find Hunters Not Using Hearing Protection at High Risk of Hearing Loss

Pinkston News Service

WASHINGTON, DC — (Pinkston News Service) — Depending on where you live in the U.S., hunting season for large-game and fowl is open, or is about to be. For many gun owners, this means the risk of hearing loss goes up as large bore rifles and shotguns come off the racks and out of safes to see action once again. As men, women and children head out to the fields, forests

and blinds, experts have offered a number of options to protect their hearing, their health and their hunt.

It's estimated that 15 million Americans hunt each year. Indeed hunting is a way of life for many families, but it's not without hazards, especially when it comes to hearing loss. Noises greater than 140 decibels (roughly the amount a jet engine at take-off) can permanently damage hearing, but many long arms exceed that threshold by as much as 30 decibels. Study after study confirms that hunters and target shooters without adequate ear protection (after adjusting for age and other factors) were more likely to have a

marked high-frequency hearing loss than those who had ear protection.

Some of this is self-induced. Some studies have shown that 70% to 80% of hunters "never wear ear-plugs or earmuffs." Mayo Clinic Health System Ear, Nose and Throat specialist Dr. Thomas Lowry told the Mayo Clinic News Network, "I'm an avid sportsman, and I'm amazed by how many people don't wear hearing protection when they shoot guns."

To prevent danger, there are strategies one can adopt to mitigate the possibility of hearing loss. Among the recommendations from the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association: using or

wearing hearing protection devices when shooting, double-protecting your ears (by putting earmuffs over plugs when shooting big-bore firearms) and making hearing protective devices a requisite part of your shooting gear.

Another option is to adopt the use of silencers or suppressors. These gun barrel attachments shave off 20-35 decibels from each report, reducing very loud and damaging noises to a safer level. Silencer Shop (www.silencershop.com), the largest silencer distributor in the U.S., assists buyers in acquiring these highly regulated but effective tools for protecting the aural health, selling suppressors for

virtually every firearm setup — even for fowling weapons like shotguns, frequently among the loudest of long arms.

Silencer Shop Founder Dave Matheny says he bought his first suppressor to protect his son who is deaf in one ear. "My son and I enjoy hunting together and to be able to continue to do one of our favorite activities safely, I bought him a silencer to protect his hearing in his good ear. That eventually led me to use my software development expertise to start Silencer Shop to help protect others and make the process of buying a silencer simple."

Suppressors also provide benefits apart from your hearing. If you hunt

with family or a friend, they can protect the hearing of both you and your companions, as well as improve your chances of bagging that trophy, say hunting experts. By reducing the volume of the shot, suppressors help anonymize your position, leaving prey confused as to where the threat is coming from. Suppressors can also improve your aim by reducing jarring noise and recoil that can obstruct follow-up shots.

This fall, hunters in most states who want to preserve their hearing have a number of safety precautions at their disposal.



Wheat Scoop: Father-son duo from Meade top Kansas entries in the 2021 National Wheat Yield Contest

Tyler Ediger and his father Darwin are seasoned veterans of the National Wheat Yield Contest, having submitted entries from their farming operation near Meade since the start of the contest six years ago. That experience — combined with informed management and nearly perfect growing conditions — made it no surprise that the father-son duo took first and second place for the state of Kansas in the 2021 contest.

In the dryland winter wheat category, Tyler took the top Kansas slot with a final yield of 125.66 bushels per acre.

The entry also earned Ediger the fifth-place "bin buster" award in the national winter wheat-dryland category. Darwin took second with a final yield of 123.48 bushels per acre. Both entries were WestBred WB4792.

"I don't know what else I could have done to make it a more perfect growing season," Tyler said. "It all came together." The Edigers' operation is all dryland and has been fully no-till for close to two decades. As seed dealers as well as wheat growers, they focus on variety selection to maximize yield potential. They also do comprehensive soil testing, which allows them to apply nutrients by the acre, not just by the field.

"We focus hard on varieties, so when we're planting, we know which fields are probably going to end up being a contest entry," Ediger said. "You have your everyday per-

formers that just do good, but then you have your varieties like 4792 that you know can blow the lid off."

The Edigers have planted WB4792 for three years on their farm, and Tyler said it has some of the best yield potential he has seen. It's been a high yielder with high test weight, but it needs to be sprayed for head scab if it's a concern in the area.

"It's a higher management wheat, and it's got great straw strength," Tyler said.

Beyond variety selection, Tyler credited the growing season's weather as a substantial factor in the success of this year's entry and their overall crop.

In fall 2020, the Edigers planted wheat a week or so earlier than normal to take advantage of available moisture. The Edigers also utilized seed treatments to

protect the wheat seeds, including fungicide and insecticides — the latter to address threats from grasshoppers and aphids.

The Edigers also topped their wheat in October, perfect timing before snows fell in October. More snow in November helped carry the wheat through the winter, important as little moisture fell until April.

"We were able to get our nitrogen in, which I think proved pretty beneficial for us," Tyler said. "That gave us the tillers we needed, and the plant had everything it needed when it was ready to green up in the spring."

April showers arrived following a winter with no freeze damage or winterkill concerns. The Edigers also applied a split application of a generic foliar fungicide for stripe and leaf rust at flag leaf. He said the varieties that yielded really well this year held up to

the stripe rust and leaf rust. They also put down a ProSaro fungicide for head scab at flowering, which Ediger said paid off this year.

Wheat harvest finished before summer rains delayed harvest progress in other parts of the state. Harvest went well, but Tyler admitted picking which part of the field to use for the final entry is one of the hardest parts of entering the yield contest.

"The yield contest is hard because we're trying to get wheat cut and then to try and single out a spot, and then the combine drivers are saying, 'hey, it's good over here' and 'no, it's better over here,'" Tyler said. "You don't ever get the best part of the field, but you try."

Harvest stress aside, Tyler said entering the wheat yield contest has made them examine their production practices from

start to finish and break down which factors they can adjust to improve next year's wheat crop.

"It's a good exercise to the farm, to learn what it takes to make yield and where those yields can be found," Tyler said. "It doesn't just benefit those acres; it benefits your whole farm."

As Tyler pointed out, continuous learning is the best part of entering the National Wheat Yield Contest, so a flawless entry is not the goal.

"Don't stress out about it; just harvest your wheat," Tyler said. "Don't strive for perfection, but just do your best."

For more details on the winning entries and to review the official rules and entry details for the 2022 contest, visit yield-contest.wheatfoundation.org.

Written by Julia Debes for Kansas Wheat

USDA Reminds Producers of 2022 Acreage Reporting Requirement

The Kingman County Farm Service Agency reminds agriculture producers that December 15, 2021, is the deadline to file an acreage report for fall seeded crops. Planted acres must be reported to FSA by December 15, 2021. The Agricultural Improvement Act of 2018 (2018 Farm Bill) requires producers on a farm to submit annual acreage reports on all cropland.

Timely acreage reports for all crops and

land uses, including prevented and failed acreage that producers submit to their local FSA office, are important to ensure program eligibility for all farm programs."

Acreage reports to FSA are considered timely filed when completed by the applicable final crop reporting deadline, which may vary from state to state. Producers who do not enroll by the December 15 deadline are subject to late-filing requirements. Producers should contact their local office for an appointment to provide an accurate acreage report of their fall-seeded crops.

For questions on this

or any FSA program, including specific crop reporting deadlines and planting dates, producers should contact their county FSA office or seek information online at www.fsa.usda.gov.

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IN THE THIRTIETH JUDICIAL DISTRICT

DISTRICT COURT OF KINGMAN COUNTY, KANSAS

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF:

SAMUEL I. ROHRER, Deceased.
Case No. 2021 PR 35

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

NOTICE OF HEARING AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS

THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:

You are hereby notified that on November 3, 2021, a Petition was filed in this Court by Leon Brand, the Executor named in the "Last Will and Testament of Samuel I. Rohrer," deceased, dated December 14, 2000, praying the will filed with the Petition be admitted to probate and record; Petitioner be appointed

as Executor, without bond; and Petitioner be granted Letters Testamentary.

You are required to file your written defenses thereto on or before December 3, 2021, at 9:30 o'clock a.m. in the District Court, Kingman, Kingman County, Kansas, at which time and place the cause will be heard. Should you fail therein, judgment and decree will be entered in due course upon the Petition.

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

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Tony Fischer

Anthony L. "Tony" Fischer, 61, died Nov. 2, 2021.

He was born Oct. 25, 1960, at Nashville, Kansas the son of Delbert and Jacqueline Mans Fischer. A lifetime resident of the Cunningham community, he was a farmer and stockman.

Tony was a member of the Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Cunningham.

On July 7, 1979, he married Patty Deviney at Cunningham. Other survivors include two sons, John A. Fischer and friend Becca Henning and Anthony B. and Meghan Fischer; daughter Miranda and Bjorn Halderson; brother Mike Fischer; sister Ann Buess; and grandchildren, Alexa and Jake Fischer; Lane, Dylan and Brody Halderson; Kollin, Kourtnei, Calvin and Konner Fischer. He was preceded in death by his parents and a grandson Dakota.

Family Memorial graveside services were at 3:00 p.m., Saturday, Nov. 20, 2021 at the Sacred Heart Cemetery, Cunningham.

Memorials may be made with the Kingman County Humane Society and Carter-Luce American Legion Post both in care of Livingston Funeral Home, Kingman, KS 67068.



Karen Barraza

Karen Ann Gudde-Barraza of Eureka, died on Sunday, November 7, 2021, at her son's home in Eureka, surrounded by friends and family, at the age of 55.

She was born on May 26, 1966, in Pittsburg, Kansas, the daughter of Larry Ray and Rayma Marie (Humble) Vanderpool. The family moved often in her early years as her father was a meat inspector for the USDA. She spent most of her childhood in Napoleon, Missouri. After graduating valedictorian, from Frontenac High School, Karen attended Pittsburg State University where she majored in Spanish and minored in French. Karen began her teaching career in Cunningham, Kansas for 3 years. She spent 29 years teaching at Eureka Junior/Senior High School. In addition, she taught online for 20 years.

On September 15, 1987, Karen was united in marriage to Lawrence Ray Gudde in Frontenac. To this union, two children were born. This marriage later ended in divorce. Karen was a devoted, hard-working single mother. Karen led the Foreign Language Club at Eureka Junior/Senior High School for 29 years. She was extremely active in the Jefferson Street Baptist Church, leading Bible studies and participating in Women on Mission. She also taught ESL (English as Second Language) and Girls in Action through the church for many years. Karen was a member of the National Education Association and the Kansas NEA.

On April 8, 2011, Karen was united in marriage to Luis "Javier" Barraza-Cordova in Miami, Oklahoma. During her time in Eureka, she was honored as Master Teacher of the Year. In 2020, she was selected as the Grand Marshall for Homecoming. Karen served as a translator for the Greenwood County Sheriff's Department for many years. She hosted numerous foreign exchange students over the years. Karen also devoted her life to traveling, leading trips throughout Mexico, Europe, and the U.S., including Washington, D.C. and New York. Hers was a life devoted to the service of others.

She will be remembered as a loving wife and mother and adoring grandmother. For many others, "Señora" will be remembered for her joy for learning, and her relentless enthusiasm for life.

She is survived by her husband, Javi of the home; children, Josh Gudde and fiancé Megan Martin of Eureka; and Micaela and husband, Joshua Jacquemin of El Dorado; and two grandchildren: Joshua Henry and Kara Jane Marie Jacquemin.

She was preceded in death by her parents; and sister, Kathy Lynn Vanderpool.

Memorial services were held November 20, 2021, at Eureka Memorial Hall with Pastor Kim Wilcox of the North Baptist Church of Ottawa officiating. Cremation has been effected.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that memorials be made to the Karen's Grandchildren Educational Fund. Contributions may be sent in care of Koup Family Funeral Home, P.O. Box 595, Eureka, KS, 67045, which is overseeing arrangements. Condolences may be left for the family online at koupfunerals.com.



Stephen McPherson

Stephen Earl McPherson, 95, passed away Saturday, November 20, 2021 at South Wind Home. He was born on December 12, 1925 in Fort Cobb, Oklahoma, the fourth child, to Herbert Earl and Inez Pearl (Ratliff) McPherson. Stephen married Effie Irene (Marrs) McPherson on May 17, 1950 in Wichita Falls, Texas. She preceded him in death on June 29, 2014.

Stephen graduated from Fort Cobb High School in 1943. He lived in Fort Cobb where started and finished School. He spent 2 years and one month in the United States Navy during World War II on Manus Island in the Pacific (June 6, 1944 - June 26, 1946). He spent the next 4 years working around Ft. Cobb, playing baseball for Carnegie, Ft. Cobb and Oney, and refereeing basketball and camping. He attended Carnegie Junior College in 1948 - 1950 where he lettered in basketball and baseball. He met Irene at college and married the love of his life, Irene Marrs, on May 17, 1950. Steve attended Southwestern Oklahoma State and received his Bachelor of Science Degree in Elementary Education, lettered in baseball, and received his Masters in Education Administration at Oklahoma University. He began working in education in 1951 at Oney, Ft. Cobb, and retired as elementary principal in Lamar, CO in 1989. Steve and Irene moved to Prague, OK and eventually moved to Pratt KS in 2016. He was a member of First Southern Baptist Church, and formerly of the VFW. He enjoyed his children, grandchildren, great grandchildren, woodworking, ball games, and hunting.

He is survived by his son, Herb (Kristin) McPherson of Pratt; brother, Joe Swanda of Edmond, Oklahoma; eight grandchildren; Jason (Vanessa) McPherson, Jennifer (Clayton) Smith, Lesli (Jamie) Baca, Kyle (Lara) McPherson, Zach Widener, Zeke (Emily) McPherson, Hannah (Cody) Barilla, and Leah (Trent) Befort and 19 great grandchildren.

Stephen is preceded in death by his parents; wife, Effie Irene McPherson; son, Mike McPherson (Karen); daughter, Stephanie Sands; brother, Raymond McPherson; and sisters, Alta Howry and Juanita Keyes.

Cremation has taken place. A Celebration of Life was held Tuesday, November 23, 2021 at First Southern Baptist Church, Pratt with Pastor Steve Taylor presiding. Inurnment will be held at 11:00 a.m. Monday, November 29, 2021 at Prague Cemetery, Prague, Oklahoma.

Memorials may be made to Skyline School Foundation or First Southern Baptist Church in care of Larrison Mortuary. Online condolences may be made at www.larrisonmortuary.com.



A J Keller

Arbey (A.J) John Keller, 93, passed away November 16, 2021.

He was born March 16, 1928 in Sun City to Arbey J. and Susan (Farris) Keller.

He graduated Sun City High School in 1946. He then went into the United States Army. He was discharged in 1956.

Arbey married Marjorie (Peggy) Arlene Redwine on August 7, 1955. They were married for 61 years. She passed away June 6, 2016.

He was a heavy equipment operator. He worked for Clark Oil Field Co. Clifford Keller Dirt Construction. He retired

at 65 and ran the Road Grader for Elm Mills township until he was 79.

He is survived by Son, John Robert Keller and wife Wynona Urban. Daughter, Susan Rachell Crotts; Brother, Clifford R. Keller, Pratt; Sister Carol Sue Blankship Pratt; granddaughter, Sarah Hamton, great grandchildren Jaden Crotts; Austin (AJ) Crotts; Asriel Hampton; Otto Hampton, Dawn Epp, Robert Urban and Joe Urban.

Arbey is preceded in death by his wife, his Sisters, Zelma Rose Hall; and Elizabeth Ann McGee. Father, Arbey J. Keller; Mother, Susan KC Fairrs.

Funeral service was Monday, November 22, 2021 at Larrison Mortuary 300 Country Club, Pratt, Kansas with Aaron Hirt presiding. Burial followed at Greenlawn Cemetery, Pratt with Military Honors.

Memorials may be made to Pratt Area Humane Society in care of Larrison Mortuary, Ltd.. Online condolences may be made at www.larrisonmortuary.com.

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Mary Hillman

Mary Joyce Hillman, 86, passed away early Monday, November 22nd, 2021.

Mary was a long time resident of Wichita, KS and retired after 43 years of service from the Wichita Clinic.

Mary was born Oct 4th, 1935 in Eureka, KS. She was the daughter of Clarence Wesley (Buck) Hillman & Leta Ruth Hillman (Biggs).

She is preceded in death by her parents and 4 siblings; Larry, David, Ann (Rice) & Carolyn (Saunders).

She is survived by Son, David Hillman (Jamee) and her grandchildren; Cheyenne, Morgan & Wyatt of Kingman. Her nieces & nephews; Jeni Murphy (Rice) & children, Bruce Saunders & children, Brenda Saunders; and brother-in-law Leonard Saunders.

Family will hold a memorial at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Rivercross Hospice in honor of the support and care they provided to Joyce and her family.

Raymond Hall

Raymond Allen Hall, 86, passed away Thursday, November 18, 2021 at Pratt Regional Medical Center. He was born on April 6, 1935 in Yates Center, Kansas to James Logan and Margaret Ann (Cook) Hall. Raymond married Ecile Eilene (DeGarmo) Hall on June 1, 1956 in Belvidere. They were married for 65 years.



Raymond graduated from Haviland High School in 1953. He worked as a salesman for Hi-Pro Animal Health. He was a member of Isabel Church of Christ and Haviland Masonic Lodge. He enjoyed fishing, picking on the grandchildren, working, bit and spur collecting and many other items.

He is survived by his wife, Ecile of Wellsford; daughter, Justina (Doug) Toombs of Hooker, Oklahoma; sons, Daniel (Cindy) Hall of Wellsford and Bobby (Connie Johnson) Carter of Pratt; grandchildren, Amy (Matthew) Wilks, Tabitha (Tom) Mehlhorn, Brandy (Dustin) Trout, Samantha Hall, Brandon Carter and Logan (Kelsey) Hall; 11 great grandchildren.

Raymond is preceded in death by his parents; infant son, Thad Lyle Hall; infant daughter, Melita Sue Hall; grandchild, Cheyanne Lorraine Carter; and great-granddaughter, Briar June Wilks.

Funeral service was held Tuesday, November 23, 2021 at Larrison Mortuary, Pratt with John Hamm presiding. A graveside service was at Wilmore Cemetery, Wilmore.

Memorials may be made to Wilmore Cemetery in care of Larrison Mortuary.

Nancy Hawkins

Nancy Ann Hawkins, 91, died Nov. 22, 2021 at Kingman.

She was born Aug. 21, 1930, at Calista, Kansas the daughter of Melvin and Rachel DeWeese Foulk. A lifetime resident of the Kingman community, she was a former telephone operator and a retired employee of First National Bank.

Nancy was a member of the Kingman Christian Church; a former treasurer for the American Cancer Society, the VFW Auxiliary, the Kingman Hospital Auxiliary; and volunteered for the Nu-2-U store.

On Jan. 20, 1950, she married Ray G. Hawkins; he died April 12, 2012. Survivors include daughter Gwen Drosselmeyer; son Roy Hawkins; 5 grandchildren, Cody, Clint and Kelli Drosselmeyer, Renee Timar and Rachael Murray; and 8 great-grandchildren. She was also preceded in death by her parents; step-mother Maude Foulk; brother Norman "Red" Foulk; and sister Peggy Akins.

Funeral services will be 2:00 p.m., Friday at the Livingston Funeral Home, Kingman. The family will receive friends from 1:00 p.m. until service time at the funeral home. Burial will be in the Hoosier Cemetery.

Memorials may be made with the Kingman Fire Department or the Kingman Christian Church both in care of Livingston Funeral Home.

Dean Zongker

Virgil "Dean" Zongker, 91, died Wednesday, November 17, 2021 at Hutchinson Hospital. Born October 20, 1930 at Zenith he was the son of Edgar and Mildred Hartnett Zongker. He was a veteran of the Korean War serving with the Army's 82nd Airborne. On July 25, 1951 he married Leona Rankin at Plevna. He is survived by his wife, Leona. Sons: Bob Zongker and Bret (Vonda) Zongker. Daughters: Marla (Richard) Bernhardt and Debra (Galen) Anderson. Brothers: Layle Zongker, Bart Zongker and Earl Zongker. Sister: Lyndal Freeze. Eight grandchildren. 12 great-grandchildren with one due in June, 2022. He was preceded in death by sisters: Mary Lou Zongker, Gwen Andsager and June Carlisle, brothers: Dwight Zongker, Jay Zongker and Jo Zongker.

Memorial service will be 10:30 a.m., Saturday, November 27 at Plevna Community Bible Church, Plevna. Memorials to the Plevna Community Bible Church Missions in care of Minnis Chapel, Stafford.

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