

# MERRY CHRISTMAS *and* HAPPY HOLIDAYS

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### An End of an Era



Workers removing the stones that read '1917' and 'High School'



The demolition began



The weather on Friday was of a funereal quality: overcast – darkly overcast, rainy and drizzly. A typical made-for-television funeral day. Befitting the demise of our 106-year-old school building.

The first 'bite' of the tractor was taken at 8:25. The claws swiped into the north side of the building at what would have been the math classroom. Operating the machine, for that first bit of demolition, was the former school principal, Steve Miller. Then he turned it over to the experts to get the school razed.

This editor was not present for the initial demolition, but I did watch via video feed. As the debris was dumped to the side of the machine, clouds of dust rose up like fog creeping through a cemetery. It lingered for a bit before being settled by the rain and drizzle.

At 8:35, the history and government room came down, and what, in the heyday of the school, was the library.

At 8:55, the English room was taken out. And the machine continued to chew its way through the school, back to front, left to right.

I stopped by on my out of town, and the whole north side was gone, leaving only the classrooms on the south side of the building.

When I returned home at the end of the day, some of the south façade was still there. The final demolition happened Tuesday, a bright, but chilly, sunny day.



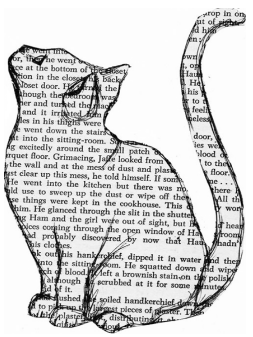
Note the stones lying on the sidewalk in the foreground of the photo to the left. They will be preserved.

The bottom photo shows the razing Tuesday afternoon. The west wall is all that remained.



Wishing You and Yours  
a Very Merry Christmas  
and a Happy, Healthy New Year!

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Meanderings

I had a column planned, made some notes, but right now I would like to meander down the hall to bed. Next week I'll write my planned column of this week, and tonight I'll just sort of meander until I get this space filled up.

anyway. And because I'm tired and have no idea what I'm going to meander on about.... I may have to bring in a bit of clip art as well so I don't sound too much like I've lost my brain down the paths I meander.

The reason the original column didn't get written (even though my notes were made this weekend) is because this week's paper was rather stressful for some reason. Probably because I needed more pages to get in all the 'stuff' going on in our community.

Santa would do well by me if he'd find a way to get us more pages for the paper... in a very inexpensive way.

Christmas tree light-

ing photos and winners will be in next week's paper. The information was sent to me a bit late, and I didn't have my camera tonight to take the photos. And, well, Christmas lights need to be photographed at night. So sometime later this week I'll meander around town and take pictures of the lights at the Sterbas', the McGovneys', and the Hitts' and have them for next week's paper.

Thank you to the folks who did some Christmas gift shopping with The Cunningham Courier. If you need last minute gifts... the newspaper is always a good idea. Always a good idea unless your recipient isn't a reader. Or picture-looker.

But newspapers can be used to light a fire in the fireplace, line a bird cage, keep weeds out of the garden. Many, many uses for newspapers, even in these days artificial intelligence and high-dollar technology.

Remember the cost is going up the first of the year. I was going to put a reminder in the paper this week on the front page.... But ran out of room because of the school demolition. I am sad about that. And disappointed. I already miss that gorgeous structure dressing up our Main Street.

The cost for the newspaper after January 1st will be \$48.00 for in-the-state-of-Kansas. \$53.00 for out of state.

And hopefully these rates will last a year or two. Hopefully, until I retire. BUT don't hold your breath on that. The USPS is rather generous with their price hikes.

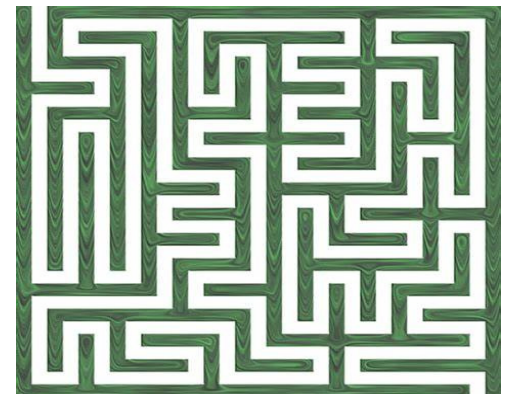
I think the rates are very reasonable for the good product it is. I have many folks who contribute to it and support it, and who make it successful. You know who are, and everyone who

spends anytime with the paper knows who you are as well. Your contributions are so much appreciated.

Don't forget-- I also have greeting cards that would make nice gifts for someone!

Always reading and currently reading, "Conviction"

by Richard North Patterson, Roberta



Tallgrass and Tumbleweeds by Gaille Pike

Dear Readers,

Earlier this week, a writer friend of mine penned a piece where he asked, "What is Christmas but for our love of tradition?" and discussed both cultural icons that date back to childhood as well as the idiosyncratic traditions that evolve in families as individuals and generations add their own "twists." And that got

me wondering about my own holiday traditions as well as what symbolizes Christmas to me. Oddly, one of the first things that popped into my head was old-fashioned ribbon candy. I was not surprised my mind turned to sweet seasonal treats but I would have expected that homemade fudge and Christmas cookies or chocolate Santas would have topped that list. I do not even LIKE those jawbreaker waves, but I cannot dismiss that ribbon candy looks like Christmas to me.

Ribbon candy is a Christmas holiday tra-

dition that dates back centuries in Europe. However, no one is certain when or where it was created. Some say confectioners took a hard candy they sold year-round, festively colored it and then crimped it to decorate their shops and draw in more customers at Christmastime. For several decades ribbon candy has been included in lists of "America's Worst Christmas Candy." Every article I've read suggests it's only good for adorning gingerbread houses, so maybe decoration IS how this candy tradition got started.

In the most recent 2023 Worst Christmas Candy list I found, ribbon candy ranked in the top ten, behind reindeer corn (which I didn't even know was a thing), Christmas nougat, cherry cordials, non-peppermint candy canes and Peeps (holiday peeps are just plain wrong and barely acceptable even at Easter.) The four candies WORSE than ribbon candy were said to be old fashioned hard candy (which seems to me a bit like splitting St. Nick's nose hairs) Life Saver's Storybooks, chocolate oranges and peppermint

bark. I find it MADNESS that these last three are any on Worst Christmas Candy list, let alone that they'd be ranked in the top ten.

It bears repeating what I've said before, that I'm of the "live and let live" persuasion, or in this case "Sugar plum dance and let dance." Sugar-up seasonally however you please. My aim was not to sway you to my side of Christmas Sweet Street. In fact, you'll find no ribbon candy here nor will you find any Peeps. You will find my belly shaking like jelly as I finish my holiday shop-

ping and jostle my way up and down the aisles just to LOOK at the ribbon candy. And if you're strolling my way, I'd love to see what "sweet" resembles Christmas most to you. It should go without saying that I'll happily sample any homemade fudge, cookies or other holiday goodies you've made. Wishing all my readers the joy, sights, and sounds of the season...and to each, our own Merry Christmas tastes.

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

Insight Christmas Caretakers

Greg Doering, Kansas Farm Bureau

For most of us, Christmas Day is a pause in our regular routine, whether it's as brief as the day or stretched over the course of several to travel and visit. The incessant barrage of emails will fall in direct proportion to the number of out of office messages set.

It's not that we have

free time, but the nature of our work will certainly be different. Some of us (or maybe just me) will be hastily wrapping last-minute gifts to slide under the tree. Others will be worried if the turkey will be fully thawed by the time it's supposed to go in the oven. And some of us will bite our tongue when a distant relative brings up politics at the dinner table before the mashed potatoes have even made it to the other end.

Thankfully we'll face these scenarios and countless others without the pressure of our day jobs, which for a short

time will loom in the distance. Office work is on pause while we travel or tend our duties as hosts. Even though we may surreptitiously check our email after the stockings are opened, everyone else is preoccupied and there are hopefully no calls or urgent messages demanding a response.

Hopefully everyone will also get to steal some quiet moments, too. Maybe in the early afternoon after all the presents are opened and the dishes from Santa's snack are cleared. Amidst the exhales and leisurely naps, take a brief second to reflect on those who

aren't afforded the same luxury of a pause.

Think about the police officers and fire fighters who are away from their families to ensure ours are safe, just like the doctors and nurses who are tending to the ill and anyone who suffers an acute misfortune. As you gather with family for a feast, remember the farmers and ranchers whose day didn't start with stockings swaying from the mantle, but rising before dawn to feed livestock, check on water supplies or perform the same tasks for a neighbor.

It's because of the people who perform

these jobs and others like them the rest of us are able to enjoy the safety and security within our homes, the comfort of knowing if we're sick we'll receive care and the food on our tables.

Customs and traditions passed from one family generation to another depend on an array of Christmas caretakers. Whether it's the grandmother who knits a stocking for every grandchild, a grandfather who oversees the table during dinner or the sleep-deprived parents helping Santa deliver his presents. Everyone has a role to play in the creation of

Christmas.

So, as you celebrate this year, give thanks for those caretakers who aren't a part of your family, but certainly allow you to gather with peace of mind. And may we all enjoy the cheer of a very merry Christmas.

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Mom's Million Dollar Christmas Fudge

My mom was a great cook. Growing

up during the Great Depression and learning from her mother, my Grandma Nano, Mom honed her skills in the kitchen feeding her family for many years. Give her an onion and a few basic ingredients and you could eat well. She was known for her banana pudding, a staple at every 4-H potluck when I was a kid. Her Depression Era tomato soup was also a favorite and hit the spot on cold rainy days. Mom's turkey dinners at Thanksgiving were

legendary. I have never tasted cornbread dressing that could compare to Mom's. Not only would she stuff the bird, usually the biggest one she could find at our local Safeway, but she would make additional pans of dressing, so we had plenty to go with our turkey sandwiches after the holiday. But nothing compared to her amazing Christmas fudge. I am convinced that Mom made the best tasting fudge ever consumed on planet Earth.

She called it old-fashioned fudge. Rumor had it Mom's family had somehow acquired the well-known See's Candy Company fudge recipe.

See's candy is famous. The See's family candy shops began popping up all over California beginning in the 1920s and they do make great fudge. You can still buy it today. They now have stores nationwide, and you can also buy their fudge online.

The See's fudge connection may be true, but I suspect that Mom's recipe is a slightly modified version of Mamie Eisenhower's Million Dollar Fudge recipe that circulated through the culinary world in the 1950s. For those of you who are asking who Mamie Eisenhower was — she was the wife of our 34th President, Dwight D. Eisenhower, in office from 1953-1961. He was also a five-star general and the former Supreme Commander of all Allied Forces in Europe during WWII. Ike was a great president, and I'm sure he thoroughly enjoyed his wife's delicious fudge.

Some quick research revealed that the only difference between Mamie Eisenhower's fudge recipe and my mom's was the added vanilla in Mom's version. Whatever the case, what follows is Mom's recipe. I invite you to make tubs and tubs of this delectable

fudge to enjoy with your family as you celebrate Christmas this year.

INGREDIENTS: 4 1/2 cups sugar, 24 oz. semi-sweet chocolate chips (two 12 oz. bags), 16 oz. small marshmallows, 1/2 lb. butter, 2 cups walnuts (you can use other nuts — some like pecans — but I think walnuts are best for fudge), 2 teaspoons vanilla, 13 oz. (1 can) evaporated milk

Be sure to use evaporated milk, not sweetened condensed milk.

Note: when buying evaporated milk today, you will typically find only 12 oz. cans. Mom's recipe calls for a 13 oz. can. 13 oz. cans were common years ago, but many food products have now been downsized. You can choose to add an extra ounce of condensed milk in this case or use only one 12 oz. can. I

prefer to add the extra ounce in an effort to stay true to the original recipe.

DIRECTIONS: First step, mix chocolate chips, marshmallows, and butter in a big bowl and have ready. You can warm or melt butter separately before adding so all is easier to blend.

Next, mix sugar and evaporated milk in a large pan or pot and bring to a rolling boil. Boil for exactly 9 1/2 minutes—STIR CONSTANTLY.

Pour boiling mixture over ingredients in bowl and stir until fully melted.

Finally, add walnuts and vanilla. Mix well. Pour into buttered pans and cool. After cooling on the counter or stove top, cover pans and place in fridge so fudge is nice and firm. Then eat all you want!

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**Community Bulletin Board**

<b>Monday, December 25</b> Merry Christmas!	<b>Monday, January 8</b> HS BB B-Team Tournament at HOME
<b>Tuesday, December 26</b> 6:30 p.m. City Council meeting	<b>Thursday, January 11</b> JH BB vs. Argonia at HOME
<b>Monday, January 1</b> Happy New Year!	<b>Friday, January 12</b> HS BB vs South Barber at HOME
<b>Tuesday, January 2</b> NO School - Teacher In-service Day ** Lions Club	<b>Saturday, January 13</b> HS BB B-Team Tournament at HOME
<b>Thursday, January 4</b> JH BB at South Barber	<b>Monday, January 15</b> Martin Luther King, Jr. Day ** No School for Teacher inservice ***
<b>Friday, January 5</b> HS BB at Kinsley	<b>Saturday, January 6</b> HS BB B-Team Tournament at HOME
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**Another Santa Claus Day Parade in the Books**

And here are the entrants and winners of the parade

Battery Cars, Wagons, Tricycles  
1<sup>st</sup> Place: Copeland Huffman  
2<sup>nd</sup> Place: Aiden Kumberg and Beckham Ruckle  
3<sup>rd</sup> Place: Oakley Panek  
Also participating: Amelia Middendorf  
Costumes, Pets, and Walkers  
1<sup>st</sup> Place: Ava Neywick and Dolly  
Scooters, Bicycles, Blades/Boards  
1<sup>st</sup> Place: Justus Garnett  
2<sup>nd</sup> Place: Jonathan Ogg  
3<sup>rd</sup> Place: Konnor Klaus  
Other participants: Wyatt Neywick, Wade Preisser, Ty Schultz and Aaron Weninger, Maggie Huffman, Calvin Klaus  
Motorized Golf Carts, ATVs, UTVs  
1<sup>st</sup> Place: Sloan, Sage, Lux Thimesch, Katie Ogg  
2<sup>nd</sup> Place: Everett Ruckle, Asher Bestgen  
3<sup>rd</sup> Place: Willow, Jade, and Jett Preisser  
Other participants: Jax Thimesch; Tiny Tots Day Care with Huntleigh, Landreigh, Creighton Newell, Becket, Parker, and Paxton Miller, Dean Mack, Trey Albers, Henry Rohlman  
Floats:  
1<sup>st</sup> Place: "Let it Go" Snow Princesses -- Emma Ruckle, Kate Thimesch, Broox Thimesch, Brook Rohling, Aspen Hildreth, Kimber Rolman, Shae Napier, and Ryan Napier  
2<sup>nd</sup> Place: "Little Miss Wheelchair of Kansas" -- Olivia Woodard.  
3<sup>rd</sup> Place: "The Radio Flyer" red wagon – 4C Day Care  
Snow much Fun – Cunningham 4-H  
Other parade entries in the motorcycle, vintage cars, tractors, fire/EMS, large equipment: SCTelcom; Eric and Andrew Kerschen; Cory Hildreth; Millie Hiatt; Hilltop Manor; Josh Matchete and Lucas Hartley; Chase, Jessica, and Nora Ward; Brian Siroky and Fossil Drilling  
Horses: Elsie Ruckle; Linux Thimesch, Max Kernohan, Kadie Smith and Kinzie Drake with Mya Hageman; Brooks Hageman  
Fire trucks: Tyler Beat; Keith, Megan, Carson, and Bentley Strohl; Harold, Dalton, Clara Stark; Matt, Jocelyn, Macklin, Brecklyn Westerhaus; Max Wegerer and Carlos Hurtado

**Governor Announces New License Plate Design After Nearly 270K Votes Cast**

TOPEKA – Governor Laura Kelly today announced the new Kansas standard-issue license plate design, which was chosen by a majority of the public after a week-long voting process that elicited nearly 270,000 votes from Kansans in all 105 counties. Kansans chose the design featuring the Kansas Statehouse dome within a cutout of the state and a yellow, white, and blue gradient background. It received over 140,000, or 53%, of the total votes.

"It's great to see Kansans' passion for representing our great state," Governor Laura Kelly said. "Now, we can move forward on a design that received majority support and get clearer, safer license plates on the streets as soon as possible."



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*In observance of Christmas, Ninescah Valley Bank will be closed Monday, December 25*

**Libraries**

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

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

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

**Pratt Public Library**  
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10:00 - 7:00  
Friday: 10:00 - 6:00  
Saturday: 10:00 - 2:00  
Closed on Sundays  
(620) 672-3041

**Wishing you a very merry Christmas!**

Wishing your Christmas is filled with the joy and peace of the season, from my team and I to you and yours.

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*One of Santa's reindeer appears to have been 'arrowed'. We can assume he will fully recover by Christmas.*

photo by Alan Albers



*"When I later discovered that she (illustrator Faith Jaques) was a compulsive reader who loved to be alone and kept cats because they are the only pets that allow you to be both, my adoration of Jaques and her work could only increase."*

— Lucy Mangan

photo by Marilyn Glenn



**Kingman Historic Theatre**  
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**Migration**  
**Rated: PG**

Doors open at 6:45  
Movie starts at 7:30 p.m.

Thank YOU for supporting YOUR Kingman Historic Theatre.

YEARS AGO IN

*The Cunningham Clipper*

W. A. Bradley / William Bradley

Things are bit off-kilter with the 'old news' notes over the years. I usually just copy and paste from the files that Jeff and Dave saved to this computer, but then there were some weeks that were left blank, and I went back to fill in a bit. Some of those newspapers didn't have much in the way of news, as the paper was filled with Holiday greeting ad from the local merchants. (it was stroll down memory lane, seeing those businesses, most of them no longer in existence.

In this catch-up, I used the microfilm records at the Kingman Carnegie Library and there were a couple of weeks missing, and I also found one issue was in the wrong year.... So I decided I'm just going to fill this week's page with whatever I could glean from those archives. They are all from the end of the year editions. (and, yes, there are probably errors and mistakes. All this history and years and pages and pages of history may have gotten out of order. Some folks may appear older than they are, and some may appear younger because I have them in the wrong year. You try to keep 75 pages of history clippings in order and see how well you do!

Next week, we will start with January of '84, '79, '74, '69, etc. and see how that goes.... and, yes! I did say 1974... the paper begins publishing again via Chuck Barnes of the Pratt Tribune.

**1928**

Mr. and Mrs. Carde Cannon are driving a new Model A Ford purchased last week from the Dafforn Motor Company in Zenda.

Eugenia Crow has been elected captain of the high school girls' basketball team. They play Penalosa High School girls' team tonight (Friday).

Mrs. John Kimball and Toots left Friday for Little Rock, Ark., where they intend to make their future home.

A number of business men and farmers are meeting in the High School Auditorium each Monday night and playing a few games of volleyball.

**1933**

Ford Motor Company's new 1934 model automobile is on display at the Dafforn Motor Company.

The framework of the new Sacred Heart Church has been erected and work is progressing rapidly on further construction.

Several from here attended the winter concert of McCoy's Little Symphony Orchestra in Pratt, Sunday afternoon. Dr. D. E. Thompson of Cunningham is a clarinetist with the orchestral group.

The high school basketball team defeated Adams High School last Friday night by the score of 31 to 6, as freshman Warren Allen as high point man with 13 points.

**1938**

Doug Miller, owner of the Miller Grocery, has enlarged his store with a new walk-in refrigerator and an addition to the rear of the present building.

Miss Ruby Sheldon, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Sheldon of Southwestern College in Winfield, won first prize with her poem, "Desert Song," in the 1938 Southwest Kansas Poetry Contest.

**1948**

Mrs. Edwin Renner and Mrs. Cleve Baber announce the ownership and management of the former Vermillion Laundry, and the business concern is now under the new name of B&R Laundry.

The Lighthouse Station at Cairo was robbed twice last week - Monday night and Thursday night. Thieves took merchandise worth about \$50.00 each time.

**1953**

Jonathan Glenn, 78, a resident of Cunningham and community for the past 52 years, passed away last Saturday.

December 18 - Donald Hoagland, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lon Hoagland of Cunningham, has signed a contract with the Decca Recording Company to make recordings with a five-piece combo.

Donald, a trumpet player, was among 263 musicians trying out for the combo at a recent audition in Kansas City, Mo. He was selected as the only trumpet

player for the combo, which includes a piano, bass fiddle, drums and saxophone.

The combo will tour throughout the country until next spring when they will begin cutting records.

Donald has been employed at Radio Station KCLO in Leavenworth as a news broadcaster and disc jockey.

**1958**

December 18 - Kenneth Beck and Richard Foster, Kingmn attorneys, have established an office in Cunningham on a one-day-a-week basis.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank F. Allbritten of Cunningham, observed their Golden Wedding Anniversary, Tuesday. They were married at the home of her parents near Cairo, December 16, 1908. She is the former Frances Grier.

The Clipper will go to press earlier next week due to the Christmas holiday.

Donna Renner of Cunningham is one of the 28 new members of Kappa Delta Pi, national honorary education fraternity at Kansas State Teachers College of Emporia.

Leaman Harris, son of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Harris of Cunningham, a senior at the University of Kansas, has been appointed to the Engineering Banquet Committee of the Engineering Council at the University.

The Cunningham Grade School shipped 450 pounds of good used clothing to "Save the Children Federation" at Knoxville, Tenn.

If you know the day and the time, you can select the television programs of your choice from the following schedule for the coming week, which contains the complete listing of the three stations, Chane 3 (NBC) Wichita, Channel 10 (ABC) Wichita, and Channel 12 (CBS) Hutchinson.

Saturday 8:30 a.m. 12... Captain Kangaroo 3... Our Gang Club

Saturday 9:00 a.m. 10 ... The Big Picture 3 ... Howdy Doody

Saturday 9:30 a.m. 12... Mighty Mouse Playhouse 10.... Six-Gun Theatre 3 ... Ruff and Ready

December 25, 1958

Mr. and Mrs. Harvey E. Fort of Rogers, Ark., announce the engagement of their daughter, Ruby Jo Ann, of Hutchinson, to Wilmer E. Huffman of Pratt, son of Mrs. Mable Huffman of Cunningham.

Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Phillips and Gary left Monday for Odessa, Tex., to spend the Christmas holidays visiting the Richard Phillips home and with other relatives.

John Kaster, a patient at the Veterans Hospital in Wichita, is expected to be allowed to spend Christmas Day with Mrs. Kaster and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Dale Williams and family are spending this week visiting relatives in Milan.

Mrs. Bob Osborn went to Wichita, Tuesday, to visit the James Dunworth home, and help care for her new grandson, Allen Wayne.

**1963**

December 19- Mr. and Mrs. Dayton Dyche, and Mr. and Mrs. Dean Dyche were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Fischer, Wichita.

Mrs. Mable Huffman left Monday for Sacramento, Calif., where she will spend Christmas with her sons, Elmo and Dale the their families.

Having served their 'stint' in the National Guard six months training program, David Amick, Lynn FitzSimmons, and Kenneth Spade arrived home last Thursday evening from Fort Sill, Okla.

Give the most cherished gift equal to \$10,000 - world Book/Childcraft. Immediate delivery. World Book, \$182.30 cash; Childcraft \$120.90 cash; combination price \$254.20 cash.

December 26

The twin daughters born to Mr. and Mrs. Dan Bayer last Thursday, Dec. 19, weighed five pounds, 11 ounces and six pounds. They have been named Carolyn Jean and Constance Sue.

Paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Bill Bayer of Cunningham, and them maternal grandmother is Mrs. Leona Kanngieser of Zenda.

Mr. and Mrs. Dallas Thornhill and Bonita of Hutchinson were Sunday evening guests of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Evan Thornhill.

December 19, 1968

Second Lieutenant Randy Sheldon arrived home last Friday evening from Fort Sill, Okla. To spend a 15-day furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Dale Sheldon, Debby, Kris, and Lance.

Lieut. Sheldon will report to Fort Knox, Ky., for his next assignment.

Mr. and Mrs. Dalmer Crick were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Crick and family of Cimarron. Ed Crick was the guest of honor, celebrating his 88<sup>th</sup> birthday. Other guests were Mr. and Mrs. Joe Crick and Rita. Mr. Crick lives at Cimarron Manor.

**1968**

December 19 - The Cunningham Wildcats defeated the Norwich Eagles here last Friday night, 42-36. The victory evened the season at 2-2 for the Wildcats, and put them in a three-way tie for first place in the Golden Plains League standings with Attica and Sylvia-- each with two wins and no losses.

John McCune paced the cunnigham scoring with 18 points; Larry Lubbers had 4; Marvin Oller 6; Eddie Panek 10, and Bill McGovney 4.

Nashville-Zenda split a pair of games during the past week; winning from Hardtner and losing to Skyline.

December 26-Debby Sheldon arrived home Sunday from Kansas State University in Manhattan to spend the Christmas holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Dale Sheldon, Kris and Lance. She was accompanied by a school friend, Victor Fernandez of Caguos, Puerto Rico.

A large crowd braved a chilly afternoon, Saturday, Dec. 14, to extend a warm welcome to Santa Claus when he made his annual visit to Cunningham.

The 40-degree temperatures, accompanied by little wind, reduced the normal number of entries in the parade, but it was a fine parade for the afternoon weather. Santa Claus and his helpers distributed over 725 treats following the parade.

In the bicycle division of the parade, Richard Cain was first, Kim Johnston second, and Luann Jones third. The fourth entry was Janelle Rohr.

The pets division, Scott Long won first, David Thornhill was second, and Leonard Osner third. Other entries were Wade Ruckle, Rhonda Ruckle, and Greg Kitson.

In the wagons division, Billy Osner was first, Ronald Bailey second, and Roger Theis third.

In the dolls and doll buggies division, Bonnie Fischer was first, Bonita Thornhill second, and Stacy Marston third.

In the tricycles division, Monte Lunow was first, and Karla Rohr second.

YEARS AGO IN

*The Cunningham Clipper*

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**1978**

December 21, 1978 Mr. and Mrs. Marion Bayer announced the birth of a baby girl, Jami Michele at Kingman Community Hospital who weighed 7lb. , 10 oz. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Bainum and Mrs. Margaret Bayer. Great grandmother is Mrs. Edna Vogt of Kingman.

December 28, 1978

Zenda News: Mr. and Mrs. Tim Graber and sons, Santee, Calif. Are spending the week with Mr. and Mrs. Woodrow Graber.

Kenneth King called on Glen Moore, Spivey, Sunday evening.

Two Barber County men paid a total of \$616 in fines and court costs recently for hunting wild turkeys during closed season and hunting on private land without permission.

Wild turkey hunting in the state is confined to short season conducted in the spring, usually during the last week in April. A special permit is required to legally hunt the bird.

**1983**

December 22 - A fine crowd came to enjoy the Cunningham United Methodist Church Christmas program at the church on Sunday evening, December 18. Arlene Bradley played appropriate Christmas music on the organ while the crowd assembled.

A pageant, "The Smallest Star," was presented by Scott DeWeese and J. R. Glenn, (the star), and contained manger scene with Ed Park as Joseph and Leann FitzSimmons as Mary.

Following the benediction, the congregation enjoyed a social hour and gift exchange in the undercroft.

Despite the cold weather, a large group of parents and friends attended the annual High School and Jr. High Christmas program Thursday evening. Galen Reeves directed the vocal numbers and the bands, and Arlene Bradley was the accompanist at the piano.

December 29 - Kevin House is a member of the 1983-84 men's junior varsity basketball team at Tabor College. Kevin, a freshman, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Keith House of Cunningham.

Barbara Burch and Ralph Krug were married December 17 at 10 a.m. in the family area and lobby of Kingman Hospital with witnesses Francis Wilson and Mr. and Mrs. Don Powell. The Rev. Robert Walker of Cunningham officiated.

The newlyweds reside at Route 1, Derby, Kansas. The groom is employed at McConnell as Civil Engineer and the bride is employed by Mulvane Coop Union.

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DEAR SANTA

Dear Santa,  
 MY name is EMMA  
 I am 5 years old.  
 This year I have been:  
 naughty  nice   
 These are three things I am wishing for:  
 1. Go Cart  
 2. Makeup  
 3. Toy Baby Dog  
 I will set out COOKIES and MILK for you on CHRISTMAS EVE.  
 FROM, EMMA

Dear Santa,  
 MY name is KATE  
 I am 6 years old.  
 This year I have been:  
 naughty  nice   
 These are three things I am wishing for:  
 1. blanket  
 2. Barbie  
 3. shirt  
 I will set out COOKIES and MILK for you on CHRISTMAS EVE.  
 FROM, KATE

Dear Santa,  
 MY name is Aspen  
 I am 5 years old.  
 This year I have been:  
 naughty  nice   
 These are three things I am wishing for:  
 1. Baby unicorn and carrier  
 2. Girl Doll  
 3. xmas shirt  
 I will set out COOKIES and MILK for you on CHRISTMAS EVE.  
 FROM, Aspen

Dear Santa,  
 MY name is Rosina  
 I am 5 years old.  
 This year I have been:  
 naughty  nice   
 These are three things I am wishing for:  
 1. [drawing]  
 2. Doll w/ bike + blanket  
 3. Baby Doll + accessories  
 I will set out COOKIES and MILK for you on CHRISTMAS EVE.  
 FROM, Rosina

Dear Santa,  
 MY name is MAX  
 I am 5 years old.  
 This year I have been:  
 naughty  nice   
 These are three things I am wishing for:  
 1. Ninja Turtle Net Gun  
 2. Wolverine  
 3. Real Motorcycle  
 I will set out COOKIES and MILK for you on CHRISTMAS EVE.  
 FROM, MAX

Dear Santa,  
 MY name is BRECKEN  
 I am 5 years old.  
 This year I have been:  
 naughty  nice   
 These are three things I am wishing for:  
 1. Doll  
 2. Stuffed Pig Soft  
 3. Toy Fish  
 I will set out COOKIES and MILK for you on CHRISTMAS EVE.  
 FROM, BRECKEN

Dear Santa,  
 MY name is Kayla  
 I am 10 years old.  
 This year I have been:  
 naughty  nice   
 These are three things I am wishing for:  
 1. Jeti  
 2. Cowboy  
 3. Darth Vader  
 I will set out COOKIES and MILK for you on CHRISTMAS EVE.  
 FROM, Kayla



Catholic Churches

Sacred Heart, Cunningham  
 Saturdays 5:30 p.m.

St. John, Zenda  
 Sundays 8:30 a.m.

St. Leo  
 Sundays 10:00 a.m.

St. Peter Willowdale  
 Saturdays 4:00 p.m.

Father Roger Lumbre  
 620-243-5451  
 620-246-5370



Lutheran Churches

St. John, Nashville  
 620-246-5220  
 Sunday School & Bible Class  
 9:15 a.m.  
 Worship Service  
 10:30 a.m.

Trinity, Medicine Lodge  
 620- 886-3397  
 Sunday School & Bible Class  
 9:45 a.m.  
 Worship Service  
 8:30 a.m.

Pastor vacancy until further notice.



Church of Christ

Penalosa  
 Sunday 11:00 a.m.



First Christian Church

Cunningham  
 Sunday School 9:30 am  
 Morning Worship 10:45  
 Sunday Evening Worship 6:00  
 Jr High Youth Group 4:00 pm Sunday  
 Sr High Youth Group 7:30 pm Sunday  
 Wednesday Prayer Service 7:00

Pastor Mike McGovney 620-298-3201



United Methodist Church

Penalosa  
 Worship 9:15 a.m.  
 Cunningham  
 Worship 10:45 a.m.  
 Pastor Mathew Ndambuki Musyoki  
 620-298-2090

Zenda  
 Worship 9:00 a.m.  
 Sunday School: Children 8:30 a.m. Adults 10:00 a.m.  
 Pastor J L Nichols  
 620-491-0680

Giving Opportunities in our Community

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

West Kingman County Education Foundation

Use your Dillon's Card! (to donte contact Janet DeWeese 620-298-2717)

Hands of Hope (contact any church)

Cunningham Alumni Scholarship Fund

(send checks to the West Kingman County Education Foundation)

Cunningham Community Center (leave donation at the bank)

Lions' Club (Money is being raised to dig a well in the village of Kakindu, Kenya)

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

Cunningham Public Library (to donate, contact Kerri Steffen)

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

Cunningham Hands of Hope, Inc.

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

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

What: Food

When: **First and Third Tuesday 2:00-5:00 p.m.**

Where: 117 N Main (Old School Board Office)

Why: To provide food assistance to those in need.

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

Do you need assistance outside distribution hours?

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

CJH Wildcats Take CCJH Cougars

The Junior High Wildcats hosted the Central Christian Cougars on December 11. The Cougars are always well coached. That combined with the Cats' recent shooting percentage had the old Coach a little curious about how the game would play out.

The first quarter answered any questions as Central elected to pack the paint and force the Cats to shoot over their zone. The Cats did not follow their directions very well. They decided to go outside and inside with their scoring. The Cats opened up the game with a 17-0 first quarter, shooting better than they had all year. The press was working. The Cats outrebounded the Cougars all night. They shared the ball well, so no matter where the zone was shifted it seemed there was a Wildcat open for the shot or rebound. We even shot better than normal from the free throw line (7/11). It was a great hint of how good the Cats could be by the end of the year!

Liam led the team in rebounds with 7 followed by Tyler and Brody who each had 4. Nathan led the team in steals with 5. Brody and Adam each had 2.

- by Coach McGuire

Score	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Final
Cunningham	17	13	11	0	41
Central Christian	0	4	3	3	10

Wildcat Scorers

Liam McGuire	14
Brody Bock	13
Nathan Ndambuki	8
Adam Sterneker	6



Cooper Neufeld



Molly Morgan photos

CJH Wildcats Beat Skyline

Cunningham Junior High made the short trip to Skyline for their 4th league game and 7th overall game. The night was a full night for boys with 4 quarters for the C-team to go with the usual JV and Varsity night. Every Wildcat had fun! The C game was a 27-10 win, the JV was a 35-10 win, and the night was capped off with a 40-9 varsity win. A clean sweep. The varsity Cats had great defense and rebounding once again with decent offensive output. That helped get many more shots than the TBirds as in 3 times as many attempts. The Cats also had a team total of 7 turnovers but had a team 19 steals. And with 9 Wildcats chipping in points, it was a fun team win.

Nathan Ndambuki led the team with 7 rebounds. Brody had 3. Brody had 6 steals to lead the team followed by Liam with 5.

by Coach Lance McGuire

Score	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Final
Cunningham	17	14	6	3	40
Skyline	0	2	2	5	9

Wildcat Scorers

Nathan Ndambuki	16
Brody Bock	6
Liam McGuire	4
Tyler Osner	4
Adam Sterneker	3
Weston Rogers	2
Cooper Neufeld	2
Colton Rohlman	2
Wesly Priesser	1



Molly Morgan photos

Wyatt King



Casyn Miller



Kane Reid



Hank Adams

Some Action from the CJH Lady Cats Beat Skyline



Sage Thimesch



Maelyn Jump



Kourtni Fischer



Alyssa Osner



### Wildcats Defeat the Raiders

The Cunningham Wildcats played their first home game of the season on December 12, 2023 and defeated the Argonia Raiders 68 to 34.

Cunningham jumped out to a 16 to 6 lead with a swarming man-to-man defense. Five players got into the scoring column with Will Wegerer leading the way with five points. Luke Albers and Luke McGuire added four points each and Nate Sterneker made a free throw.

The Wildcat offense rolled in the second quarter and tallied 29 points. Albers scored 17 points. Wegerer added seven points including 4 for 4

from the free throw line. McGuire added five more to his total.

Cunningham remained in control in the third quarter adding 21 more points. McGuire and Albers scored five and four points, respectively. Dagim Reed and Kory Morgan added two points each and Dylan Halderson made a free throw. Cunningham led 66 to 27 going into the fourth quarter.

The JV bunch played the entire 4<sup>th</sup> quarter with a running clock and added two more points by Halderson from the free throw line. The final score was Cunningham 68, Argonia 34.

by Coach Stackhouse



Luke Albers



Will Wegerer

Name	2pt. made	3pt. made	FTM/FTA	TP	Reb.	Asst.	Stl.	Chg.
McGuire	4	2		14	4	5	3	
Halderson	1		3/4	5	3			
Wegerer	3	3	4/4	19	5	5	3	1
Albers	7	3	2/2	25	3	1	1	
Reed	1			2		1	3	
Rogers					2		2	
Sterneker			1/2	1	3	2		
Green					2			
Kinsler			0/2		2	1		
Morgan	1			2	2			

	1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>	4 <sup>th</sup>	Final
Cunningham	16	29	21	2	68
Argonia	6	13	8	7	34



Photos by Molly Morgan

### Wildcats Lose to Classical

The Cunningham Wildcats traveled to Wichita on December 15, 2023, to take on the 8<sup>th</sup> 2A ranked Saints of Wichita Classical. After a hard fought game, the Cats came up short in a 69-64 loss.

Cunningham started strong in the first quarter scoring 19 points to

13 for the Saints. Luke McGuire scored eight points to lead the Cats. Luke Albers put in six points and Will Wegerer scored five points.

The Wildcat had the lowest scoring output in the second quarter just managing nine points. The Saints scored 13 to cut into the Cunningham lead and trailed by two at the half 26 to 28. Wegerer and Albers each scored

three points while Dylan Halderson made a two point basket and Dagim Reed added a free throw. The Cats were also collecting fouls which would come back to haunt them in the fourth quarter.

Cunningham had a solid third quarter on offense scoring 21 points but gave up 22 points to the Saints 18 coming from the sharp shooting of Graham from

Classical. Albers led the Cats with seven points. Wegerer and McGuire each scored five points and Halderson and Reed added two points each.

Leading by one going into the fourth quarter, Cunningham had four players with four fouls at some point in the quarter. The scoring went back and forth for most of the quarter until the Wildcats were the first to hiccup

which led to sending the Saints to the free throw line where they connected on eight of nine free throws to seal the game. McGuire and Albers each scored six points and Wegerer added three points before fouling out

of the game. Classical was 20 for 33 from the free throw line, outscoring The Cats by 10 from the line as Cunningham made 10 of 13. - Coach Stackhouse

Name	2pt. made	3pt. made	FTM/FTA	TP	Reb.	Asst.	Stl.	Chg.
McGuire	1	5	2/2	19	4	2	3	2
Halderson	2			4				
Wegerer	4	2	2/3	16	8	9	1	
Albers	7	1	5/6	22	8	1	2	
Reed	1		1/2	3	2		1	
Sterneker					2	1		
Kinsler					2	1		

	1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>	4 <sup>th</sup>	Final
Cunningham	19	9	21	15	64
Argonia	13	13	22	21	69



Photo by Molly Morgan



Dylan Halderson



### CHS Lady Wildcats



Gracie Smyth




Whitney Mead

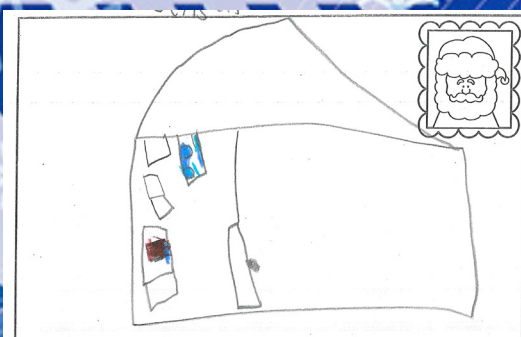
Molly Morgan photos



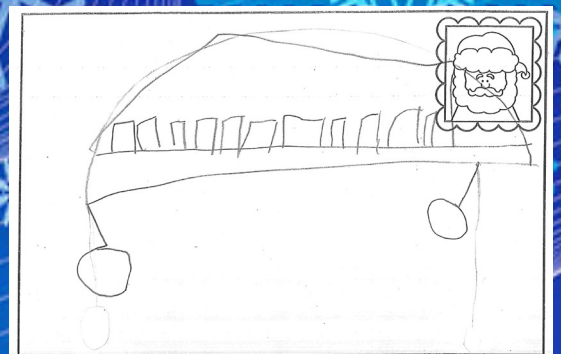
Kyra Morgan




Dear Santa,  
How do you fly around the whole entire world?  
Can I please have a Christmas tree and please pokemon cards?  
Love, Casey  
Raney



Dear Santa,  
Why do the reindeer call for names?  
I hope I could have some Nintendo and Pokemon  
Jenson Love, mcd




Dear Santa,  
I would like to know how you fly? May I have a private jet?  
Love, Wesper mcd



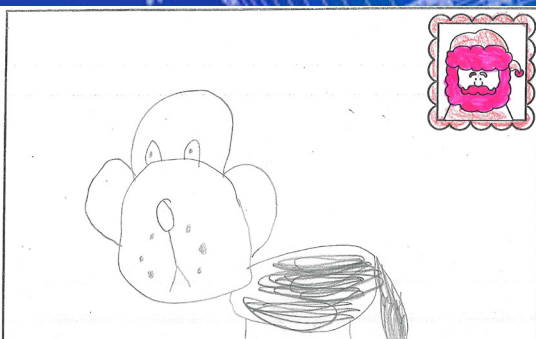
Dear Santa,  
How do you get around the whole world? I want a pastor and a cat.  
Love, Jettett Ford




Dear Santa,  
The elves amazing Santa I hope there doing there job?  
Can I have a dress up skirt and a butterfly dress?  
Love, Hailey Romine



Dear Santa,  
Why do the elfs come to the school?  
Can I have some pokemon cards.  
Love, Dylan Tyler




Dear Santa,  
How do you fly in the sky with our reindeer?  
Can I have a stuff animal dog?  
Love, Evelyn Prim



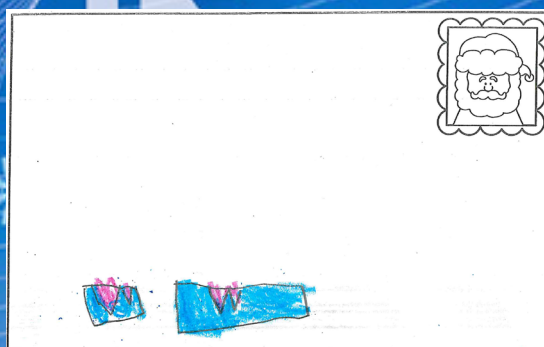
Dear Santa,  
How do you fly around the whole entire world?  
Can I please have a Christmas tree and please pokemon cards?  
Love, Casey  
Raney



Dear Santa,  
How do you know how we get presents for Christmas?  
I would like a squish mellow and a teddy bear.  
Love, Johnson  
Katsreion



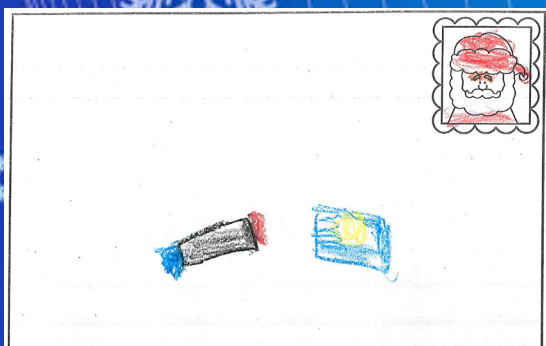
Dear Santa,  
Is Rudolph actually real?  
I want for Christmas Rudolph stuff animal?  
Love, Aveny Beat




Dear Santa,  
How do the reindeer fly?  
I want POKEMON toys and a hover board.  
Love, Beckey Miller




Dear Santa,  
What els does the reindeer do? Can I have a puppet.  
Love, Comar Herin



Dear Santa,  
What does Santa the elf do at the North Pole?  
I want Nintendo and a pokemons.  
Love, Masha



Dear Santa,  
Do you let kids in the North Pole?  
Can I please ob please have a puppy a real one not a toy ok Santa, and a phone?  
Love, Jashitha Purinap



Dear Santa,  
I want to learn about reindeer?  
I need some Pokemon and a small dirt bike?  
Love, Jordan Hageman



## Kansas Coaches Named Sectional Coaches of the Year

TOPEKA, Kan. — The National Federation of State High School Associations (NFHS) has announced that eight high school coaches from Kansas have been named National Coaches Association Sectional Coaches of the Year for the 2022-23 school seasons.

The NFHS is divided into eight geographical sections. They are as follows: Section 1 – Northeast (CT, ME, MA, NH, NJ, NY, RI, VT); Section 2 – Mideast (DE, DC, KY, MD, OH, PA, VA, WV); Section 3 – South (AL, FL, GA, LA, MS, NC, SC, TN); Section 4 – Central (IL, IN, IA, MI, WI); Section 5 – Midwest (KS, MN, MO, NE, ND, SD); Section 6 – Southwest (AR, CO, NM, OK, TX); Section 7 – West (AZ, CA, HI, NV, UT); and Section 8 – Northwest

(AK, ID, MT, OR, WA, WY).

The sectional committee representatives evaluate the state award recipients from the states in their respective sections and select the best candidates for the sectional award in each sport category. The NFHS Coaches Association Advisory Committee then considers the sectional candidates in each sport, ranks them according to a point system, and determines a national winner for each of the 20 sport categories, the spirit category and two “other” categories.

The sectional winners will now be put in consideration for National Coach of the Year, to be announced sometime in January.

NFHS Sectional Coaches of the Year (2022-23):

Boys Soccer - Rey David Ramirez-Alvarez (Maize South HS)

Boys Tennis - Gavin Webster (Independence HS)

Boys Golf - Mark

Berger (Bishop Carroll HS)

Boys T&F - Levi Huseman (Olathe North HS)

Girls Basketball - Ann Fritz (Blue Valley North HS)

Girls Tennis - Jane Glaser (Andover Central HS)

Girls Swim & Dive - Annette McDonald (Lawrence-Free State HS)

Girls Softball - Ballard Patterson (McLouth HS)

State Coaches of the Year (2022-23):

Boys Cross Country - Tricia Beaham (Shawnee Mission East HS)

Girls Cross Country - Jim Barnard (Eudora HS)

Football - 11 player - Michael Glatczak (Nemaha Central HS)

Football - 8 player - Eric Detweiler (Axtell HS)

**Football - 6 player - Lance McGuire (Cunningham HS)**

Girls Golf - Richard B. Eckert (Emporia HS)

Boys Soccer - Rey David Ramirez-Alvarez (Maize South HS)

Girls Tennis - Jane Glaser (Andover Central HS)

Volleyball - Sandy Arnold (Hillsboro HS)

Boys Basketball - Martin Shetlar (Andover HS)

Girls Basketball - Ann Fritz (Blue Valley North HS)

Bowling - Jo Richard (Washburn Rural HS)

Boys Swim & Dive - Kamren Hall (Collegiate HS and The Independent HS)

Boys Wrestling - Michael Porsch (Hoxie HS)

Girls Wrestling - Nick Nothern - (Chanute HS)

Baseball - Joe Allison (Blue Valley West HS)

Boys Tennis - Gavin Webster (Independence HS)

Boys Golf - Mark Berger (Bishop Carroll HS)

Boys T&F - Levi Huseman (Olathe North HS)

Girls T&F - Tyler

Ryan (Andale HS) Girls Swim & Dive - Annette McDonald (Lawrence-Free State HS)

Girls Softball - Ballard Patterson (McLouth HS)

Girls Soccer - Dan Brown (St. Thomas Aquinas HS)

Boys JH/Middle School - Jay Kearn (Washington Co. JH)

Girls JH/Middle School - Elissa D. Moore (Ellinwood MS)

Cheer - Desirae Moreno (Andover Central HS)

Dance - Tara Yantis (St. Thomas Aquinas HS)

The NFHS, which has been recognizing coaches through an awards program since 1982, honors coaches in the top 10 girls sports and top 10 boys sports (by participation numbers), and in one “other” sport that is not included in the top 10 listings. Winners of NFHS awards must be active coaches during the year for which they receive their award.

The KSHSAA works

with the Kansas Coaches Association (KCA) to nominate Kansas coaches. The KCA contacts their potential state award recipients to complete a “coach profile” form that requests information regarding the coach’s record, membership in and affiliation with coaching and other professional organizations, involvement with other school and community activities and programs, and coaching philosophy. To be approved as an NFCA award recipient and considered for sectional and national coach of the year, this profile form must be completed by the coach or designee and then approved by the executive director (or designee) of the state athletic/activities association.



## Wheat Scoop: K-State Researchers Lower Gluten Content Maintain Dough Quality in Bread Wheat

MANHATTAN, Kan. — Kansas State University researchers have reported a breakthrough in developing wheat-based foods that contain lower amounts of gluten, a discovery that may lessen the adverse effects for those with celiac or other autoimmune diseases.

Scientists from K-State’s Wheat Genetics Resource Center and the USDA’s Agricultural Research Service -- in partnership with Kansas Wheat -- successfully

used a gene editing technique known as CRISPR-Cas9 to reduce the presence of two types of gluten-coding genes called gliadins that are known to be abundant in immunoreactive peptides – the amino acid building blocks that form proteins.

Gluten is a protein often found in wheat, barley and rye. When people with celiac disease eat gluten, their body mounts an immune response that attacks the small intestine and the small, fingerlike projections known as villi that help the body absorb nutrients properly.

According to the Celiac Disease Foundation, celiac disease affects 1 in 100 people worldwide, but only about 30% are properly diagnosed.

“We were very surprised that once we edited those genes, we reduced the immunotoxicity caused by gliadin genes in wheat by 47-fold,”

said Eduard Akhunov, University Distinguished Professor in K-State’s Department of Plant Pathology and director of the Wheat Genetics Resource Center.

Akhunov leads a group of scientists applying advanced methods of genomics, genetics and genome editing to improve wheat. In this project, the editing of gluten genes was performed by postdoctoral researcher Zitong Yu.

Akhunov said gluten likely will never be completely removed from wheat since it is important for bread-making. Gluten provides the texture, flavor and moisture in such products as bread, bagels, pastries, noodles and more.

“In our edited lines, we also found that while there was a reduction in toxicity (due to lower levels of toxic gluten molecules), we did not have any reduction in

the dough quality that is important for bread-making,” Akhunov said. “That’s extremely important. We achieved these two seemingly contradictory objectives – reducing toxicity, but maintaining the ability to develop quality dough.”

Akhunov added that even though reduced levels of gluten achieved in this study won’t make wheat immediately safe for those with severe levels of celiac disease, “it is important to step forward.”

“Wheat varieties with reduced toxicity levels will help to broaden wheat-based product options for people with minor gluten-related issues,” he said. “The knowledge gained in this research could eventually pave the road for developing new varieties that will be safer for people with celiac disease.”

The very nature of scientific study and wheat

breeding means varieties with reduced gluten content may not be available to consumers for many years. Aaron Harries, the vice president of research and operations for Kansas Wheat, said the trait would not be included in all new varieties and “most likely would be grown under contract with food manufacturers.”

“Wheat research is focused on developing new varieties that meet the demands of the consumer – both domestic and international,” Harries said. “Developing wheat that is safer for celiac sufferers decreases the number of consumers forced to consider wheat alternatives.”

He adds: “There are many wheat farmers and members of their families in Kansas that have celiac disease. It is ironic and unfortunate that they raise wheat for a living but can’t eat wheat foods.

Most consumers would prefer not to give up wheat foods in their diet. Developing wheat varieties that are consumable by people with celiac disease would make their lives much easier.”

CRISPR-Cas9 is a genome editing tool that is faster, cheaper and more accurate than previously used methods of genome engineering. Akhunov said his research team worked with a common wheat cultivar known as Fielder, which is amenable to genome editing.

K-State’s research – which has received funding from Kansas Wheat, USDA’s National Institute for Food and Agriculture, and the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation – is published in the Nov. 17 issue of the Plant Biotechnology Journal.

By Pat Melgares, K-State Research and Extension news service

## Kingman County Sheriff's Report

### Sunday, December 10

Alarm / Burglary  
Miscellaneous  
Disturbance  
Follow Up  
Suspicious Vehicle  
911 Accidental Dial  
Miscellaneous  
911 Accidental Dial

### Monday, December 11

Traffic Stop  
Traffic Complaint  
Suspicious Activity  
Follow Up  
Animal Complaint  
Fire / Grass / Small Structure  
Traffic Complaint  
Unlock Vehicle  
Non-Injury Accident  
Fire / Combine  
Medical  
Miscellaneous  
Smoke Investigation

### Tuesday, December 12

Traffic Stop  
Miscellaneous  
Traffic Complaint  
Agency Assist  
Transport Prisoner  
Harassment

300 N Main St, Zenda  
200 N Main St, Zenda  
120 N Spruce, Kingman  
300 N Main St, Zenda  
9000 E Hwy 54, Murdock  
SW 170 Ave & W Hwy 54, Cunningham  
120 N Spruce, Kingman  
400 E A Ave, Kingman  
7  
SE 170 St & E Hwy 2, Norwich  
100 Blk Avenue D, Zenda  
200 Blk N Main, Zenda  
1300 Blk E Hwy 54, Kingman  
16000 Blk W Hwy 42, Nashville  
400 Blk W Stanley, Spivey  
11000 Blk NE 20 St, Murdock  
SW 170 Ave & SW 30 St, Cunningham  
NW 60 Ave & NW 10 St, Kingman  
700 Blk W Washington Ave, Kingman  
700 Blk W Washington Ave, Kingman  
300 E C Ave, Kingman  
1  
200 Blk S Parkway St, Norwich  
E Hwy 2 & SE 150 Ave, Norwich  
2200 Blk NE 10 St, Kingman  
120 N Spruce, Kingman  
300 Blk E Dave, Kingman



Check Welfare  
Burglary  
Traffic Complaint  
Theft  
Suspicious Activity  
Warrant Service

### Wednesday, December 13

Traffic Stop  
Miscellaneous  
Miscellaneous  
Disabled Vehicle

### Thursday, December 14

Traffic Stop  
Civil Paper Process  
Domestic  
Follow Up  
Traffic Complaint  
Traffic Complaint

### Friday, December 15

Traffic Stop  
Traffic Complaint  
Fire / Structure  
Follow Up  
Traffic Complaint

### Saturday, December 16

Traffic Stop  
Miscellaneous  
Traffic Complaint  
Miscellaneous  
Non-Injury Accident

1600 Blk NE 50 St, Kingman  
8600 Blk SE Burns Ave, Kingman  
400 Blk E D Ave, Kingman  
SW 110 St & SW 160 Av, Nashville  
NE 40 Ave & NE 35 St, Kingman  
120 N Spruce, Kingman

3  
100 Blk N Main St, Zenda  
120 N Spruce, Kingman  
8700 Blk W Hwy 54, Kingman

1  
1  
5000 Blk NE 10 St, Kingman  
Goddard, Ks  
3000 Blk E Hwy 54, Kingman  
13000 Blk E Hwy 54, Kingman

2  
13000 Blk E Hwy 54, Cheney  
300 Blk E D Ave, Kingman  
5000 Blk NE 10 St, Kingman  
9000 E Hwy 54, Murdock

2  
1500 Blk SW 20 St, Kingman  
11000 Blk W Hwy 54, Cunningham  
120 N Spruce, Kingman  
7000 Blk SE 150 Ave, Norwich

Dear Santa,

MY name is AUSTIN.

I am 5 years old.

THIS YEAR I HAVE BEEN:

naughty  nice

These are three things I am wishing for:

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- 
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I will set out cookies and milk for you on CHRISTMAS EVE.

From, AUSTIN

Dear Santa,

MY name is chevy.

I am 5 years old.

THIS YEAR I HAVE BEEN:

naughty  nice

These are three things I am wishing for:

- Dinosaur Race Track
- bouncy balls
- motorcycle

I will set out cookies and milk for you on CHRISTMAS EVE.

From, chevy

Dear Santa,

MY name is KIMBER.

I am 5 years old.

THIS YEAR I HAVE BEEN:

naughty  nice

These are three things I am wishing for:

- Blanket
- Doll with Headband
- Slates

I will set out cookies and milk for you on CHRISTMAS EVE.

From, KIMBER

Dear Santa,

MY name is camryn.

I am 5 years old.

THIS YEAR I HAVE BEEN:

naughty  nice

These are three things I am wishing for:

- Toy Heart
- Toy Car
- VR Headset

I will set out cookies and milk for you on CHRISTMAS EVE.

From, camryn

Dear Santa,

MY name is TACKET.

I am 6 years old.

THIS YEAR I HAVE BEEN:

naughty  nice

These are three things I am wishing for:

- Cookies
- milk
- sister

I will set out cookies and milk for you on CHRISTMAS EVE.

From, TACKET

Dear Santa,

MY name is MASON.

I am 5 years old.

THIS YEAR I HAVE BEEN:

naughty  nice

These are three things I am wishing for:

- Team MASCOT
- WHEEL OF FEDER'S SUGAR MASCOTS
- Musical Note

I will set out cookies and milk for you on CHRISTMAS EVE.

From, MASON

Dear Santa,

MY name is CARSON.

I am 5 years old.

THIS YEAR I HAVE BEEN:

naughty  nice

These are three things I am wishing for:

- Green Shirt
- XMAS BLOCK
- Toy Car

I will set out cookies and milk for you on CHRISTMAS EVE.

From, CARSON

Dear Santa,

MY name is Trey.

I am 6 years old.

THIS YEAR I HAVE BEEN:

naughty  nice

These are three things I am wishing for:

- Pokemon card
- PL (Play) station
- Mario game

I will set out cookies and milk for you on CHRISTMAS EVE.

From, Trey

Dear Santa,

MY name is Jett.

I am 6 years old.

THIS YEAR I HAVE BEEN:

naughty  nice

These are three things I am wishing for:

- Scoop
- Book
- Big Car

I will set out cookies and milk for you on CHRISTMAS EVE.

From, Jett

**Kingman County Humane Society  
Pets Ready for Adoption.**

**Athena**

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**Jingles**

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Male Domestic Shorthair  
About 10 pounds  
About 6 months old  
\$40.00  
Jingles has been at the shelter since December 7, 2023  
Jingles is a beautiful cat but you're going to have to see for yourself or take our word for it. He's very people friendly. Wants to be up close and personal so getting pictures of the whole cat is impossible. Motor works great.



Female Terrier, American Staffordshire / Bulldog, English  
About 64 pounds  
3 years +  
\$150.00  
Athena has been at the shelter since October 25, 2023  
Athena is people friendly, but should be in a single dog home.

**Donations Needed for  
Kingman Humane Society**

The pets at Kingman County Humane Society are in need of the following items:

- bleach
- liquid laundry detergent
- poop bag rolls
- disposable gloves (large)
- 13-gal. kitchen trash bags
- dry cat and kitten food
- clumping cat litter
- canned dog food
- Purina Puppy Chow
- long-lasting chews
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- paper towels

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### Minutes from the Kingman County Commission

Chairman Henning called the Board of County Commissioners meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. December 11, 2023, in the County Commissioners room at the Kingman County Courthouse. Present: Jerry Henning, Chairman; Pat Elpers, Commissioner; Jack Thimesch, Commissioner; Carol Noblit, County Clerk; Brandon Ritcha, County Counselor

Visitors: Bob Morris, Kingman Leader Courier; Larry Landwehr; Dale Enyart; Leon Sowers; Mark Steffen; Deanna Steffen

Online Visitors: User 01; Caller 01; Shanna Henry; Macay Ewy and Tyler Mowbray.

Staff: Jamie Smith, County Treasurer; Tonja Stamm, Courthouse Maintenance; Mary Schwartz, Health Nurse; LaDawn Stegman, Financial Officer; Ron Leroux, Noxious Weed Director; Stan Goetz, HR/Planning/Zoning/

Wastewater Director; Susan Hubbell, Register of Deeds and Charles Arensdorf, Public Works Director.

Chairman Henning asked if there were any additions to the agenda. MOTION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to approve the agenda. Commissioner Elpers seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Chairman Henning asked if there was any public comment.

Leon Sowers thanked the Commissioners for attending the public meeting that was held and handed them information to look over.

Commissioners discussed that the meeting was a scare tactic and people that attended the meeting didn't know what they were signing.

Larry Landwehr discussed that he has looked up while discussion was going and there was nothing online stating that the republican party.

Mark Steffen let the Commissioners know that there was a meeting of the Republican party and a resolution was passed 180 to 1.

Mark Steffen was in to discuss a request of a road name change

Sheriff Brent Wood and Macay Ewy, Emergency Manager were in to let the Commissioners know that the 911 Tower is finished being installed.

Sheriff Wood submitted the department reports for November.

Sheriff Wood discussed the purchase of a few new computers because the last computer purchase was in 2019 and he is looking into bids but they will not be by the end of the year.

Sheriff let the Commissioners know that they have started a substance abuse counselor program for inmates in the jail.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to go into executive session with Brandon Ritcha at 9:23 a.m. to discuss pending administrative proceedings pursuant to the exception under the Kansas Open Meetings Act, and they will return to open session in the Board meeting room at 9:53 a.m. Commissioner Elpers seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

County Commissioners returned to regular session at 9:53 a.m. EXECUTIVE SESSION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to go into executive session with Brandon Ritcha at 9:54 a.m. to discuss pending administrative proceedings pursuant to the exception under the Kansas Open Meetings Act, and they will return to open session in the Board meeting room at 10:04 a.m. Commissioner Elpers seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Director was in to discuss the Economic Development website and if the County wants to keep the Kingman County Economic Development website.

Commissioners discussed that they would add the information to the County Website if needed.

MOTION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to approve a letter to be hand delivered to the City Manager and City Commissioners pertaining to the EMS. Commissioner Elpers seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Carol Noblit, County submitted the December 4<sup>th</sup>, 2023, Commission meeting minutes for approval.

MOTION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to approve the December 4<sup>th</sup>, 2023, Commission meeting minutes. Commissioner Elpers seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Stan Goetz, HR/Planning/Zoning/Wastewater Director was in to let the Commissioners know that the next department head meeting will be held on January 8, 2024.

Mr. Goetz submitted a request for shared leave. MOTION: Commissioner Elpers moved to approve shared leave for an employee. Commissioner Thimesch seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Mr. Goetz let the Commissioners know that next week he will bring a road closing in for approval. The planning/zoning board approved the closure but there is a two week protest period.

Mr. Goetz submitted the following building permits:

- Neal Rice for a deck at 15811 NE 30 St.
- John Boggs for pole

barn in Section 24, Township 29, Range 7.

MOTION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to go into executive session with Stan Goetz, HR and Brandon Ritcha, Counselor at 10:44 a.m. to discuss and individual employee's performance pursuant to the exception under the Kansas Open Meetings, and they will return to open session in the Board meeting room at 10:54 a.m. Commissioner Elpers seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Commissioners returned to regular session at 10:54 a.m. with no decision made.

Charles Arensdorf, Public Works Director and Tanner Yost, Kirkham Michael were in to discuss Flat Ridge 4 & 5 Action Plan with the Commissioners.

Mr. Arensdorf submitted a letter to transfer the unused 2023 funds in the Kingman County Road & Bridge budget to 75% Special Highway and 25% Special Machinery. MOTION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to allow Kingman County Department of Public Works 2023 left over funds be transferred to 75% Special Highway and 25% Special Machinery. Commissioner Elpers seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Mr. Arensdorf submitted the department financials for November 2023 for the Commissioners to review.

Mr. Yost presented the Road Access and repair agreement Exhibit "A" Action plan for Flat Ridge 4 & 5 (Initial Construction Period) to the County Commissioners.

Tyler Mowbray, Invenergy Project Manager was online and answered questions that the Commissioners had on the Road Access and Repair Agreement Action

Plan.

Commissioners discussed the haul route with Mr. Mowbray and to make sure the route is followed.

MOTION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to approve the Road Access and Repair Agreement Action Plan Exhibit "A" for Flat Ridge 4 Wind, LLC and Flat Ridge 5 Wind Energy LLC (the Company). Commissioner Elpers seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Mr. Yost submitted the Nextera Windfarm Action Plan for the reconstruction project on the windfarm for the Commissioners approval.

Mr. Arensdorf and the Commissioners discussed that wording needed to be added for 90<sup>th</sup> usage.

Commissioners discussed a cereal malt beverage license for Roadside Inn.

MOTION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to approve a Cereal Malt Beverage license for Louella Schmitz-Roadside Inn. Commissioner Elpers seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Commissioners signed abatements, additions and escapes.

Chairman Henning discussed a quote received from Bob Walters for adding the Commission room ceiling.

MOTION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to approve the modification of the Appraiser office ceiling bid to include the Commission Room ceiling improvements in the amount of \$4,468.00 from Bob Walters. Commissioner Elpers seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

MOTION: Commissioner (con't on page 12)

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- Great divide
- Priestly vestment
- Took to court
- Haile Selassie's disciple
- 10 decibels
- \*Appletini's \_\_\_ schnapps
- Rose oil
- Maui garland
- Birth-related
- \*Old Fashioned liquor option
- \*Gin+vermouth rosso+Campari
- Not him
- Bye, in Palermo
- VA.gov beneficiary
- Puerto follower
- Like Ferris Bueller
- Exclude
- "\_\_\_ Your Enthusiasm"
- Green-light
- Tiny coffee cup, or \_\_\_-tasse
- Cut mission short
- Not final or absolute
- Makes a sweater
- Wing-shaped
- Bird, in Latin
- One with drug dependency
- Do like a frog
- A U.S. time zone
- Dance with #17 Across
- Anatomical duct
- \*It usually comes in a conical glass
- \*Popular cocktail mixer
- Spy's other name
- Knicks' org.
- Give a speech

DOWN

- Sticking point, in alimentary tract
- Possesses, archaic
- \*Bellini with \_\_\_ Spumante
- Squirrel away
- a.k.a. felt-pen
- Competently
- M tley Cr e's Tommy \_\_\_
- Russian pancakes
- Practice in the ring
- As far as (2 words)
- Distinctive flair
- Place for a hero
- Fluffy sweater material
- "All My Children" vixen \_\_\_ Kane
- 2010 Movie "\_\_\_ Pray Love"
- Toyota model
- \*Moscow Mule spirit
- Make corrections
- Shy
- \* \_\_\_ Libre
- Forearm bone
- Not dead
- Honkers
- \*Lemon or orange piece
- South American monkey
- Highlands hillside
- Crossbeam

45. Religious split

- 252-gallon wine cask
- \*Tequila+grapefruit juice+sparkling water
- Kind of golf course
- Razor sharpener
- S.A.T. section
- Balm ingredient
- Baptism or shiva, e.g.
- Asian weight unit
- John Galsworthy's "The Forsyte \_\_\_"
- Nukes
- Sewing case
- Gym set
- \* \_\_\_'s Knees

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### Minutes from the Pratt County Commission

The pratt county commissioners met in regular session Monday, december 11, 2023 at 2:00 pm in the commissioner room, 1st floor of the courthouse. The following members were present: Thomas W. Jones III, Rick Shriver, and Tyson Eisenhauer, county counselor, Lori Voss, county clerk and Mark Graber, IT director. Dwight Adams was not present due to illness.

Cameron Quick and Devon Willard, sheriff's office, gave a presentation on a drone. They are asking to purchase a drone with ARPA funds. They are also looking at

grants for the drone and other pieces of equipment. Cameron stated they are still checking on grants and will keep the commissioners informed. Chairman Jones stated they would discuss the purchase at a later meeting. Heather Jones morgan stated they would need to receive bids for ARPA funds to be used. She also stated to make sure the specs and bids are the same by the companies bidding.

Heather Morgan, economic development/ COVID consultant, stated she had attended the western Kansas legislative meeting. Their agenda is to get their share of the money for western counties. Including funds for the four-lane highway expansion, daycare, mul-

tiuse buildings not being taxed for one instead being taxed on each business in the building. Pratt Economic Development approved the Chapeau façade grant. They are working on an incentive package for a new restaurant.

Darcie Vander Vyver, health, reported finishing up year end. She reported she was over in commodities but she is under on her total budget. She will be doing school inspections this week.

Clerk Voss presented checks for Tara, RSVP for commissioners signatures.

BJ Hayes, emergency management/zoning, needed a signature from the chairman to adopt bylaws for the LAPC. He reported Morgan Trinkle and Derrick Slocum are up for new terms for the zoning board. Commissioner Shriver made a motion to approve the reappointment of Morgan Trinkle and Derrick Slocum for three year terms to the zoning board. Chairman Jones seconded the motion. Motion carried 2-0.

Commissioner Shriver made a motion to recess into executive session at 2:36 p.m. for fifteen minutes for an attorney/client matter concerning zoning regulations. Chairman Jones seconded the motion. Motion carried 2-0. Commissioner Shriver made a motion to return from executive session at 2:49 p.m. with no action taken. Chairman Jones seconded the motion. Motion carried 2-0.

Chairman Jones made a motion to approve the minutes from december 4, 2023. Commissioner Shriver seconded the motion. Motion carried 2-0.

Commissioner Shriver made a motion to recess into executive session at 2:51 p.m. for ten minutes for an attorney/client matter concerning multiple legal issues. Chairman Jones seconded the motion. Motion carried 2-0. Commissioner Shriver made a motion to return from executive session at 2:58 p.m. with no action taken. Chairman Jones seconded the motion. Motion carried 2-0.

Michelle Vakulenko, BCBS representative, updated the commissioners on the utilization of the policy and the outlook for renewal.

Commissioner Shriver made a motion to approve the road crossing for Ideatek at SW 20<sup>th</sup> Street in five locations as shown on map. Chairman Jones seconded the motion. Motion carried 2-0.

Chairman Jones made a motion to approve the payment vouchers for December 11, 2023. Commissioner Shriver seconded the motion. Motion carried 2-0.

Chairman Jones made a motion to adjourn at 3:26 p.m. Commissioner Shriver seconded the motion. Motion carried 2-0.



### Minutes from the Kingman County Commission

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Thimesch moved to not be members of the Kansas League of Municipalities for 2024. Commissioner Elpers seconded the mo-

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

MOTION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to adjourn the meeting at 12:27 p.m. Commissioner Elpers seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County

### Kansas Shrine Bowl Announces \$100,000 Donation

KANSAS- As the 50th anniversary year of the Kansas Shrine Bowl concludes, the Kansas Shrine Bowl Board of Directors, along with the staff, participants, ambassadors, corporate partners, supporters, and nobles from across Kansas are proud to announce a donation of \$100,000 as a result of the 2023 event held Saturday, July 15th in Hays. Since 1974, the Kansas Shrine Bowl has now donated more than \$3.8 million to Shriners Children's.

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The 2024 Kansas Shrine Bowl presented by Mammoth is scheduled for Saturday, June 29th, 2024 at Welch Stadium on the campus of Emporia State University in Emporia, Kansas. To learn more about how you can contribute to the wonderful work of Shriners and the Kansas Shrine Bowl, please contact the Kansas Shrine Bowl office at 913-602-8656 or reach out by email to events@KansasShrineBowl.com. For additional event information and to learn more about the cause, visit www.KansasShrineBowl.com.

### Public Notice

First published in the Cunningham Courier, Thursday, December 7, 2023. (3t)

IN THE THIRTIETH JUDICIAL DISTRICT DISTRICT COURT OF KINGMAN COUNTY, KANSAS IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF: DONALD G. AUMILLER, Deceased. Case No. 2020 PR 42 (Petition Pursuant to K.S.A. Chapter 59) NOTICE OF HEARING

THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED: You are hereby notified that on December 4, 2023, a Petition was filed in this Court by Sheryl K. Cheely, duly appointed, qualified and acting Executrix of the Estate of Donald G. Aumiller, deceased, praying Petitioner's acts be approved; account be settled and allowed; the heirs be determined; the Will be construed and the Estate be assigned to the persons entitled thereto; the Court

find the allowances requested for attorneys' fees and expenses are reasonable and should be allowed; the costs be determined and ordered paid; the administration of the Estate be closed; upon the filing of receipts the Petitioner be finally discharged as the Executrix of the Estate of Donald G. Aumiller, deceased, and the Petitioner be released from further liability.

You are required to file your written defenses thereto on or before December 28, 2023, at 10:00 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.

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## Bob Leiter

February 28, 1945 — November 24, 2023

Robert ("Bob") Frank Leiter, 78, of El Paso, Texas, passed away November 24, 2023, after a long and valiant fight against non-Hodgkin's lymphoma. Bob was predeceased by his maternal grandparents, Frank and Frances Grier Allbritten, and his parents, Rufus and Pauline Allbritten Leiter, all of Cunningham, Kansas. Left to cherish his memory are his wife, Colonel Emily R. Leiter of El Paso; daughter, Amber Nicole ("Nicki") Renn (Andy) of Chicago; grandchildren, Jack and Sydney Renn; sister, Mary Leiter Swick (Bill) of Bellevue, Nebraska; nieces Susan Nigro (Edward) of Ashburn, Virginia; Kristin Pascual (Matt) of Chincoteague, Virginia; and Lauren Swick (Daniel) of Portland, Oregon.

Bob was born in Wichita, Kansas, on February 28, 1945, and lived in Cunningham throughout high school. In Cunningham schools, Bob excelled in sports, winning numerous medals in football, basketball, and track and field.

Bob's illustrious military career began in 1966 when he enlisted in the Army and was assigned to Army Artillery Branch and attended the Redeye Gunner course. After 2 years in Korea, he returned home and enrolled in the ROTC program at Wichita State University. Upon graduation in 1973, he received a bachelor's degree in business administration. He was commissioned into the U.S. Army as a Second Lieutenant in the Infantry with a secondary MOS in Military Intelligence at Fort Polk from 1973-1976.

In 1977, Bob endured a grueling selection course and was inducted into the U.S. Special Forces branch. He was assigned to Panama as a U.S. Special Forces officer, where he commanded Special Forces Operational Detachment "A" and Company Command in 3rd Battalion 7th Special Forces group. In Panama, he specialized in Central and South American affairs.

U.S. Special Forces HALO qualified, Bob represented the 7th Special Forces by commanding the Jumping Ambassador's, a Military Free Fall good will team, who put on parachuting demonstrations throughout Central and South America.

In 1985, Bob volunteered for a very sensitive unit (ISA) within the Special Mission Unit- Joint Forces. ISA induction required him to undergo yet another formidable assessment and selection regimen, one of the toughest mental and physical endurance courses in the U.S. Special Forces. With his expertise in counterterrorism, Bob was assigned to USSOCOM and followed onto NATO in Naples, Italy. His assignments took him world-wide, including operational assignments in Central and South America and the Middle East.

Bob's favorite military assignment was Panama, where he developed his passion for scuba diving. One of his greatest joys was his annual scuba diving trips, often to exotic places, with a group of beloved friends – both military and civilian – whom he considered extended family.

Bob received numerous recognitions and awards throughout his Army career. However, he always said that he loved what he did in the Army so much that he would have done it for free. What he treasured above all were the friendships with his "brothers-in-arms" that lasted throughout his lifetime. Bob retired from the Army in 1993, with over 22 years of service.

In 2002, Bob married the love of his life, Emily. Bob spent his retirement years traveling with and supporting Emily in her career as an Army Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist. During that time, they enjoyed a five-year tour in Germany, enabling them to travel Europe. Bob was incredibly proud of Emily's military accomplishments and was overjoyed to fulfill his "last goal" -- to plan and be a part of her promotion ceremony to Colonel on October 6, 2023.

Bob was an avid University of Kansas basketball fan and was delighted when his grandson, Jack, decided to attend KU. He was proud of both his grandchildren and their accomplishments, doting on his "little granddaughter," Sydney even more than she doted on him.

Bob was a dog-lover from early childhood. As an adult, he reveled in being an indulgent "Dad" to a long line of beloved German Shepherds, including Kimber and Klaus who survive him. He planned to meet his many other pets who had gone before -- German Shepherds and non-German Shepherds alike -- at The Rainbow Bridge.

A memorial service will be held May 30, 2024, at 11 o'clock at the United Methodist Church, Cunningham, Kansas, followed by interment of ashes with military honors at Maud Cemetery. Lunch and a celebration of Bob's life will follow interment at the Sacred Heart Parish Hall, Cunningham.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made in Bob's name to the Lymphoma Research Foundation or the charity of your choice.



## Leon Tiesmeyer

Leonard T. "Leon" Tiesmeyer, 69, died Dec. 14, 2023 at Wheatlands Healthcare Center.

He was born Sept. 24, 1954, at Kingman the son of Fred and Ellen Mans Tiesmeyer. A lifetime resident of Kingman, he was a farmer and had a lawn care business.

Leon was a member of the St. Patrick Catholic Church, Knights of Columbus Council #1269, the 4th Degree Knights of Columbus, the Kingman Lions Club; and was a 1973 graduate of Kingman High School.

Survivors include his sister-in-law Lana Gillen and husband Dennis; nieces Bethany Thimesch and husband Ryan, Kaley Tiesmeyer and Kenley Tiesmeyer; nephew-in-law Todd Garrison; and several great-nieces. He was preceded in death by his parents; brother Fred; sister Delores Hampel; and niece Dr. Lacey Garrison.

Parish rosary will be 10:00 a.m., Monday, Dec. 18, 2023 at St. Patrick Catholic Church followed by Mass of Christian Burial at 10:30 a.m. Friends may call from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m., Sunday at Livingston Funeral Home. Burial will be in the Walnut Hill Cemetery.

Memorials may be made the St. Patrick Grade School or Kingman Lions Club both in care of the funeral home.



## Tom Penka

Thomas "Tom" Albert Penka, 71, passed away Sunday, December 17, 2023 at KU Med. He was born on October 25, 1952 in Scott City to Clem and Ursaline (Birzer) Penka. Thomas married Regena (Ellis) Penka on June 12, 1976 at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Pratt. They were married for 47 years.

Tom graduated from Pratt High School in 1970. He earned his Associate Degree from Pratt Community College and his Bachelor Degree from Fort Hays University. Tom worked and owned Penka Accounting since 1976. He was an auditor for the State of Kansas, Accredited Retirement Advisor, Tax Preparer, Certified Senior Advisor and later an Enrolled Agent. He also taught evening classes in Accounting at Pratt Community College. Tom was a member of Sacred Heart Catholic Church and the Knights of Columbus, and was a fourth degree Knight. He was a member of the Optimist Club, Pratt Jaycees, Pratt County Achievement Board, Public Accountant Association of Kansas where he was president for two years, Ducks Unlimited, Rocky Mountain Elk Association, Auditor for the Miss Kansas Pageant, and on the Executive Board of the Kanza Coop. He enjoyed working, gardening, hunting especially elk at the cabin in Colorado, woodworking and attending rodeos. Tom was known for his quick wit, a playful sense of humor, and loved to play jokes on people.

He is survived by his wife, Regena; daughter, Dr. Rachele Penka (husband, Sean McGillicuddy) of Spartanburg, South Carolina; grandchildren, John Thomas "Jack" McGillicuddy and Estella Grace McGillicuddy; brother, Dave Penka of Kansas City, Missouri; sister, Jeanne Voss of Phoenix, Arizona; niece, Rachel (Derek) Broce of Gilbert, Arizona; nephew, J.D. Wittig of Costa Mesa, California; and great-nieces, Jady Tillman and Juliet Broce.

Tom is preceded in death by his parents and brother, Alvin Penka.

Visitation will be held from 9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m., Tuesday, January 2, 2024 with Vigil and Rosary Service beginning at 6:00 p.m., at Larrison Mortuary, 300 Country Club Road, Pratt. Following the Vigil the family will receive friends from 7:00 - 8:00 p.m. Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 10:00 a.m., Wednesday, January 3, 2024 at Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Pratt with Father Floyd McKinney presiding. Burial will follow at Greenlawn Cemetery.

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