

NEWS

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COUNTY

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After the executive session, the commissioners had further discussion with Wood and Sowers. The talk turned to having the county emergency manager’s office at the law enforcement cen-

ter so the sheriff could visit that person as needed.

County Commission Chairwoman Julie Lyon said she believed the county emergency manager needed to be its own position and have its own fund within the budget. The question she had was who would supervise

the position,

Thimesch said he believed the position should remain as is but he liked the idea of having the county emergency manager’s office at the law enforcement center.

While the commissioners took no action, Lyon said the commissioners should be

able to “button things up” by their next meeting.

As for interest in the county emergency manager position, Sowers said one person has already submitted an application, another submitted a resume and there’s been one other person who made a phone call about the position.

PLANS

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Julie Lyon read a letter from Bob Kent, deputy director of the Property Valuation Division of the Kansas Department of Revenue, that praised the work of the county appraiser’s office for having met the criteria for “substantial compliance” within the office when it came to fair

property assessment.

“The efforts of your county appraise and appraisal staff to successfully complete the appraisal cycle in a satisfactory manner are to be commended,” Kent wrote in the letter. “Accurately appraising properties is without doubt a difficult task and the support of the county commissioners is crucial to the success of the appraisal effort.”

GRANT

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\$2.3 million in grants. Tractor Supply began partnering with MuttNation in 2021.

“At Tractor Supply, caring for animals—whether they’re in our homes, our barns, or our communities—is simply part of Life Out Here,” said Kimberley Gardiner, Senior Vice President & Chief Marketing Officer at Tractor Supply Company. “That’s why we’re so proud to team up again with MuttNation

on Mutts Across America. These surprise grants are our heartfelt way of recognizing and thanking the incredible shelters and people who work tirelessly to give pets the love and second chances they deserve.”

Each year, MuttNation conducts extensive research to carefully select the organizations that will be honored. There is no application process for Mutts Across America and recipients are given no advance notice before receiving the award.

OBITUARIES

NANCY LOUISE MILLER

Nancy Louise Miller, 77, died Aug. 20, 2025 in Wichita.



She was born Aug. 11, 1948, in Chanute, the daughter of Benjamin and Norma Haines Beck. A longtime Kingman resident, previously of Lawrence and Wichita, she was retired from Western Resources and Kansas Gas Service and was also a homemaker.

Nancy was a member of Cornerstone Fellowship; and was a volunteer for the Kingman Food Bank and also volunteered as a teacher assistant

at Kingman Elementary School.

On Aug. 20, 1966, she married Jeff Miller in Wichita. Other survivors include daughter Kimberly Mies and her husband Don; her granddaughter Elizabeth Ammon with her husband Steven; brother Bill Beck. Nancy was preceded in death by son Andy Miller; grandsons Kyle Miller and Cole Mies; and sister Jean Beck.

Services were Tuesday, Aug. 26, at Cornerstone Fellowship (formerly Kingman Mennonite Church). Burial was in the Walnut Hill Cemetery.

Memorials may be made with Harry Hynes Hospice and sent to Livingston Funeral Home, 1830 N. Main, Kingman, KS 67068.

DAVID BRADLEY ‘BRAD’ MANTOOTH

David Bradley Mantooth (Brad), passed away at the Medicine Lodge Memorial Hospital on Friday, Aug. 22, 2025, at the age of 74, after a courageous and near life-long battle with epilepsy.



He was born on April 21, 1951, in Nashville, the oldest child of David (Dean) and Marie Ann (Nichols) Mantooth. He grew up in Cunningham where he loved sports, playing Pee Wee and Little League Baseball, and Slo-Pitch softball. He also enjoyed hunting and fishing. He graduated from Cunningham High School with the class of 1969. He then attended Pratt Community College and graduated from Kansas Newman

University, with a degree in history. While at Kansas Newman he was a manager for the Men’s Basketball Team.

After his college graduation he lived and worked in Pratt and Hutchinson. He was a member of the Training and Education Center (Tech), receiving the Client of the Year Award in 1993. After his retirement he moved to Medicine Lodge, where he lived until his passing. He loved following and watching sports teams, especially the KU Jayhawks, KC Royals, and KC Chiefs. A devout Catholic, he was a member of the Holy Rosary Catholic Church, Medicine Lodge.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Dean and Marie Ann Mantooth; and his grandparents, Judd and Alma (Geron) Nichols, and Frank and Sylvia (Straight) Mantooth.

He is survived by his brother, Brooks Mantooth, Hutchinson; and his sisters, Cindy Anthony (Kent), Sterling, and Cheri Dohrmann (Lowell), Medicine Lodge; seven nieces and nephews and their spouses; and 21 great-nieces and nephews.

A Parish Rosary and Mass of Christian Burial were held Wednesday, Aug. 27 with Father Emmanuel Kosikumah officiating. Burial was at the Maud Cemetery in Cunningham.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorials to the Cunningham Recreation Commission or Holy Rosary Catholic Church, in care of Livingston Funeral Home, 1830 N. Main, Kingman, KS 67068.

COLLEEN J. REEVES CRAIG

Colleen J. (Reeves) Craig, 92, of Plano, Texas, passed away peacefully on Aug. 19, 2025.



She was born in Anthony, to Albert and Wilma (Pinkerton) Reeves and grew up in Kingman. A graduate of Kingman High School and Wichita Business Preparatory School, Colleen worked as an Executive Secretary at Beechcraft for 35 years and later with the Wichita Grand Opera.

A lifelong lover of music, she sang in school, church, and community choirs, and treasured the opportunity to perform at Carnegie Hall. She was a member of Immanuel Baptist Church in Wichita and the Order of the Eastern Star.

Colleen is survived by her children Mark (Julie) Craig, Terry (Laura) Craig, and Shawn Craig Wilson; 12 grandchildren; and 20 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents.

She will be remembered for her warmth, her devotion to family, and her constant smile.

In lieu of flowers, the family kindly requests memorial contributions be made to a charity of your choice in Colleen’s honor.

LEOLA A. HAGEMAN

Leola A. Hageman passed away on Aug. 23, 2025, surrounded by loved ones, at the age of 92 in Kingman.



Leola was the daughter of Cornelius and Lena Tiesmeyer Gerber and the fifth of seven children. She was born on July 5, 1933, and raised on the family farm in Waterloo. She was a woman of deep and abiding devotion, committed to her Catholic faith and the teachings of the Church. Her membership in the Altar Society and the Daughters of Isabella were an important part of her life. A talented be-

autician and resident of the St. Leo community most of her life, she later moved to Pratt in 2010. Leola had a radiant smile and was known for her kind heart and love for her family.

She was a member of the St. Leo Catholic Church and Sacred Heart Catholic Church of Pratt.

On Aug. 29, 1959, she married Paul Hageman. She was a loving mother, grandmother, great grandmother and devoted friend.

She is survived by her brother Larry and sister Joan, both of Wichita. Other survivors include her three children: Denise (Bill) of Cunningham, Randy of Cunningham and Greg (Shelli) of Kingman; seven grandchildren; 12 great grandchildren and five step-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband, Paul; sisters Kathleen and Helen and brothers Jerome and Bishop Eugene. She will be deeply missed by all who knew and loved her.

Parish Rosary will be at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, Aug. 27 at the St. Leo Catholic Church in St. Leo, Kansas. Mass and Christian Burial will be at 10:30 a.m. on Thursday, Aug. 28, also at St. Leo Catholic Church.

The family would like to thank Kingman Healthcare Center for their compassionate care. Memorials may be made to the St. Leo Catholic Church Building Fund or Sacred Heart Catholic Church Building Fund in Pratt, KS all in care of Livingston Funeral Home, 1830 N. Main, Kingman, KS 67068.

FRED L. HOLCOMB

Fred L. Holcomb, 76, died on Thursday, Aug. 21, 2025, at Hospice House in Olathe after a brief hospital stay.

Fred was born on Aug. 15, 1949, in Wichita to Theodore and Loretta (Freund) Holcomb. He attended Kapauu High School in Wichita and graduated from Emporia State University with a business degree. A talented athlete, Fred was on wrestling teams throughout high school and college. After graduation he farmed and worked construction until disabled by deteriorating mental health.

Fred is survived by family members, John Holcomb (Kay Shore), Chuck Holcomb (Helen), Mary Holcomb (Mark Schulte), Ted Holcomb, Pat Burnett (Dak) Bob Holcomb (Susan), Jim Holcomb, Rod Holcomb (Brenda), Andrea Holcomb, and Paul Oldfather. In addition, he is survived by numerous nieces and nephews, as well as great nieces and nephews.

In later life Paola was his home. He was preceded in death by his parents.

A rosary and Mass of Christian Burial were held Monday, Aug. 25. Burial was at the St Leo Church Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the St. Leo Building Fund or the St. Leo Cemetery Fund. Memorials may be sent to Livingston Funeral Home, 1830 N. Main, Kingman KS 67068.



PUBLIC NOTICE

(First published in the Kingman Leader-Courier on Thursday, August 21, 2025) 2t

The Kingman County Construction/Demolition Landfill will be closed on September 1, 2025 in observance of Labor Day. We will return to our Summer schedule on September 2, 2025.



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News Brief

HEALTH DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCES SEPT. DATES

Kingman County Health Department will be doing its monthly outreach clinics in September on the following dates. The clinic will be in Cunningham on Wednesday, Sept. 3 from 9:30 a.m. to noon and then in Zenda from 1:30 to 4 p.m. The clinic will be in Norwich on Thursday, Sept. 4 from 1:30 to 4 p.m. They will be at the Kingman Senior Center on Wednesday, Sept. 10 from 11 a.m. to noon for free blood pressure checks.

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