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Mardi Gras at CHS Homecoming



BASKETBALL HOMECOMING 2023

Mardi Gras



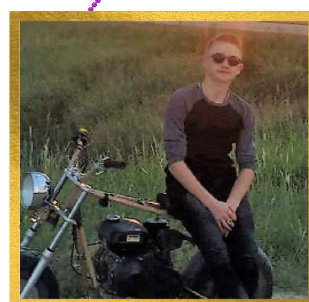
Bethany Daniels



Trey Dewese



Alice Huelskamp



Cameron McClendon



Shanelle Romine



Caleb Panek



Basketball Homecoming festivities are Friday, February 10th at the Cunningham High School gym. The crowning will take place during half-time of the boys varsity game.



Pictured on the left is Gracelyn and Miles Becker, who will be the 1st grade attendants for the homecoming court. Gracelyn and Miles are the daughter and son of Magan and Marc Becker.



Minutes from Kingman County Commission for January 30, 2023

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

Visitors: Bob Morris, Leader-Courier; Leslie Shepherd; Ross Russell; David Flickner;

Online Visitors: Heather Kinsler; Fred Foley.

Staff: Mary Schwartz, Health Nurse; Mendy Frampton, Expo Center Director; Susan Hubbell, Register of Deeds; Stan Goetz, HR/Planning/Zoning/Wastewater Director; Charles Arensdorf, Public Works Director.

Commissioner Thimesch asked if there were any additions to the agenda.

MOTION: Commissioner Elpers moved to approve the agenda. Commissioner Thimesch seconded

the motion. The motion was approved upon the majority vote of the County Commissioners.

Commissioner Thimesch asked if there was any public comment.

No public comment.

Leslie Shepherd was in about his NRP letter received.

MOTION: Commissioner Elpers moved to allow Mr. Shepherd to remain in the NRP program. Commissioner Thimesch seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon a majority vote of the County Commissioners.

Ross Russell was in to discuss is NRP program and the letter he received. Mr. Russell let the Commissioners know that he is new to the NRP and would like information on it.

MOTION: Commissioner Elpers moved to allow Mr. Russell to remain in the NRP program. Commissioner Thimesch seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon a majority vote of the County Commissioners.

David Flickner was in to discuss his NRP program and the letter he received. Mr. Flickner discussed how much his building value went up after tearing down the old one.

MOTION: Commissioner Elpers moved to allow Mr. Flickner to remain in the NRP program. Commissioner Thimesch seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon a majority vote of the County Commissioners.

Mary Schwartz, Health Nurse was in with another quote for the Exam Chairs.
Universal Medical \$9273.20
Tiger Medical \$11,902.79

MOTION: Commissioner Elpers moved to go with the Universal Medical quote for \$9273.20 to be paid with grant funds. Commissioner Thimesch seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon a majority vote of the County Commissioners.

Carol Noblit, County Clerk submitted the January 23, 2023, Commission meeting minutes for approval.

MOTION: Commissioner Elpers moved to approve the January 23, 2023, Commission meeting minutes. Commissioner Thimesch seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the majority vote of the County Commissioners.

Commissioner Thimesch discussed the information he found out about bridge that is damaged with the board

and County Counselor.

County Counselor submitted a letter of support for Senate Bill 7 for the Commissioners approval.

MOTION: Commissioner Elpers moved to approve a letter of support for SB7. Commissioner Thimesch seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the majority vote of the County Commissioners.

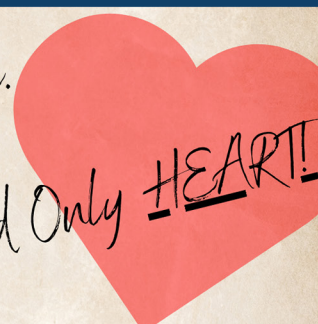
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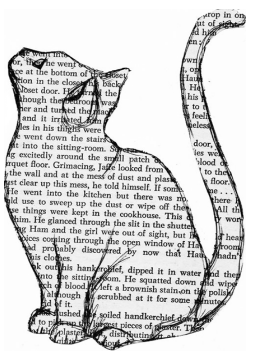
*My Dearest Valentine,
I need you! I can't do this on my own.
I promise to work as hard for you as you do for me.
Let's do this. Together!
Love,
Your One and Only HEART!*



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Meanderings

My snack today was saltine crackers with butter and jelly. A personal favorite from childhood. Do you remember making butter and saltine 'sandwiches' and pressing the two crackers together so the butter oozed out of the holes? Surely the Thimesch kids weren't the only one who did this. Fun stuff when you're a kid. Not quite as much fun

when you're 60+ years old, except it does bring back memories.

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Don't forget the pancake supper Friday night. It looks like the Junior Class is sponsoring a community raffle as well. And then, of course, it is Homecoming. Lots to this Friday evening.

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Favor? We have some new advertiser. Have you noticed? It would be great if you mention seeing their advertisement in this paper. New ones would like to hear their money is being well spent in supporting this paper and its readers, and the loyal advertisers of many years would like to hear it as well. They have to wonder if their ads get seen.

It gets more and more difficult to get advertisers to stay on board due to the mess that is social media.

Please, do give them a heads' up that you saw their ad. It means a great deal to the paper. Your subscription pays a small part of what it takes to operate this business, the ads pick up the really big bills. So promote our newspaper by mentioning ads to the businesses, and if you know of anyone needing advertising or would like to encourage a business to advertise in the paper, they would not be turned down, and I am easy to work with.

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A special shout out to my on-line subscribers who have sent in dona-

tions because they appreciate the newspaper they read on-line. Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!

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I will be finishing the Lisa Scottoline series in the next week. It makes me rather sad. I really like the characters, and the plots are very well developed and come together in the end.

I'll spend the next few weeks reading stand-alones, then I'll start a Richard North Patterson series, probably mid- to late-March. I don't know much about the series except that the main protagonist is 'Christopher Paget, a lawyer in the Special Investigations Section of the Washington Economic Crimes Committee' probably in D.C. I guess I'll find

out when I get around to reading them. There are only four books in the series, so I won't tarry long in the nation's capital.

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Special note to Anita: I received your letter. I'm familiar with J.A. Jance. My friend, Helen, used to read her books. The library as two of the books in the Diana Ladd adventures, I'll see about getting the other three. I'll investigate the other two series you've suggested after I get this paper done and mailed off.

I was glad to hear you enjoyed the John Marsden books as well. I don't know if you read the other series (of three books) that take up the story after Ellie returns to the farm. I would like to read them sometime.

Always reading, And currently reading, "Exposed" By Lisa Scottoline Roberta

"If you are always trying to be normal, you will never know how amazing you can be."

— Lisa Scottoline, Most Wanted

"Her father had grown up with The Tonys; Tony "From-Down-The-Block" LoMonaco, "Pigeon" Tony Lucia, and Tony "Two Feet" Pensiera, which got shortened to "Feet," so even his nickname had a nickname."

— Lisa Scottoline, Exposed

Tallgrass and Tumbleweeds by Gaille Pike

Dear Readers, So why did I just sign an online petition to the NFL to have Donna Kelce lead the coin toss for Super Bowl LVII? Because it would be SO MUCH FUN if the NFL paid attention, and I could not stop smiling as I read about this adorable idea. For those of you who may have for the past week avoided (intentionally or not) ALL your family, friends and neigh-

bors AND the rest of the world, Donna Kelce is the mother of two professional football players. Jason plays for the Philadelphia Eagles. Travis plays for the Kansas Chiefs. Perhaps I should connect the dots. Saturday, February 12, her sons will make history playing against each other in a Super Bowl.

I've never met Jason or Travis Kelce. But I feel like I do. Truthfully

I LIKE to think I know them, the same way I like to think I know Tom Hanks. Now that I mention Mr. Hanks, I realize that I think of Jason and Travis as younger slightly rowdier versions of this talented actor. In large part, my perception of all three is shaped by how graciously these men lead their very public lives.

Both Jason and Travis exhibit extraordinary football skills and talents on the field. But over the years, the way they've both handled living in the spotlight has impressed in Philadelphia so long. I

noticed Jason first because he never imploded on camera during a press conference. And when his inebriated and profanity laced speech during the 2017 parade celebrating the Eagles Super Bowl LI win went viral, he didn't dodge questions the next day. He did not apologize nor did he make excuses. He admitted he was concerned he had offended people. But he was MORE CONCERNED about the part of his speech he felt mattered most which was thanking the people who helped him (and the Eagles) reach this pinnacle. Jason Kelce took

every interview the day after that parade so that could thank the individuals he inadvertently left out.

I could tell you 100 more stories like that about Jason. And another 100 about Travis. But I think this one about both Kelce brothers says it all.

Jason and Travis started a weekly podcast last fall. Of course they talk about football. Of course they trash talk and try to one-up each other. And they are hilarious together. This week they joked that if Jason's wife gives birth during the game, it'd make it a "Super Kelce

Bowl." And they laughed when neither could answer Jason's question, "Are Mom and Dad going to sit on your sideline? Or they sitting on my sideline?"

I've no doubt the Kelce family will work the seating out. In the meantime, I'm rooting for Momma Kelce to lead the coin toss. That would be too cool for words. And after that, though the Eagles will always have a seat my heart, I will be cheering for the Chiefs.

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



My Breast Cancer Experience: Part 28

By Beth Blasi 2023

Happy New Year! I hope you had great celebrations for the holidays! So far, the new year has been good. My hubby and I both had our cancer checkups, and so far we continue to have good news. My CT scan reflected no changes and my bloodwork was good and I don't seem to have any noticeable issues from taking the Arimidex. Except maybe my memory – I should have gotten my port flushed at our last appointment but it completely slipped my mind until I was re-reading some of my previous articles which reminded me I needed to get it flushed. Oh well, I'll stop in there sometime to get it done. My hubby continues his

immunotherapy. He did have a little issue with a rash and had to take a dose of steroids to get rid of it, but other than that, he hasn't had any issues.

Last winter, my head was really cold since I no longer had any hair. I could just throw on a stocking hat and pretty much just leave it on and didn't have to worry about smushed hair when I did take it off. I had several to choose from – a pink one, a black one, a brown one, and I even bought a few Christmas ones for the holidays. I even had a thin, black stretchy thing I'd wear at home – my head was still chilly in the house. Well, this winter, even with my hair, my head is still a little cold. Inside, my hair is warm enough but outside, a stocking hat still feels really good. However, it smashes my hair or puts in plenty of static electricity so I'm hesitant to wear one or take it off once I wear it. Hoods on jackets and coats work pretty well and don't mess up the hair quite as much so I try to wear something with a hood just in case my head

gets cold.

There have been a few changes in my "aftershocks". I've had my hair cut a couple times now and I think my curliness has left me. There are still a few waves left, but I really have to encourage them. My cowlics certainly don't need any encouragement – especially the one in the back where the cowlic emphasizes the thinnest spot on my head. Most of the time I can comb it back enough to cover it but on the other hand, I really can't see it often anyway! I apologize to those of you that do see the back of my head – just avert your eyes! My hair isn't growing nearly as fast so I realized my hair appointments will be fewer and further apart. On the bright side – it will save me money! I do have a few quirky toenails and my thumbnails seem to be a little thicker. I haven't been brave enough yet to put any polish on them – I had trouble enough with healthy nails.

The holiday foods at least tasted better this

year than last year as evidenced by the few Thanksgiving pounds that seem to want to stay. Christmas was nice and didn't add any new pounds – or maybe I just replaced the Thanksgiving pounds with Christmas pounds – and then I replaced the Christmas pounds with New Year pounds! Hmmm - I guess I'll just refer to them as "holiday" pounds – regardless, they haven't gone away! I've been pretty good about my daily treadmill routine and am trying to add some other exercises to work on those extra pounds. Alas, it seems to take much more effort to take them off than to put them on.

We did squeeze in a short trip to visit our grand-daughter in mid-January (of course we visited her parents as well – lol). She seemed to enjoy the unicorn sleeping bag and tent we gave her – at least several of her stuffed animals took up residence in the tent while we were there. We watched a couple Disney movies with her.

If you haven't already, you should watch what I think was called "Olaf Presents" or something. These are hilarious short recaps of several Disney movies acted out by Olaf (the snowman from Frozen). They are great!

We then braved a trip to Cancun at the end of January. We had to remember how to pack for an airplane trip – what we could and could not carry on, deciding on clothing/swimsuits for the destination keeping in mind the weight of a checked bag, and the new concern about my hubby's urostomy needs. The security check-points were not an issue until our return. After going thru customs in the Houston airport, there was another security screening that nabbed him so he got patted down and gun-powder swabbed – so he passed two out of three! The flights were crowded and we had only a delay on the return

from Houston to Wichita. Much of the customs stuff is very electronic now so it went pretty quickly. The sun and sand was a nice break from the up and down temperatures we seem to keep having here. I certainly put on a lot of sun-screen and did avoid a bad sunburn. Of course, my suits made me look like I was still a "B" (I hadn't purchased any new ones since my surgery). Thank goodness the padding held up and didn't go concave! My hubby's urostomy held up in the water and in the humidity. It was 80+ degrees there so it was definitely a shock on our return to 9 degrees! Thank goodness the car started in the parking lot when we returned!

Now back to reality including working on taxes. Maybe I'll just work on finding another warm vacation.... Have a happy Valentine's Day!

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Community Bulletin Board

Thursday, February 9th JH BB HOPL Tournament at Stafford	Thursday, February 16th JH Scholars Bowl at Kinsley
Friday, February 10th Lions' Club Pancake Supper ***	Friday, February 17th HS BB at Pretty Prairie
HS BB vs Skyline at HOME ***	Monday, February 20th Presidents' Day ***
HOME COMING	No school ***
Monday, February 13 Parent/Teacher conferences School disms at 1:30	Teacher In-service
♥♥♥♥♥♥♥♥♥♥	Tuesday, February 21st HS BB at Attica **
Tuesday, February 14th Valentine's Day ***	Lions' Club Meets
HS BB vs Stafford at HOME ***	Wednesday, February 22nd Ash Wednesday
Booster Club Night	♥

2022 6-Man State Football Champions Gear

Due to the high interest, we are going to do a second run on State Football Gear! All orders need to be turned in to Renee Ruckle by Friday, February 10th. Please text her at 620-532-1577 with your orders. Hoodies, T-Shirts and hats are available.

Kingman Conservation District

Please plan to join us every third Thursday for our monthly informal farmer to farmer meeting here at the Kingman County Conservation District office at 9:00 a.m. for donuts, coffee and Conservation Conversation!

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9-8-8 Suicide and Crisis Lifeline Has Helped Nearly 27% More Callers in First 6 Months

~Kansas
Outperforms Peer States in Connecting People to Mental Health Resources~
TOPEKA – Governor Laura Kelly today announced that since its launch in July 2022, the 9-8-8 Suicide and Crisis Lifeline has handled a nearly 27% increase in call volume compared to the six months before its launch. Based on national projections, Kansas is estimated to reach 120,000 Kansans in the hotline's first full year of operation.

In June 2022, Governor Kelly signed Senate Bill 19, bipartisan legislation that created the state's three-digit dialing code for the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline (NSPL). The hotline is backed by federal funding, with the idea that – like 9-1-1 – 9-8-8 is easier to remember in a crisis.

"The successes we are seeing with the implementation of 9-8-8 are a reflection that when Kansas leaders come together to invest in mental health, more Kansans can access essential care,"

Governor Laura Kelly said. "I continue to encourage Kansans to tell their families, friends, and neighbors that this resource is here for them whenever they need it."

Now, calls, texts, or chats to 9-8-8 involving thoughts of suicide, mental health or substance use crises, or other kinds of emotional distress are available 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Callers can also receive the immediate support of mobile crisis teams in cases of extreme risk, referral to local mental health services, and resources for follow-up care.

"One of the key things we're trying to do through 9-8-8 is increase access to mental health services and resources," Kansas Department for Aging and Disability Services (KDADS) Secretary Laura Howard said. "Youth experiencing mental health crises are acclimated to communicating with peers and adults through text or chat rather than by phone, so these formats go a long way to help meet these young people where they are, using a method they feel comfortable with."

According to data from Vibrant, the current administrator of the 9-8-8 Suicide and Crisis Lifeline, 9-8-8 centers in Kansas have maintained an in-state call-answer rate of 85% to 91% month-over-month



Don't Forget!!

Lions Club Pancake Supper
Friday, February 10
School Cafeteria
5 - 7:30
(Free will donation)

B-29 Museum

is open on Sundays from 2:00 to 4:00 pm
Pratt Army Airfield – 82 Curran Road
Visit them on Facebook at www.prairie-bombers.org for more information. If you would like to visit the museum at another time call 672-8321, 672-2444 or 620-797-2919 to schedule an appointment!

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— Jandy Nelson, I'll Give You the Sun

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February 10th - 12th

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YEARS AGO IN

The Cunningham Clipper

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1933

February 17 – Wintry winds came sweeping down out of the north last week striking with all the fury of sub-zero temperature – Temperature that was the lowest we have had in many years. The freezing blasts, brought with them great quantities of dust and sand until flurries of hard-driven snow finally cleared the atmosphere.

Monday afternoon and night and all through Tuesday of last week, the storm ruled with unabated fury. Temperatures dropped from above 40 degrees at noon Monday to near zero by six o'clock and was still going down. By Tuesday night it had reached 18 degrees below zero, one of the lowest readings ever known here. High wind velocity continued until late Tuesday evening. Many of the schools were closed and those remaining in session had only a small percentage of their pupils in attendance. Transportation was badly crippled. Car after car was frozen up solid. Many batteries were frozen, and cattle suffered intensely, especially those poorly protected. One horse in Cunningham was reported to have died from exposure. Those who did drive cars found it necessary to cover the radiator almost completely to prevent its freezing. Henry Hart found this out after it was too late for in driving less than a mile the radiator of his car froze completely and he had difficulty in reaching school. His was the only car at the high school Tuesday.

The lowest drop in temperature was reached early Wednesday morning. From 18 below it started climbing back and by Wednesday noon was above zero once more. Snow started falling again Wednesday night blanketing the ground with much needed moisture and affording welcome protection to the wheat that had started to grow during the exceptionally warm days of the previous weeks.

1938

February 18 – A large number of B B fans accompanied the two High School teams to Zenda last Friday night where the local boys fought a valiant but losing battle with the undefeated Zenda team. The first team lost by the small count of 12-10, and the second team by the score of 19-16.

We have labored under a handicap in the office this week for our chief linotype operator, who also happens to be our son, was in Kingman the first three days, getting ready for and taking part in the County league B B tournament, which was played Tuesday and Wednesday afternoons and evenings.

1943

February 19 – The Cunningham Wildcatters added the Kingman County League Tournament to this year's list of triumphs by defeating Belmont, 48 to 20, in the finals last Saturday night.

Charlie Cooley had his best night of the tournament, hitting eight from the field and two from the free throw line for 18 points. Kincheloe connected for twelve points and B. Crow rolled in ten points.

Mr. and Mrs. Rufus Leiter announce the birth of a daughter, Mary Frances, weight 7 ¾ pounds, Wednesday afternoon, Feb. 17, at the St. Francis hospital in Wichita. The mother and baby are doing splendidly but the condition of the father is a bit precarious yet, however, if he ever descends to earth, his friends expect him to recover.

The baby is the second granddaughter within a week for Mr. and Mrs. Frank Allbritten, and although the situation has been a bit difficult for both of them, they are bearing up well under it.

Corp. Alva Hellar, son of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Hellar, who has been stationed at Camp Chaffee, Ark., was transferred last week to Fort Knox, Ky. He is with the armored tank division.

Pvt. Dale Sheldon, son of Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Sheldon, who has been stationed in Hawaii for some time, has finished his training and has been assigned to the motor pool in the Coast Artillery, Anti Aircraft Division.

1948

February 20 – The Cunningham Wildcats opened the fourteenth annual Kingman County League tournament being held in the Kingman high school gym with an easy 53-6 victory over Adams Thursday night.

Coach Eisenbise substituted freely in the Adams game with ten players seeing action. Dyche and Oak shared high point honors as they each collected 10 points.

A major upset was recorded in the second game of the tournament when Belmont defeated Zenda, 30-29.

On Sunday, February 15, the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Hauser and daughter, Ann, was the scene of a lovely open house to approximately one hundred guests, celebrating the 25th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Hauser.

Mrs. Rufus Leiter entertained at a birthday party Tuesday afternoon in honor of her daughter, Mary Frances, who celebrated her fifth birthday. The little guests enjoyed games and two movies, "Donald Duck," and "Puddy, the Pup," during the afternoon.

1953

February 20 – The city watertower has undergone a partial paint job to cover a bit of red trimming, and has also acquired a new aircraft warning light atop the dome on the tank.

Victory No. 15 for Cunningham High School's Wildcats came at the expense of their traditional rival, Isabel, when Billy DeWeese made a setup with fifteen seconds remaining in the game, giving the Wildcats a 62-61 victory, in a basketball game played at Isabel last Friday night.

The game was hard-fought all the way with Cunningham leading by a small margin at the end of each period, 16-14, 31-26, and 43-42.

Billy DeWeese and Lennie Schnittker led the Wildcats scoring attack with 18 and 16 points, respectively.

Victory No. 16 was registered over Hardtner here Monday night when spectators saw 174 points scored by both teams as Cunningham scored over 100 points for the second time this season as Hardtner went down to defeat, 110 to 64.

Lennie Schnittker, Jackie Meyers, Billy DeWeese, and Ronnie Adelhardt paced the Wildcat scoring parade with 23, 19, 17, and 13 points respectively.

About ninety-five members and guests attended the regular monthly meeting and dinner of the Community Men's Club held in the Lodge Hall Tuesday evening. A ham and beans dinner, prepared and served by the members, preceded the Club's business meeting.

Dean Cooley, President of the club, presided at the business meeting, at which time members heard reports of the various committees. Quite a bit of interest was shown in the report of the gymnasium committee, which had quite a bit of progress to report to the members.

1958

February 20 – Alan Dafforn, son of Mr. and Mrs. Francis Dafforn, received one of a Boy Scout's most coveted awards, the God and Country Award, at a special ceremony in the Methodist Church last Sunday morning. Alan is the first local Boy Scout ever to receive this honor.

The Skelly Oil Company announced this week that their Cunningham Gasoline Plant will close May 1, 1958.

About 17 employees will be affected by the plant closing, many of whom have been employed at the plant since it was built in 1934. Most of the employees will transfer to other Skelly plants in Oklahoma.

Burglars scored two out of three times at Cunningham business firms, Tuesday night.

They gained back-door entry at Dafforn Appliances and Hauser's Market, but failed to force entry at Vera's Café.

Between \$35 and \$40 and a shotgun was taken at Dafforn Appliances, while only small change was stolen at Hauser's Market, although considerable ransacking was done.

Cunningham beat out Chase, 45-39, in the last home basketball game for Seniors Donald Becker, Jerry Hazlett, and Bob Zrubek. Bob saw no action in the game, however, as he is recovering from a sprained ankle. Becker scored 20 points to pace the Cunningham scoring attack. Bill Ridge made 11; Bill Murphy 2; Jerry Hazlett 2; Tony Hartel 5; and Donald Ball 5.

With one game and the tournaments to go, Cunningham now has won 13 games and lost six.

1963

February 21 – The high school basketballers won their 16th game of the current season at Partridge Friday night, when they administered a 62-53 clobbering to the Quails.

Bob Leiter paced the Cunningham scoring with 18 points. Eugene Huston and Mickey Miles each scored 14.

Mrs. Alva Hellar was hostess to the Better Homes and Gardens Club in her home last Thursday afternoon. Mrs. Rufus Leiter was in charge of the lesson, introducing a guest, Mrs. L. W. Fowler, of Pratt, who reviewed the book, "Heroes by the Dozen." Mrs. Roy Wetherall had Club Betterment, presenting each member with a Valentine. The hostess served cranberry salad, chicken salad sandwiches, and coffee to 14 guests.

1968

February 22 – Ned Albers, son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Albers, was named "Basketball King of 1968" at crowning ceremonies between the first and second team games with Alden here last Friday night at Cunningham High School" annual homecoming basketball game.

King Ned, in turn, crowned Mary Lynn Cundiff, daughter of Mrs. Eva Cundiff, "Basketball Queen of 1968."

The queen's attendants were Susan Rottering, Hollis Lackey, Susan Fisher, and Kathy Sallee. Their escorts were Alan Albers, Frank McClellan, Jim McCune, and Paul Sallee. Kelly Clark was the flower girl, and Ricky Sterneker served as crown bearer. The school band, under the direction of Charles Yingling, provided music for the crowning ceremony.

A large crowd attended the annual homecoming dance in the gym following the games. Music was played by a group of local high school boys, Geronimo Kaster, Danny Theis, Wayne Jarmer, Phil Theis, and Mike Cunningham.

The Wildcats took an easy 69-52 decision from the Alden Tigers and clinched second place in the Golden Plains League. Sharon was undefeated in league play with a 7-0 record; Cunningham ended 6-1, and Nashville-Zenda, with a 73-53 victory over Sylvia, came up with third place.

YEARS AGO IN

The Cunningham Clipper

Publisher: Charles G. Barnes
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1978

February 16-Cunningham Grade School boys won their 2nd straight League championship last Saturday evening defeating Arlington 55-41

In the first round, the Wildcats defeated Zenda by a score of 53-22. Cunningham kept a 22 to 0 lead in the first quarter and then the substitutes took over most of the rest of the game.

Terry Elliot led the scoring with 12 points; Dan Beat added 10; Greg Meiries, 7; Pat Hogan and Kevin House 6; Steve Cornelius, Danny Norrish and Richie Adamson, 2 each.

Cunningham wrapped up their undefeated season in the championship game by defeating Arlington 55-41. Kent Moore and Pat Hogan came through with season highs of 18 and 19 points, respectively to pace the offensive attack, with Terry Elliot adding 14; Marty Sterneker and Dan Beat rounded out the scoring with 4 and 2 points each. Kent More led the rebounds with 14 boards while Pat Hogan had 8 and Terry Elliot 7. The Wildcat season record finish 11 wins and 0 losses.

SNOW! Cunningham was paid a visit by the Abominable Snowman Saturday night and Sunday, with about 9 inches of snow deposited. High winds resulted in deep snowdrifts and hazardous driving conditions.

Another snowfall occurred early Wednesday morning depositing another inch. School was dismissed Monday; children created many snowmen instead of studying.

It is a white, white world in Cunningham

Will Schnittker and Cheryl Freund reigned as King and Queen at the Sweetheart Dance on Friday, February 10, following the basketball game with Nashville-Zenda. The Pep Club wa in charge of arrangements. Specators at the game remained for the crowning.

High school students and dates danced to the music provided by Mike Floyd and his Mobile Disco and Light Show.

James Brandon Huhman

Mr. and Mrs. Kirk Huhman, Pratt, announce the birth of their son, James Brandon on February 9. He weighed 9 lbs. 2 oz.

Granparents are Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Fischer, Mr. and Mrs. Leo Zrubek, Jr., and Donald Huhman. Great grandmothers are Mrs. Alice Fischer, Mrs Anna Detmer, Mrs. Cretae Hamilton, and Mrs. Fern Huhman.

1983

A second quarter spurt powered the Cunningham Wildcats to a 73-58 tournament victory over the Norwich Eagles.

The Wildcat came out with pressing defense in the second quarter and nearly blew Norwich out of the gym. Cunningham 22 – 5 spurt left the score at 38-19 at the end of the half, silencing most Norwich supporters.

Cunningham Coach Steve Miller couldn't have been happier with his team's output. "We have just played well all week. It feels great to win this tournament against such teams as we're forced to play."

Cunningham girls over a second quarter deficit to thrash the Sharon Cardinals 43-32 in the finals of the Great Golden Plains League Tournament.

Cunningham now carries a near spotless record of twelve wins and one loss after their tournament wins.

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Consider this...

by Mike Johnson

Slavery is Alive and Well

Slavery is alive and well in the United States.

Although physical slavery was abolished in 1865, other forms are still thriving.

Slavery to material goods is the most common example. The car payment, the mortgage, the stereo we bought on credit. The more items we acquire, the more hours we have to work to pay for them. Do we own our possessions or do our possessions own us?

If not material goods, what about habits? Are we a slave to habits that are not in our best interest? Do we smoke, bite our nails, procrastinate or eat unhealthily? Do our habits serve us or do we serve our habits?

What about our past? Are we a slave to it? Are we constantly using up our present moments reliving our past errors or pains? Do we find ourselves refusing to change for the better because we've always done it that way? Is our past a light frame of reference in which to help make present decisions or a heavy burden that we've strapped to ourselves that

beats us constantly?

Why do we allow ourselves to be held in bondage by these task masters? If a tyrant captured us and forced us to perform the above actions, we would fight him with all our strength. Yet because of our own unawareness, we willingly submit. Wake up! We are in charge of ourselves! Nothing can control us without our willing consent.

Like all great truths, the truth of removing invisible bonds is simplicity itself -- declare your freedom and it is yours. But there's a rub - nothing changes until WE change. Fortunately, changing ourselves is

well within our power by following a simple, five-step process.

Step one in changing any behavior is to become aware of it. You have to notice yourself lifting that Twinkie before you can access your power to stop it from going in your mouth.

Step two is to make the commitment to change. You are the ruler of yourself. No craving, desire, compulsion or habit can overcome your conscious decision to rule yourself.

Step three is to place massive amounts of pain on continuing the destructive behavior. What opportunities will you

miss? What will happen to your health? What grand aspirations will go unfulfilled because you didn't muster the strength to make the right choices?

Step four is to place massive amounts of pleasure on eliminating your destructive behavior. Imagine the achievements you'll accomplish when you become the person you aspire to be. Imagine how many others you'll be able to help do the same. Imagine how that will feel.

Step five is to confront and change the destructive behavior moment-by-moment into a new behavior that better

serves your interests. Break your pattern this instant - and the next -- and start a new pattern. Tough it out for seven days and you'll create a habit that empowers you. You rule yourself! Take control!

The most powerful people in the world are the ones who wield power over themselves. When you gain control over you, you gain control over your entire world. At that moment, you step into your destiny. Declare your freedom and it is yours.

THAT, is the truth that sets us free.

A New and Living Way Unveiled

By Linda Lawrence

My Saudi Arabian friend is giving me a glorious advent gift. Areej is asking me to tell her more about Jesus as He relates to Christmas.

Last Christmas she brought up Zachariah and read to me what 'her Book' had to say about him and naming his son John. We then read the slightly different details from 'my Book' : the Bible. I was eager to go into Gabriel and Mary's story the next week, but Areej ended up making an unexpected trip home over Winter Break and that was the end of the Christmas opportunity.

We met sporadically

after that, but one day, a banner hanging on my wall caught her attention - an appliquéd ark of the covenant with a cross on the mercy seat between the wings of the cherubim. She suddenly turned to me and quizzically asked about the words embroidered beneath the ark, "Jesus the 'New and Living Way'?"

"Yes, oh yes," I sighed, utterly amazed at what the Holy Spirit had just done. Her husband was waiting for her in the car so I hugged her and said, "We'll talk about it next week."

I put up my Christmas decorations that week -- the creche, the tree with a manger in front of it with a stuffed plush lamb wrapped in a baby blanket, and other lambs gathered around. Sensing

a whisper from the Holy Spirit, I put my model of the Tabernacle on the coffee table - the old and dead Way to approach God, hoping to segue back to Areej's last breathtaking question.

Taking off her coat, the manger caught her eye immediately and her first question was, "What do sheep have to do with Jesus?"

I had to lean on the Holy Spirit to lead the conversation because I'd been given no words yet. I just kept breathing in and the Spirit kept whispering and the questions kept coming. Right when I didn't know where to go next, Areej asked another question. Oh what a journey we took "starting at the tabernacle, the place where God wanted to dwell in the midst of His

chosen people. But God's holiness would have been the death of anyone approaching Him, UNLESS ... Unless a lamb was offered, and received, as a substitute for the sinner's death. Hearing about the priest's role, Areej asked, "Who chooses the priests?"

"God chooses." So we went back to the story of Abraham and watched God choose one man for our eyes to follow. I know the birth of Ishmael and Isaac are told differently in 'her Book,' but when I told of the test of Abraham's trust in God's promises, she did not argue. "When Abraham was willing to obey, and sacrifice the son God had chosen and promised Abraham, what did God provide?" I asked. Areej knew at once. A sheep as

a substitute for Isaac's death. I wonder what the Spirit was whispering to her.

"Areej, do you remember us reading about Zachariah's son, John? John was to prepare the way for the promised descendant of Abraham. Jesus insisted John baptize Him and as He came up from the water, His Father spoke from heaven, 'This is my Son.' And the Spirit descended upon Him like a dove. Then John pointed to Jesus and announced, 'Behold the Lamb of God that takes away the sin of the world.' Can you see, Areej, Jesus is the New and Living Way to God, who came to be our substitute lamb. And that's what sheep have to do with Christmas!"

Does she see? She

seems to absorb information like a sponge. But what is happening in her heart? I don't know. But her questions have drawn my attention to the many times a lamb's life was God's choice for a redemptive substitute. I'm glad I was asked about the sheep, and not the Christmas tree.

Who is prompting Areej's questions? The same whispering Spirit that's opening our eyes and ears to the New and Living Way to the Father - through Jesus! The old story has become more precious through the new opportunity to tell it, making this my most joyous advent season ever. I love to tell the story, especially to someone eager to hear.



Catholic Churches

Sacred Heart, Cunningham
Sundays - 8:30 a.m.

St. John, Zenda
Saturdays - 4:00 p.m.

St. Leo
Saturdays - 5:30 p.m.

St. Peter Willowdale
Sundays 10:00 a.m.

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



Lutheran Churches

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

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

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

Pastor Dennis Fangmeyer
Cell: 620-886-0911



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

Ezekiel Eats God's Words

"And he said to me, 'Son of man, eat what is before you, eat this scroll; then go and speak to the people of Israel.' So I opened my mouth, and he gave me the scroll to eat. Then he said to me, 'Son of man, eat this scroll I am giving you and fill your stomach with it.' So I ate it, and it tasted as sweet as honey in my mouth." — Ezekiel 3:1-3

When God gives you a direct command, it's

usually wise to do it. But what if it's something weird? Like eating a piece of paper. Because that's the exact situation Ezekiel found himself in. We've all heard of consuming and digesting the word of God. But the prophet Ezekiel did this literally. We've got to give the guy props for not hesitating or questioning God's will. How many bites do you think it took him to finish it? Did he use a knife and fork? Did he add salt?

Perhaps the strangest

part of the story is that the scroll tasted like honey. Maybe that was just God's way of rewarding Ezekiel's blind faith — with some delicious tasting parchment. But you have to wonder if Ezekiel ever ate any more scrolls to see how they tasted. It may have been the best meal he'd ever had.

Either way, don't try this yourself. I can guarantee that the pages from your Bible won't taste good.

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

West Kingman County Education Foundation
Use your Dillon's Card! (to donte contactJanet 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 Hands of Hope, Inc.

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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)

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

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It's Tournament Time!

The Cunningham Junior High Boys earned the 3 seed in the HOPL tournament with a first round game against Fairfield. The Cats handled the Falcons pretty easily when they played in January, but never discount the second matchup. The Cats were in for more of a game than the higher seeding would indicate. It was fairly close until we pulled away in the second half. Layne had the best outside shooting of the year with 4 three pointers which made a huge difference. Thankful to get through the first round, the Cats hope to play better in the semi-final against South Barber!

Stephen led the team in rebounds with 13 and Andrew followed with 4. Andrew had 3 steals. Stephen and Layne each had 2.

-by Coach Lance McGuire

Wildcat Scorers

Layne Green	17
Stephen Kerschen	9
Jack Harden	2
Andrew Kerschen	1
Adam Sterneker	1

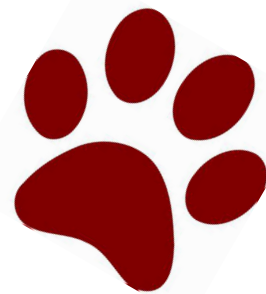


Stephen Kerschen



Molly Morgan Photo

Andrew Kerschen



Scores	1Q	2Q	3Q	4Q	Final
Cunningham	11	3	14	6	34
Fairfield	2	6	8	2	18



CJH Boys Win in OT

In the semi-final round of the 2023 HOPL tournament, the 3-seed Wildcats faced the 2-seed Tornados from South Barber. SB had beaten the Wildcats on our home court early in the season, making us the underdog for this game. The Cats did not have a good start, but after spotting them several baskets we hunkered down and chipped at

our opponent's lead in the 1st quarter. The Cats stepped up their defense in the second, allowing the Tornados only one single free throw in the quarter, taking a one point lead into half time. That lead did not last long in the third. The Tornados heated up, scoring 15 in the quarter while the Cats just tried to keep pace. The final quarter was back and

forth, but the Cats scored more, forcing overtime. The underdogs led part of overtime, but some turnovers kept South Barber's hopes alive. In the end, we outlasted them with a 2 point win, punching our ticket to the league championship game on Thursday at 7:15 against #1 seed, Norwich. The boys fought through adversity all game and found

a way to get it done!

Layne and Stephen both brought down 7 rebounds to pace the Wildcats. There were not many steals in the game, but Andrew had 3 assists

- Coach Lance McGuire.



Wildcat Scorers

Layne Green	11
Stephen Kerschen	10
Kollin Fischer	6
Cole Hageman	4
Jack Harden	1

Scores	1Q	2Q	3Q	4Q	OT	Final
Cunningham	6	6	11	8	6	37
South Barber	10	1	15	5	4	35

CJH Girls Fall Short to Pretty Prairie

On Monday, January 30, 2023, the Cunningham Jr. High Lady Wildcats wrapped up their regular season by playing host to the Pretty Prairie Lady

Bullpups and lost a close one 23-25. This week the Lady Wildcats dug a deep hole as they would trail 2-12 after one quarter and 4-16 at the half. The Lady Cats used a 9-4 third quarter to cut the lead to seven 20-13 to start the fourth. Cunningham

kept cutting into the Pretty Prairie lead and had it down to two with under 20 seconds to play when they would force a Pretty Prairie turnover to give themselves one more chance to tie or take the lead but they were unable to convert and lost a close one, 23-

25. The loss dropped the Lady Cats to 6-3 in the HOPL and 8-5 overall. Scoring for the Lady Cats: Macy Neufeld 9, Morgan Oldham 2, Rylee Miller 5, Andi Young 3, Whitney Mead 4. The B-team trailed 12-8 at the half and was also unable to overtake the

Lady Bullpups falling 16-19. Scoring for the B-team: Sage Thimesch 2, Morgan Oldham 2, Keyonna Huffman 10, Kourtnei Fischer 2.

- Coach Bart Ricke



Jr. High Girls Fall to Skyline in the HOPL Tournament.

On Saturday, February 4, 2023 the Cunningham Jr. High Lady Wildcats traveled to Stafford for the first round of the annual HOPL basketball tournament. The Lady Cats finished the league portion of the schedule with a 6-3 league record which put them as the fourth seed and up against the fifth seed Skyline Thunderbirds a team that they beat during the regular season

24-19. Cunningham was able to take the opening tip and drove down for the games first basket to take a 2-0 lead, but would struggle to make shots the remainder of the quarter and found themselves trailing 4-8 after one quarter of play. In the second quarter the Lady Cats again were only able to score 4 points, but the defense held the T-birds to just two as they went to the halftime locker room down 8-10. The offense was more aggressive in the third quarter as they attacked the basket a little more and were

able to get a couple of three-point plays to get the game tied 16-16 headed into the final quarter. In the fourth quarter both team would score two field goals, one of the field goals for Cunningham was a three pointer, however Cunningham never got to the free-throw line in the period, while Skyline was able to make 7 of 12 free-throws as the Lady Cats would fall 21-27. The Lady Cats ended the season 8-6 and showed great improvement over the season. Scoring for the Lady Wildcats: Macy

Neufeld 5, Rylee Miller 5, Whitney Mead 11. The team and coaches would like to thank all the parents and fans for their continued support, we really are fortunate to have the best fans in the league.

-Coach Bart Ricke



Macy Neufeld



Molly Morgan photos



CHS Cheer Squad



- Brianna Dittmer
- Hannah Ellis
- Matilyn Jump
- Maranda Lohrke
- Elizabeth Paris
- Taylor Schultz

(not in order)



Wildcats Defeat Falcons

The Cunningham Wildcats faced the Fairfield Falcons at home on January 31, 2023, and came away with a 71 to 55 win.

The game was not as easy as the score might indicate. The Falcons came to play and lead for one and a half quarters before the Cats pulled away in the fourth quarter. Fairfield took a seven-point lead after one period of play by a score of 18 to 11. Trey DeWeese led with five points with Will Wegerer, Lane Halderson, and

Luke Albers adding two points each.

The Cats fought their way back to tie the score at halftime at 34 apiece. Both teams found the bottom of the net often and the Cats went nine for nine from the free throw line in the first half. Luke McGuire scored seven points to lead the Cats. Albers added five more to his total with Halderson and DeWeese scoring four points each. Wegerer rounded out the 23-point quarter with a three-point basket.

The Wildcats gained a one-point advantage going into the fourth quarter with a 39 to 38

score. DeWeese and McGuire continued their scoring ways with six and five points, respectively. Albers and Dagim Reed each made a basket.

Cunningham continued to score often in the fourth quarter as the Falcon appeared to run out of gas. The Cats scored 22 points in the quarter and held the Falcons to seven points. Albers and DeWeese scored seven points each. McGuire made four points and Reed and Wegerer each scored two points.

by Coach Stackhouse

Name	2pt. made	3pt. made	FTM/FTA	TP	Reb.	Asst.	Stl.	Chg.
McGuire	4	2	2/2	16	4		2	1
L. Halderson	2		2/2	6	5	1	1	1
Wegerer	1	1	2/2	7		3		
Albers	6		4/4	16	3	1		
DeWeese	8	1	3/4	22	14	5	5	
Reed	2			4				
	1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th	OT/Final			
Cunningham	11	23	15	22	71			
Fairfield	18	16	14	7	55			



Will Wegerer



Luke McGuire

Molly Morgan photos

Wildcats Lose to Eagles

The Cunningham Wildcats traveled to Norwich to face the Eagles on their Homecoming night, February 3, 2023. The Cats came up short on a 43 to 48 score.

The game was highly contested from the start as the Cats got out to a quick lead. The Eagles were not shaken as their comeback led to a 13 to 11 lead after one quarter of play. Will Wegerer led the Cats with four points with Luke McGuire making a three-point basket and Trey DeWeese and

Luke Albers adding two points each.

The Cats gained one of the points back in the second quarter but had a big loss as Trey DeWeese went down with a leg injury and was not able to return to the game. McGuire, Wegerer, and Albers each scored four points and Lane Halderson picked up his third foul. The Cats trailed 23 to 24 at halftime.

The Wildcats fought hard in the third quarter but lost ground to the Eagles and trailed 37 to 32 at the end of the third quarter. Albers scored four points and Dagim

Reed and McGuire added two points. Halderson added a free throw.

Cunningham would not give up and thought they had a tie ball game after a made shot from Halderson. But the basket was waived off due to a travel call. The Cats would not recover and made free throws by the Norwich team solidified their win and handed the Cats their fifth loss of the season. Wegerer and Albers each scored four points and Halderson made a three-point basket to round out the scoring in the fourth quarter.

By Coach Bob Stackhouse

Name	2pt. made	3pt. made	FTM/FTA	TP	Reb.	Asst.	Stl.	Chg.
McGuire	1	2	1/2	9	5	3		2
L. Halderson		1	1/4	4	3			
Wegerer	2	2	2/4	12	4	4		
Albers	6		2/4	14	6		2	
DeWeese	1			2	2	1		
Reed	1			2	5	2		
D. Halderson					1		1	
Sterneker					2			
	1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th	OT/Final			
Cunningham	11	12	9	11	43			
Norwich	13	11	13	11	48			



Trey DeWeese



Luke Albers

Molly Morgan photos



Cunningham Powerlifters' Results from Goddard Meet

Saturday, January 28 was another powerlifting meet for the Cunningham lifters. Goddard was the host for their 3 annual virtual meet, over 500 lifters participated. The Cunningham kids did very well with several improving their totals as well as several personal records. Congratulations lifters!

Here are the results:



- Taylor Schultz: Clean 80 Bench 65 Squat 115 total 260 ratio 2.39
- Maranda Lohrke: Clean 120 Bench 80 Squat 200 total 400 ratio 2.82
- Julia Hageman: Clean 105 Bench 90 Squat 155 total 350 ratio 2.36
- Lucas Hageman: Clean 215 Bench 180 Squat 290 total 685 ratio 4.64
- Lucas placed 4th in the total for the 148 weight class
- Leo Hageman: Clean 170 Bench 170 Squat 235 total 575 ratio 3.57
- Andrew Schultz: Clean 160 Bench 140 Squat 220 total 520 ratio 2.92
- Payton King: Clean 175 Bench 195 Squat 280 total 650 ratio 3.53
- Jack Ruckle: Clean 260 Bench 290 Squat 430 total 980 ratio 4.96
- Jack placed 4th in the total for the 198 weight class
- Alice Huelskamp: Clean 150 Bench 130 Squat 290 total 570 ratio 2.81
- Alice placed 4th in the total for the PWR weight class
- Kyra Morgan: Clean 125 Bench 140 Squat 255 total 520 ratio 2.44
- Kyra placed 7th in the total for the PWR weight class
- Trenton Schnittker: Clean 250 Bench 235 Squat 385 total 870 ratio 3.25
- Lane Halderson unattached: Clean 245 Bench 225 Squat NA
- Stephen Kerschen unattached: Clean 220 Bench 205 Squat 310 total 735 ratio 3.30
- Andrew Kerschen unattached: Clean 115 Bench 100 Squat 170 total 385 ratio 3.41

--Coach Eric Kerschen



Scholar's Bowl Finishes Season



Our CHS Scholars Bowl team enjoyed dinner together after competing in Regionals at Rolla. Our kids did a great job, unfortunately the questions didn't go our way. So proud of these kids for the great season we had! Luke McGuire, Alice Huelskamp, Will Wegerer, Trey DeWeese, Ava Bock, Taylor Schultz (not pictured: Sean Kostner)

-photo and caption from USD 332 Facebook page



Lady Wildcats In Action



Mati Jump



Hannah Ellis



Grace Hageman



Kyra Morgan



Ellie McGuire



Maranda Lohrke

Molly Morgan photos

Insight
Signs of Spring

Kim Baldwin, McPherson County farmer and rancher

Six more weeks of winter for 2023. At least that's the prediction based on a rodent in Pennsylvania.

My 7-year-old daughter has recently taken to studying calendars. She can tell you when all of the important and slightly less important days are. She's also memorized birthdays and does an impressively good job at reminding the rest of us about what a particular day holds. So when she woke up and announced it was Groundhog Day, there was a sense of excitement in the air.

While eating breakfast we feverishly switched television channels trying to catch the festivities of the morning live to learn of our future.

By the time the kids had to bundle up and head out to their bus stop,

my daughter tried to talk me into letting her skip the bus to school so she could watch the revelation unfold in real time. She just had to know what the future would hold.

I denied her request to skip the morning bus and told her we'd watch the exciting announcement together on YouTube when she got home that afternoon.

By the time I searched for the prognostication that had taken place earlier in the day, I already knew what had been seen and what had been declared but kept that knowledge to myself.

As we gathered around my iPad to watch the replay of that morning's events unfold, you could sense my daughter anxiously awaiting the announcement of her future.

We watched as the stage of gathered gentlemen wearing top hats revealed a royal red carpet and scrolls. We cheered with the crowd as they chanted for a groundhog named Phil while a man

formally knocked on a tiny, padlocked door at the base of tree stump located on the stage.

We waited in anticipation as the groundhog was awakened from his wintery slumber and brought forth from his den to hint at the scroll containing his discovery.

The prognostication was revealed when we heard the statement, "I see a shadow upon my stage. No matter how you measure, it's six more weeks of winter weather."

My daughter refused to accept the prophecy. She argued that she didn't see his shadow and suggested that the rodent was misguided. In her distraught state, she demanded to watch other videos from that morning that would surely show different angles of the events. She needed better proof.

I assured her that taking weather advice from a rodent is not the only way one should plan for the future and challenged her to look around the farm for her own ob-

served signs of spring.

And in her brief time of discovery and reflection before dinner she saw three newborn lambs cuddled together in a bed of straw with their mother. She saw how much more space she had to roller skate in the machine shop as we've begun to make room for future seed deliveries. And after moving a pile of leaves, she uncovered the tiny tip of a crocus beginning to peek through the soil.

Whether we'll experience more winter weather or not this year, there are definitely hints of another season beginning to appear.

And as my daughter learned, we just have to rely less on a soothsaying rodent and keep our own eyes open for other signs of spring.

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Upcoming Auctions

**Saturday, February 11th
Consignment Auction 9:30am**



**160 +/- Acres Pratt Co., KS
Irrigated Land
LAND AUCTION
Monday, February 13, 2023
Time: 1:30 pm
Seller: Gayl Anthony Lee**



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Grateful for
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Freedom Day

It's one of the best days of the year and we owe our gratitude to the remarkable man who made it possible.

Feb. 1 is National Freedom Day and its origin is as wonderful as is freedom itself.

The creation of this day dates back to 1863, during the thick of the Civil War, when President Abraham Lincoln issued the Emancipation Proclamation.

His proclamation changed the legal status of more than 3.5 million African Americans from "enslaved" to "free."

Following the war, with the passage of the 13th Amendment on Feb. 1, 1865, slavery was formally abolished.

One 11-year-old boy from Dalton, Ga., who had been born into slavery, now faced a future of freedom — and he took full advantage of his new freedoms to flourish and help many others flourish.

His name was Major Richard Robert Wright, Sr. and, according to the Library of Congress American Folklife Center, he was a "post-Reconstruction pioneer and trailblazer, who made remarkable contributions in education, banking,

politics, publishing, journalism, real estate and civic affairs."

A military officer, serial entrepreneur and early civil rights advocate, Wright founded a black high school and a black college in the South and owned several newspapers.

You'd think those accomplishments would have been enough for one lifetime.

But at age 86 Wright was driven to bring one more idea to fruition: establish a national day to celebrate the freedoms that all American citizens enjoy.

According to the American Folklife Center, in 1941 Wright invited national and local leaders to meet in Philadelphia (where he had started a bank) to

formulate his plans to set aside Feb. 1 each year to memorialize the signing of the 13th Amendment.

To win support for his dream, Wright spent the rest of his life working with legislators, holding grassroots celebrations and events, and traveling the country on a national speaking tour.

His persistence and hard work paid off.

In 1947 both houses of Congress passed a bill making Feb. 1 National Freedom Day and, in 1948, President Harry Truman signed it into law — though, sadly, Wright had died the prior year.

Wright was determined to establish an annual observance of the freedoms we enjoy — and too often take for granted — to "promote goodwill, harmony, and

equal opportunity among all citizens, and to re-dedicate the nation to the ideal of freedom."

Nobody values freedom more than someone like Wright, who knew what it was like to live without it, how precious and fragile it is and how we must work always to preserve it.

It's essential that we remember and celebrate his legacy on Feb.1 as we celebrate the First Amendment — the right to speak freely, assemble peacefully and worship as we wish without fear of government restraint.

It's worrisome that we are losing these basic freedoms in some of our private organizations (social media) and institutions (universities) that block or shut down political messages or speakers

who think differently than those in charge.

Let's follow Wright's lead and infuse some goodwill, harmony and equal opportunity to express what we're thinking into peaceful discussions in which all of us are free to disagree.

Let's follow the wisdom of a man born into slavery who accomplished many successes in his life, despite numerous obstacles, because he had the freedom to pursue his happiness and get things done.

That's the intent, spirit and beauty of National Freedom Day. Let's not let it go to waste this year.

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Chatter has a heart of gold, she...

...is baking treats for elderly neighbors.

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Kids: color stuff in!

Valentine's Day
Gifts of Love

Chatter and I are *cooking up a storm* in the kitchen for Valentine's Day!

Finish these puzzles to see fun surprises people like to send to family and friends on Valentine's Day!

What are you cooking up for Valentine's Day surprises? How about a poem of pretty words? Two lovebirds in a cage or a puppy...oh, all that's too much! But, you can use your imagination and things around the house to create fun and heart-warming gifts like cards and cupcakes. Take time to show someone that you care.

Read the clues to fill in the crossword:

- 1. special snacks for everyone to share
- 2. get-together to exchange valentines
- 3. card shaped like a heart
- 4. people you know and like
- 5. feelings may come from this
- 6. made of stiff paper, carries message

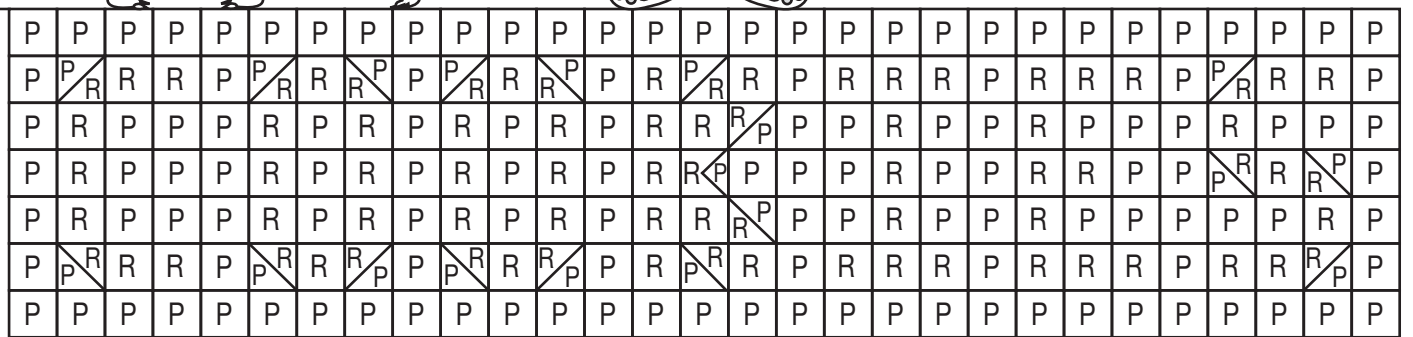
Can you find 40 hearts on this page?

The Icing On The Cake

Chatter has finished making the candy and cupcakes for the Valentine party. She just has to bake "the icing on the cake" for the dessert table, her special...

Color in this puzzle to see what she is baking:

R = Red P = Purple



Use the Secret Alphabet Decoder to fill in the blanks:

Here are five letters that spell a word. Follow the alphabet dot-to-dot, then the number dot-to-dot, then the alphabet one, etc., until you see all five letters. Start at the stars.

Above all, don't forget to give from your:

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Secret Decoder

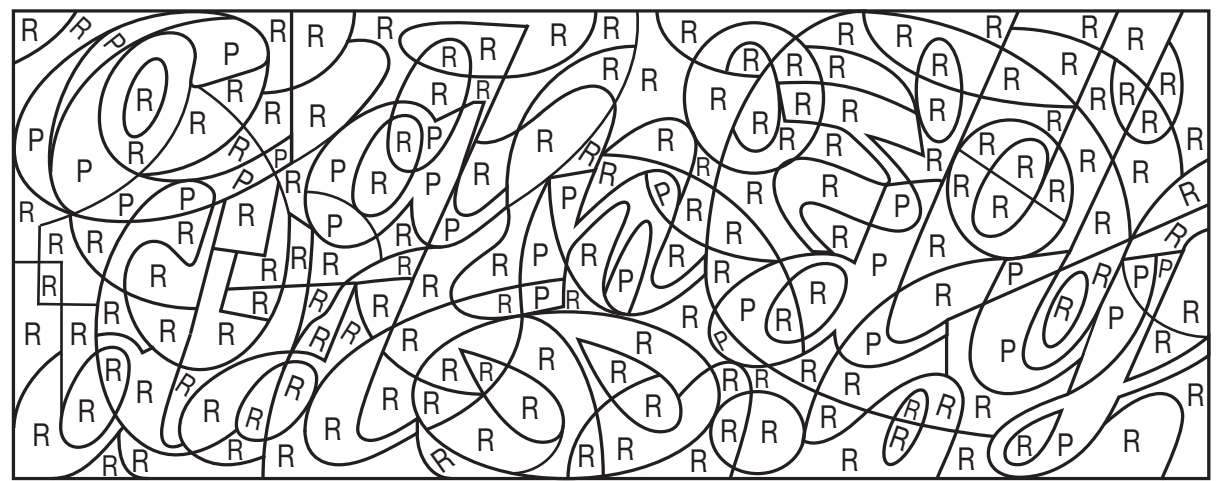
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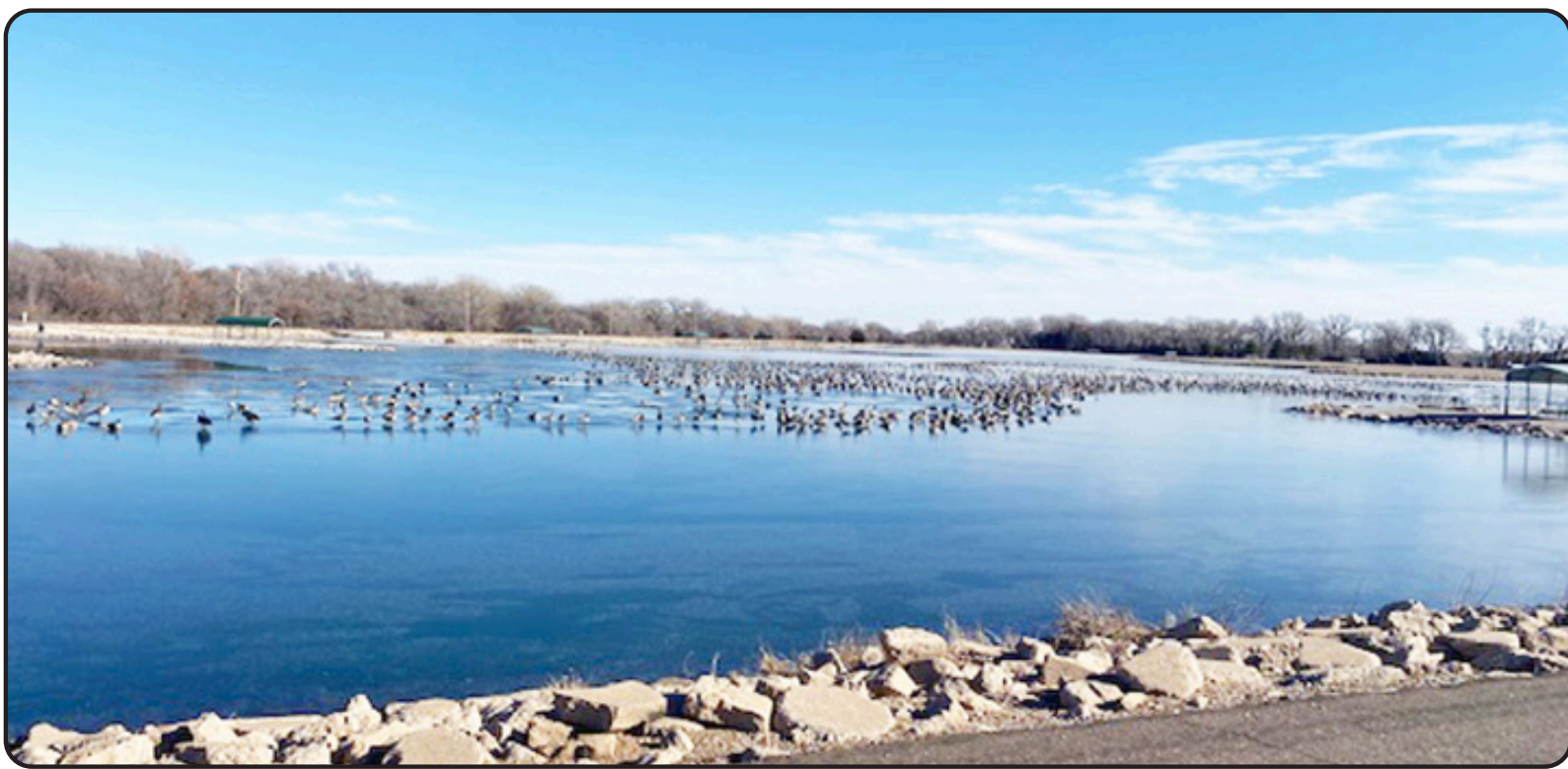
This is a favorite gift for Valentine's Day. It can be made from any combination of ingredients such as: sugar, cocoa beans, butter, cream, milk, molasses, jellies and nuts.

R = Red P = Purple



(Answers on page 10)

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“Oh, but I like my geese. Like cats, they can't be told what to do, and like dogs, they're loyal, and like people, they talk every chance they get.”
— Shannon Hale, The Goose Girl

photo by Josh Theis

2022 Kansas Birding Big Year Results, 2023 Contest

PRATT – The 2023 Kansas Birding Big Year Contest, hosted by the Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks (KDWP), is officially underway! Participation is simple; record the number of unique bird species you see in Kansas from Jan. 1-Dec. 31, 2023 and submit your findings. You just might end up a 2023 Kansas Birding Big Year winner!

Participants of all skill levels are invited to compete in one of three age groups: Youth (age 17 and younger), adult (ages 18-64), or senior (age 65 and older). The winners from each category will receive prizes to be awarded in January 2024. Participation

Guidelines

Participants must register online at ksoutdoors.com/Services/Wildlife-Diversity/2023-Kansas-Birding-Big-Year on or before April 1 to participate in the 2023 contest.

Participants must read and abide by the set of rules governing the competition. These rules are adapted from the American Birding Association Recording Rules and Interpretations and include the Code of Birding Ethics. Breaking, or disregard for, these rules will result in disqualification.

Participants must log their data into the online service, eBird, available on the Cornell University website, ebird.org. Each participant must create an individual profile, sign-in and password to begin submitting sightings.

Participants must submit a running total list of

observed species quarterly to the program coordinator to track progress and provide quality control. The program coordinator and competition committee have final say on list totals. Quarterly submission dates for the 2023 contest are: June 30, September 30 and December 31.

Winners will be recognized, and prizes awarded, in mid-January of the following calendar year. Award categories are as follows: Youth, Adult Novice, Adult Intermediate, Adult Advanced, and Senior.

The 2022 Kansas Birding Big Year Contest wrapped up in December 2022, with youth participant Franklin Miller claiming the title of “Kansas’ Top Birder” after identifying 322 unique bird species in the state last year.

The top winners from

2022 in each category are listed below.

Adult, Advanced
Malcolm Gold – 315*
Mark Nolen – 304*
Jeff Calhoun – 250*
Dan Broers – 246
Chad Gardner – 228
Adult, Intermediate

Seth Miller – 290*
Juan Avena – 275*
Corey Entriiken – 267*
Melissa Bruce – 265*
Kelli Egbert – 219
Adult, Novice
Ann Tanner – 183
Krystal Sarcone – 83
Timothy Tarkelly – 79
Youth
Franklin Miller – 322*
Hezekiah Swihart – 192

Michaela Gold – 166
Danielle Gold – 143
Senior
Henry Armknecht – 289*

Sue Newland – 270*
Dan Larson – 215
Marie Plinsky – 206
William Simon – 140

An asterisk (*) denotes a Top 10 Overall score.

Sponsors of the 2022 Kansas Big Birding Year contest include: City of Great Bend Convention and Visitors Bureau, The Kansas Wetlands Education Center, Acorn

Naturalists, The Kansas Ornithological Society, Dr. Robert Penner, and KDWP.

For more on the Kansas Birding Big Year, visit ksoutdoors.com/services/Wildlife-Diversity/2023-Kansas-Birding-Big-Year.



Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday, from 8:00 - 5:30 (except during lunch 12-1) on Wed., from 8:00 - 12:00 Call for Saturday hours.

1015 East U.S. 54, Kingman, KS

February is National Spay and Neuter Awareness Month

Swaney Veterinary Clinic is offering discounts on cat and dog spays/neuters during February.

Ask about multi-pet discounts that are available.

Call for prices and scheduling. 620-532-5544

Kingman County Humane Society Pets Ready for Adoption

Sunny

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Male Domestic Medium hair
5 pounds
1 year old
\$40.00 adoption fee
Intake date: Nov 8, 2022
Indoor cat only.
Pet me! Now pet me some more!

You or your business can sponsor a Humane Society pet for \$10.00 a week per pet. Fifty percent of the profits will be donated to the Humane Society.

Please consider volunteering or adopting or fostering or donating!

Radar

Sponsored by The Cunningham Courier



Male Retriever, Labrador / Terrier
52 pounds
1 year
Adoption Fee: \$180.00
Intake date: January 4, 2023

Good with other dogs
People friendly
Guilty of the crime of “being a puppy”. Convicted of having too much energy, chewing on shoes, dog beds, books and the remote control, ruthlessly killed a squeaky toy, likes to play endlessly. Defendant has

no defense except that he is still a puppy and that’s what puppies do. Will do best under house-arrest with an active, loving family and should be enrolled in Puppy Basic Obedience. High likelihood of a positive outcome.

KCHS Donation Wish List

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

- 13-gal. kitchen trash bags
- dry cat and kitten food
- clumping cat litter
- canned dog food
- Purina Puppy Chow
- long-lasting chews
- stainless steel flat-sided water buckets

- paper towels
 - bleach
 - liquid laundry detergent
 - poop bag rolls
 - disposable gloves (large)
- The items can be brought to KCHS at 811 East C Avenue in Kingman
Monetary donations can be sent to KCHS
P.O. Box 103
Kingman KS 67068

“How it is that animals understand things I do not know, but it is certain that they do understand. Perhaps there is a language which is not made of words and everything in the world understands it.

Perhaps there is a soul hidden in everything and it can always speak, without even making a sound, to another soul.”

— Frances Hodgson Burnett, A Little Princess

Valentine's Day Gifts of Love

Happy Valentine's Day, everyone! Have fun.

Did you finish the puzzles to see fun surprises people like to send to family and friends on Valentine's Day?

The Icing On The Cake

1 T R E A T S
2 P A V
3 V E N T
4 F R I E N D S
5 H E A R T
6 C A R

Chatter and I are cooking up a storm in the kitchen for Valentine's Day!

Special Delivery! Candy

Above all, don't forget to give from your...

F L O W E R S
B A L L O N S
H O N E Y

Minutes from the Kingman County Commission Meeting on January 30, 2023 (con't from front page)

Mendy Frampton, Expo Center Director was in to let the Commissioners know that the sound system is finished as the equipment ordered last year had finally come in.

Ms. Frampton discussed the stall cleanup and asked if she could get some help to get them cleaned up.

Commissioners agreed to let her hire help to clean up the stalls.

Ms. Frampton discussed the drainage on the grounds and what has happened since leveling the dirt for the stalls.

Ms. Frampton submitted prices for the old 12' stalls to submit to the marketplace.

Ms. Frampton will check with placing the

trailer and panels put on an auction.

Commissioners agreed to place the stalls on the marketplace and to put the trailer with panels on the auction.

Susan Hubbell, Register of Deeds was in and requested a non-elect personnel executive session.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Commissioner Elpers moved to go into executive session at 10:02 a.m. with Susan Hubbell, Register of Deeds and Brandon Ritcha, County Counselor to discuss employee's performance pursuant to the exception under the Kansas Open Meetings Act, and will return to open session in the Board meeting room at 10:21 a.m. Commissioner Thimesch seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the majority vote of the County Commissioners.

Commissioners returned to regular session at 10:21 a.m. with no decision made.

MOTION: Commissioner

Elpers moved to approve the tax abatements received. Commissioner Thimesch seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the majority vote of the County Commissioners.

Stan Goetz, HR/Planning/Zoning/Wastewater Director was in with a new hire for Detention to be approved.

Mr. Goetz discussed the property in Murdock that still needs to be cleaned up.

Mr. Goetz discussed a camper on the corner of a property with no trespassing signs posted and a letter has been sent to the owner of the property.

Mr. Goetz submitted a letter he sent on a Murdock property of a dish placed on someone else's property.

Mr. Goetz submitted zoning permits for the following:

Tony Ogg for a house in Section 5, Township 28, Range 10W.

Kevin Kienzle for a storage building in Section 29, Township 27, Range 6W.

Will Vernon for a Barn in Section 4, Township 27, Range 5W.

Kurt Weber for a dog kennel in Section 28, Township 28, Range 7W.

Larry Mark for a Lean-to in Section 10, Township 30, Range 7W.

Martin Chance for a shed in Section 14, Township 28, Range 5W.

Britton Grinstead for a house in Section 9, Township 30, Range 6W.

Sheldon Wright for a house in Section 30, Township 29, Range 5W.

Christopher Carr for a Barn in Section 15, Township 28, Range 6W.

Alex Wadel for a garage in Section 33, Township 30, Range 9W.

Mathew Casper for a shed in Section 31, Township 28, Range 5W.

Renee Smith for a double wide house in Section 21, Township 29, Range 9W.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to go into executive session at 10:59 a.m. with Stan Goetz, HR/Planning/Zoning/Wastewater Director and

Brandon Ritcha, County Counselor to discuss employee's performance pursuant to the exception under the Kansas Open Meetings Act, and will return to open session in the Board meeting room at 11:10 a.m. Commissioner Elpers seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the majority vote of the County Commissioners.

County Commissioners returned to regular session at 11:11 a.m. with no decision made.

Charles Arensdorf, Public Works Director open fuel bids.

Bid received from Skyland Grain

Unleaded \$3.12 per gallon delivered

Unleaded \$3.37 per gallon by tank

#1 Diesel \$4.51 per gallon

#2 Diesel \$3.58 per gallon

MOTION: Commissioner Elpers moved to approve the bid from Skyland Grain. Commissioner Thimesch seconded the motion. The motion was

approved upon the majority vote of the County Commissioners.

Mr. Arensdorf submitted the December department reports for the Commissioners to review.

Commissioners discussed the road damages made by heavy equipment.

County Counselor discussed a letter received from Judge Sylvester for the CASA program.

MOTION: Commissioner Elpers moved to approve a \$2500.00 appropriation for the CASA program out of the County General Fund. Commissioner Thimesch seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the majority of the County Commissioners.

MOTION: Commissioner Elpers moved to adjourn the regular board meeting at 12:20 p.m. Commissioner Thimesch seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the majority vote of the County Commissioners.

Pratt County Commission Minutes for January 23, 2023

The Pratt County Commissioners met in regular session Monday, January 23, 2023 at 2:00 p.m. in the commissioner room, 1st floor of the courthouse. The following members were present: Thomas W. Jones III, Rick Shriver, Dwight Adams, Tyson Eisenhauer, county counselor, Lori Voss, county clerk, and Mark Graber, IT director.

Heather Jones, economic development/covid consultant, reminded commissioners the Pratt Area Economic Development meeting is postponed until February. The two pending façade applications will be reviewed at that time. She related some bills which have been introduced in Topeka that could impact the Pratt business community and individual citizens. Those bills include a bill which would provide income tax rate decreases to people in rural communities with declining populations, a bill that would create a cost of living increase on different tax brackets for income tax purposes which would allow the brackets to keep up with inflation, and a bill

which would limit the amount the county could charge for penalties for late payment of property taxes. Additionally, she mentioned that housing developers may be interested in a bill that changes the Kansas rural housing incentive district laws that will make it easier to develop and finance the development of rural housing. Finally, there will be a bill hearing related to paying for the postage for notification of exceeding the revenue neutral rate. This would shift the burden of paying for this mailing from local governments to the state. She also mentioned there is discussion on how to transition from gas tax to a road usage tax to help support the department of transportation budget as citizens start driving more cars not powered by gas. Water is also a big issue with discussion occurring on how to limit water use without hurting agriculture profits while balancing the need to conserve water. The agriculture economy could be impacted by the debt ceiling discussions in Washington and various agriculture groups are projecting how this could impact the price of agricultural commodities and funding which flows through the farm bill which impact rural economies.

Tracey Beverlin,

county attorney, gave her annual case summary report. They worked through a number of the cases from 2021 that were put off because of COVID restrictions.

Commissioner Adams made a motion to approve Brandon Slyter an emergency vehicle permit for Iuka volunteer fire. Chairman Jones seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Adams made a motion to approve the minutes from January 17, 2023. Chairman Jones seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Jalaa miller/Ryan Powell, IMA consulting, gave an update on the BCBS renewal and some proposals for the renewal process. They said they could take it out to market with Aetna, UHC and the state of Kansas health plan. Medical utilization is very high and that is driving up the cost of renewal. A viewer ask what other services they provide.

BCBS will not get people onto Medicare, they can do that. They will help employees with claims. They also keep counties updated on legislative changes. They can forecast projected renewals and take out to market. They will get the renewals from BCBS in March and will come back with those numbers. They will take it out to market if the

Commissioners approve.

Darcie Vander Vyver, health director, presented door quotes. The doors are affecting their security system. She was only able to get one quote. She has \$400.00 left in an ELC grant fund, the rest will be paid out of capital outlay. Commissioner Shriver made a motion to approve the bid from Pratt Glass Enterprises, LLC in the amount of \$6,907.92 to be paid out of capital outlay for two entry doors. Commissioner Adams seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. They will be closed February 9, March 24, for meetings. She has applied for a \$5000 grant from South Central Community Grant. If awarded she will purchase blacktop playground stencils for USD 382 and USD 438.

Commissioner Shriver made a motion to recess into executive session for fifteen minutes at 2:56 pm for an attorney/client matter concerning funds. Commissioner Adams seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. Chairman Jones made a motion to return from executive session at 2:59 pm with no action taken. Commissioner Shriver seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Adams made a motion to recess into executive session at 3:00 p.m. for fifteen minutes for an attorney/client

matter discussing several contracts.

Commissioner Shriver seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. Commissioner Adams made a motion to return from executive session at 3:15 p.m. with no action taken. Commissioner Shriver seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Doug Freund presented a road crossing for Haviland telephone company. Commissioner Shriver made a motion to approve the road crossing for Haviland telephone at SE 80th St and SE 10 Avenue. Commissioner Adams seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. He presented a quote for painting the county barn from Paint Pro Plus at the cost of \$24,500. Commissioner Shriver made a motion to approve the quote from Paint Pro Plus to paint the outside of the county barn for \$24,500, to be paid out of the road department

budget. Commissioner Adams seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Adams stated with all the meetings at the PSB they need to equip the meeting room with zoom capabilities. Tyson stated it could be paid with ARPA funds.

Mark will check with Heather Morgan and get the items purchased.

Commissioner Shriver asked if the other commissioners had any changes, they would like to make to the Pratt County policy handbook.

Commissioner Shriver made a motion to approve the payment vouchers for January 23, 2023. Commissioner Adams seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Chairman Jones made a motion to adjourn at 3:32 p.m. Commissioner Shriver seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. Meeting adjourned at 3:32 p.m.

Kingman County Sheriff's Report

Sunday, January 29

Traffic Stop	2
Civil Paper Service	8
Traffic / Disabled Vehicle	1120 E D Ave, Kingman
Theft	313 E D Ave, Kingman
Disturbance	120 N Spruce, Kingman
Fire / Brush	6000 E Hwy 54, Kingman

Monday, January 30

Traffic Stop	2
Civil Paper Service	7
Animal Complaint	NE 50 St & NE 150 Ave, Cheney
Transport Prisoner to Court	130 N Spruce, Kingman
Agency Assist	120 N Spruce, Kingman
Follow Up	219 E B Ave, Kingman

Tuesday, January 31

Structure Fire	16264 NE 20 St, Cheney
Grass Fire	12954 SE 120 ST, Norwich
Transport Prisoner to Court	130 N Spruce, Kingman
Mental Health Call	16200 NE 50 St, Cheney

Wednesday, February 1

Traffic Stop	1
Civil Paper Process	2
Transport Prisoner to Court	130 N Spruce, Kingman
cidental Dial	750 W D Ave, Kingman

Thursday, February 2

Non Injury Accident	SE 10 St & SE 150 Ave, Cheney
Transport Prisoner to Court	130 N Spruce, Kingman

Friday, February 3

Traffic Complaint	8000 E Hwy 54, Murdock
Non-Injury Accident	E 1st St & NW 160 Ave, Cunningham
Vehicle Fire	632 SE 50 St, Kingman
Outside Fire	241 E D Ave, Kingman

Saturday, February 4

Traffic Stop	4
Civil Paper Process	3
Traffic / Disabled Vehicle	NE100 Ave & E Hwy 54, Murdock
911 Accidental Dial	315 N Main St, Kingman

A WINNING STRATEGY.

DESIGNATE A DRIVER FOR THE BIG GAME.

Kansas Department of Transportation DRIVE TO ZERO

January Total Tax Collections Exceed Estimate by \$56.2 Million

TOPEKA – Governor Laura Kelly today announced that total tax-only collections for January were \$1.05 billion. That is \$56.2 million, or 5.7%, more than the January estimate. Those collections were also \$102.4 million, or 10.8%, more than January 2022.

“Month after month of tax collections surpassing the estimates show that, thanks to our laser-sharp focus on supporting businesses, we are now able to responsibly cut taxes for Kansas families,” Governor Laura Kelly said. “We should start by completely and immediately eliminating the state sales tax on groceries, diapers, and feminine hygiene products, creating a back-to-school sales tax holi-

day, and providing Social Security income tax relief to Kansas seniors. We will get that done if we work together.”

Individual income tax collections were \$494.9 million in January. That is \$65.1 million, or 11.6%, less than the estimate and 8.7% less than January 2022. Corporate income tax collections were \$166.1 million, which is \$131.1 million, or 374.6%, more than the January 2023

estimate. Those collections are \$134.5 million, or 425.0%, more than January 2022.

“Corporate tax receipts continue to be higher and individual income receipts lower because of the shift between the two tax types brought about by the SALT Parity Act,” Secretary of Revenue Mark Burghart said. “The SALT Parity Act now allows owners of pass-through entities, such as S corporations,

partnerships, and limited liability companies, to elect to have the pass-through entities pay tax at the entity level on the income flowing through to the owners.

Retail sales tax collections were \$275.2 million, which is \$4.8 million, or 1.7%, less than the January estimate but 6.6% more than January 2022. Compensating use tax collections were \$86.1 million, which is \$3.9 million, or 4.3%,

less than the estimate, but 2.4% more than January 2022.

To view the January 2023 revenue numbers, visit

https://governor.kansas.gov/wp-content/uploads/2023/02/07_January_Revenue_FY2023_02-01-2023_Final.pdf



Wheat Scoop: KAWG Takes to the Hill to Convey Farm Bill needs of Kansas Wheat Farmers

Now is the time for wheat farmers to make their priorities known as negotiations for the next Farm Bill kick into high gear. That was a clear message from lawmakers and association staff alike during the 2023 Kansas Commodity Classic. As the calendar turns to a new month, Kansas Wheat is carrying forward that call to action as staff and board members join counterparts from across the country for the joint meetings of U.S. Wheat Associates and the National Association of Wheat Growers.

“If you are participating in KAWG, your voice is being heard,” said Shayna DeGroot, KAWG director of membership and governmental affairs. “We’re the

ones relaying messages to our Congressional offices and our national association. So if you are a part of KAWG, you can have that discussion with us to ensure you have all the tools you need in your operation, especially to stay afloat in times of need.”

The 2023 Kansas Commodity Classic — the annual convention of the Kansas corn, wheat, soybean and grain sorghum associations — on January 27 in Salina, farmers from across the state heard a market update from Dan Maltby with Maltby Risk Management, a U.S. Agriculture in 2023 projection presentation from AgriPulse Communications Publisher Sara Wyant, U.S. Senate updates from Senators Jerry Moran and Roger Marshall, a virtual House Update panel featuring all four members of the Kansas Congressional delegation, and a Farm Bill and Farm Programs Update from national association staff.

The agenda was packed with valuable information, but DeGroot highlighted the need for educating staff or

Congressional members that are unfamiliar with agricultural issues and the potential difficulties of the current political situation in passing the next Farm Bill.

“There are fewer and fewer agriculture leaders working on the Farm Bill, so we have a lot of education to do,” DeGroot said. “There may be a struggle to agree on some issues and get everything pushed through, so we need to be sure our voices are heard and we’re relaying information for our farmers.”

As an important part of that gather-and-convey policy process, KAWG members met one day ahead of the state-wide event to discuss and debate policies impacting wheat growers, including approving two new resolutions passed by the KAWG Board of Directors:

· RC.9 The KAWG supports efforts to improve crop insurance performance for farmers through the separation of enterprise units by fallow and continuous, while still offering combined units to those who it would benefit.

· E.9 The KAWG recognizes the soil and en-

vironmental benefits of wheat in a crop rotation and therefore wheat that is intentionally seeded and harvestable should have the option of being classified as a cover crop for purposes of NRCS and other climate-smart programs.

Both resolutions are intended to help provide additional flexibility and benefits to Kansas wheat farmers, especially during drought or other adverse conditions. Read the full set of KAWG resolutions at <https://kswheat.com/kawg-resolutions>.

“KAWG is proud to help address wheat farmers’ needs in the upcoming growing season and Farm Bill negotiations,” DeGroot said.

DeGroot and Kansas wheat farmers carried these resolutions and concerns with them to Washington, DC, this week - where they and Kansas Wheat Commissioners are participating in the joint winter meeting for USW and NAWG. As part of those meetings, the Kansas group will meet with the entirety of the Kansas Congressional delegation to provide additional insights on priorities for Kansas wheat growers

for the next Farm Bill, including the new resolutions passed last week.

“We’re excited to get on the Hill,” DeGroot said. “It’s really important that you are involved in your state organization - like KAWG - so we can lobby for issues like protecting crop insurance and work on issues affect-

ing farmers in different areas of the state. We urge you to become a part of KAWG so we can ensure your voice is heard by the folks writing the policies that will directly impact your operation.”

Written by Julia Debes for Kansas Wheat

Public Notice

First published in the Cunningham-Courier, Thursday, January 26, 2023.

Subdivision of South Addition to Kingman, Kingman County, Kansas.

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF:

NORMA JEAN HAWKINS, Deceased.

Case No. KM 2023 PR 5

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

NOTICE OF HEARING

THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:

You are hereby notified that a Petition has been filed in this Court by Linda A. Koss and Jeffrey A. Hawkins, heirs of Norma Jean Hawkins, deceased, praying:

Descent be determined of the following described real estate situated in Kingman County, Kansas:

Lots 1-10; All of Lots 11-17, except the West 90 feet; East 50 Feet of Lots 18-20 all in Block 8 of Valley

and all personal property and other Kansas real estate owned by decedent at the time of death. And that such property and all personal property and other Kansas real estate owned by the decedent at the time of death be assigned pursuant to the laws of intestate succession.

You are required to file your written defenses thereto on or before February 17, 2023 at 10:00 o'clock a.m. in the city of Kingman, in 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.

Linda A. Koss and Jeffrey A. Hawkins

Co-Petitioners
BY: Matthew W. Ricke
349 N. Main, PO Box 113
Kingman, KS 67068
(620) 532-3103
Attorney for Petitioners

Statepoint Crossword Theme: U.S. Presidents

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- Male sibs
- Monday Night Football audience
- Tapiridae representative
- Rock opera version of “La Bohème”
- Object of worship
- Opposite of alpha
- ___ Spumante

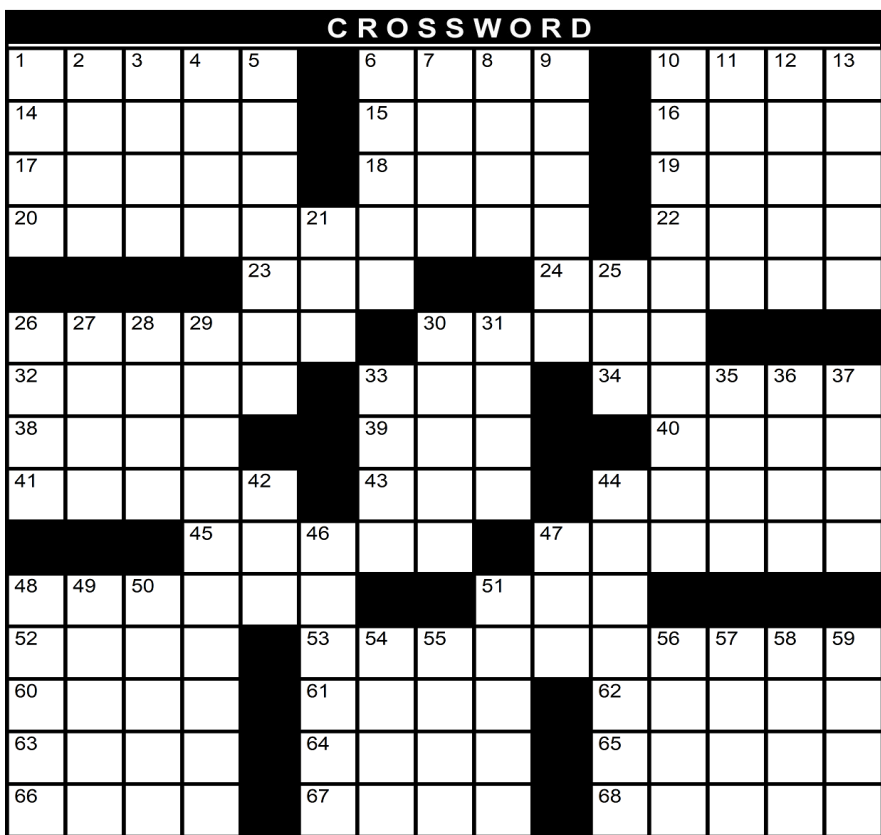
- Novice
- *Unanimously elected President
- Gusto
- Eggy drink
- Jig music, pl.
- Stashed in a hold
- Penniless
- Wood turning device
- Toll payment, e.g.
- Not slouching
- Like nay-sayers
- Of many years

- Malaria symptom
- Instagram post
- River, in Spanish
- Bell-bottoms bottom
- Dodge
- Unexpected
- The Cat in the Hat’s headgear (2 words)
- Campbell’s container
- International Civil Aviation Organization
- *President Hayes’ first name
- “Through” in a text?
- Pelvic bones
- Plural of #54 Down
- Andrew Sean Greer’s 2018 Pulitzer Prize winner
- Reverse action
- Mother-of-pearl
- *Lake off Ohio, the state known as “the Mother of Presidents”
- Baseball’s “The Say Hey Kid”
- Navigate

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- *Present tense of #26 Across
- Tibetan priest
- “Singes” in “La Planète des singes”
- Nearly
- Apprentice
- Name on apple cider vinegar bottle
- R in R&R
- Cognizant of
- “Sophie’s Choice” protagonist
- *F in JFK
- Bye, to Emmanuel Macron
- Relating to Scandinavia
- Casino bandits
- Sign of assent
- *Civil Rights Act of 1957 signer

- Dueler’s blow
- Hyperbolic tangent
- Football great Graham
- *Executive Mansion, colloquially (2 words)
- Misrepresent
- Make over
- *One of four presidents to have never been elected
- “Goodness gracious!”
- “Kiss Me, Kiss Me, Kiss Me” band, The ___
- High school student, usually
- Spermatozoa counterparts
- Not marathons, pl. (2 words)
- Central court in domus
- Certain frat house letters
- Ownership document
- Autumn color
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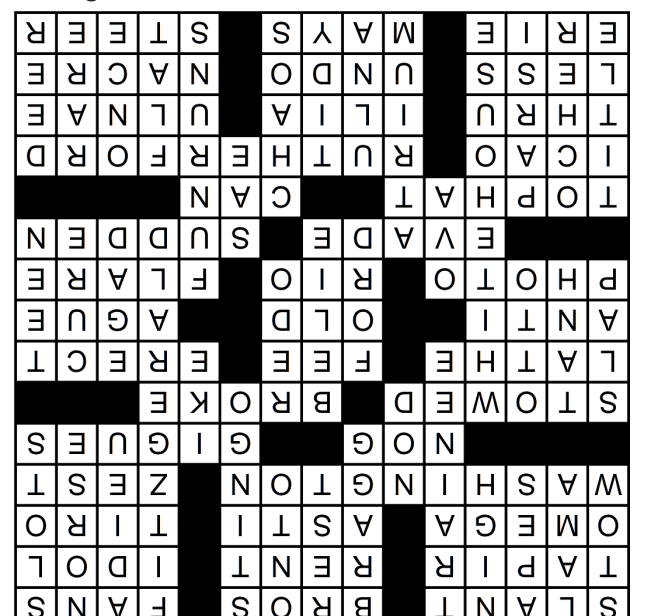
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Frederick Paul Cure, 70, died Feb. 6, 2023 at the Hilltop Manor, Cunningham.
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Survivors include sisters Judith Marie (Cure) Davis, Dinah Adele (Steven) (Cure) King, Rosemary (Cure) Webster (Larry Pierce), Patricia Lynn (Cure) Collins and Donna Faye (Cure) Tittel; former wife Linda Myers; and numerous nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by a sister Pamela Kay and infant twin brothers Gerald and Gerard.
Funeral services will be 11:00 a.m., Saturday, Feb. 11, 2023 at the Livingston Funeral Home, Kingman. The family will receive friends from 10:00 a.m., until service time at the funeral home. Family graveside services will be held at a later date.
Memorials may be made with Rivercross Hospice or Hilltop Manor, both in care of Livingston Funeral Home.

photos submitted by Cody Dunlap



January Students of the Month! The character trait was "Responsibility".

Back row: Taylor Schultz and Macy Neufeld

Front row: Nachon Ndambuki Leah Rogers



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I would say I'm a fickle outdoor enthusiast. I like nature and being outdoors when the conditions suit me. I also enjoy the beauty and solitude I often encounter outdoors. I've had the great pleasure of living in a suburban area with plenty of open space nearby.
Up until a few years ago, I would spend hours on end jogging all over the nature preserves and parks in my general vicinity. Back in the day, I also enjoyed competition. As I aged, my favorite races shifted from 5K and 10K races to half marathons and wayyyyy beyond. Those were 'ultra' fun! (grin)
An introvert at heart, I often trained by myself, jogging for two, three, and four hours, alone. I enjoyed the down time I had with nature. It was an important part of promoting my mental and physical wellbeing.
The races I gravitated towards were trail races – so not on pavement, asphalt, or rubberized track, but out in nature. I felt they "tested" me a bit more. I wasn't particularly fast anymore, so the challenge became actually just completing the races. These races tended to be smaller and often the runners were quite spread out along the route.
I would consider myself to be directionally impaired. I can read a map, but I have no mental muscle memory for what they say. I have definitely been lost on a race course more than once!
One of my most memorable races was Storm the Dam. I selected that half marathon race this time. It took place at a state park, one county away. It was early summer, but started early enough so as not to be too hot.
The race starts out on about a half mile of gravel, then into the woods you go. Exiting the woods, you climb this giant hill; the side of "the dam". You run the top of the dam on gravel, overlooking the water. Back down the hill and then through fields and woods.
When you push yourself, whether racing, or in some other area of life, you often get worn out. That's not a bad thing. It helps you discover what you can really do. You discover your mettle!
I was physically tired during this June race as the temperature rose during those two hours of competition. When I get tired while running, I often don't pick up my feet as much. In my head I tell myself that I'm conserving energy.
Well, on this particular occasion the result of me not picking up my feet very much led me to trip over a tree root in the middle of the forest, with no other runners in sight. I cried, and then stopped abruptly, as I knew it wouldn't help me and no one was around. I got up, hobbled a bit, checked to see that all was working, and went on to finish the race.
But you see, the race experience didn't stop there for me. As it turns out when I fell in the woods, and really probably from just running through the woods, I ended up with spider bites, oak mite bites, and mosquito bites. My legs were quite the site! The oak mite bites were the worst! They hurt and itched for about six weeks!
Would I do it again, if suddenly my meniscus was no longer torn, and I no longer had a bone chip hanging on to my kneecap, and if the cartilage suddenly reappeared on my knee caps? Yes, of course I would do it.
Finding ways to test my mettle, stretch myself to my physical and mental limit, is what keeps me going. It moves me forward. And I think it even keeps me young! (Well, okay, younger than the calendar says, at least!)
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