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— Norman Maclean, A River Runs Through It and Other Stories*

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**CHS FOOTBALL**  
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**Friday, November 15**  
at Otis-Bison  
7:00 pm



Bus leaves at 3:15 pm

## Minutes from Kingman County Commission Meeting

Chairman Henning called the Board of County Commissioners meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. November 4, 2024, in the County Commissioners room at the Kingman County Courthouse.

Present: Jerry Henning, Chairman; Jack Thimesch, Commissioner; Pat Elpers, Commissioner; Brandon Ritcha, County Counselor

Visitors: Bob Morris, Kingman Leader-Courier; Larry Landwehr; Dale Enyart

Online Visitors: Not online for this meeting

Staff: Amber Hartley, County Appraiser; Sheriff Brent Wood and Charles Arensdorf, Public Works Director.

Chairman Henning 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 unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Chairman Henning asked if there was any public comment.

Dale Enyart was very disappointed in the article in the paper and felt like there were things in there that were dishonest. Jack responded to that statement, agreed with the sentiment. He does not believe that the County should be competing with other private enti-

ties like we are with the Expo Center. Jerry also stated that he felt like for with what the person was charged for the article she could pay for people to rent the Expo center which would be more helpful. Jerry also commented that the improvements on the Expo Center have been very effective.

Commissioner Thimesch brought up being contacted about gates at the mill race and how they were broken, he hoped they would have been fixed so that there were no issues. He also commented that the pool was holding water in the most recent rain. He mentioned that there is someone coming to look at the pool on December 19th.

Larry Landwehr mentioned that at least one of the 4H groups is doing service projects in the community and believes in other areas these groups are doing more projects and wonders why this isn't occurring here and that maybe the true ideals of the club are not coming out.

Chairman Henning discussed the article and the cost of having regular use of the expo arena for people renting it in hour blocks has to be taken up by the County taxpayers and the Commissioners were trying to make that cost acceptable to the taxpayers. Jack discussed having to make budget decisions that are sometimes difficult.

Amber Hartley, Appraiser submitted a proposed letter to send to property owners who may have a change in property tax assessment for the Commissioners approval.

Commissioners discussed the form

and when they would need to be sent out.

Chairman Henning discussed that the point of the letter is if you aren't going to use the land for AG it should be assessed at something else. However, he said that we need to be fair about it and ensure that people are aware of it.

Commissioner Thimesch questioned if it shouldn't be sent out to everyone so that everyone is aware.

Ms. Hartley agreed with that and would like time to do research and prepare a new letter with Mr. Ritcha that would go out in tax statements.

Commissioners just want the tax to be fair.

Sheriff Brent Wood and Heather Kinsler, 911 dispatch Director were in to meet with the Commissioners.

Sheriff Wood gave the department update information to the Commissioners for review.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Commissioner Elpers moved to go into executive session for non-elect personnel matter with Sheriff Wood, Heather Kinsler, 911 Dispatch Director and Brandon Ritcha, County Counselor at 9:11 a.m. to discuss an individual employees evaluation pursuant to the exception under the Kansas Open Meetings act, and they will return to open session in the board meeting room at 9:21 a.m. Commissioner Thimesch seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Commissioners discussed the County Christmas Party. Commissioners

reached out to Milford's to cater the party again this year.

The Commissioners discussed the date and will figure that out at the next meeting.

Charles Arensdorf, Public Works Director was in and discussed the guard-rail project.

Mr. Arensdorf also discussed the road repair and progress on 21st Street, the culvert by the elevator on Cleveland Road and the timeline for work on old 54 bridge.

Commission minutes from the October 28th, 2024 meeting were submitted for approval.

MOTION: Commissioner Elpers moved to approve the October 28, 2024, Commission meeting minutes. Commissioner Thimesch seconded the motion. The minutes were approved with a 2-0 vote. Chairman Henning abstained.

Commissioners received a Dilapidated structure request from C-5 Manufacturing for assistance on their structure that was burned. Commissioners discussed the program and the building itself.

MOTION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to approve the request from C-5 Manufacturing. Commissioner Elpers seconded the motion. The motion was approved with a unanimous vote of 3-0.

MOTION: Commissioner Elpers moved to adjourn the regular board meeting at 9:52 a.m. Commissioner Thimesch seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

**DID YOU KNOW?**

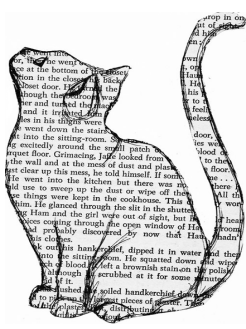
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Meanderings

It's been a rough few days, folks. Seventeen-year-old Eleanor took

a turn for the worst on Friday, and I have spent several sleepless nights checking on her. During the day, I'd keep her with me as well. Sometimes she'd wake up and cry until I picked her up and set her on my chest, then all was good for a bit. I really tried not to wake her. She died at 6:30 this morning (Tuesday). I wrapped her in an old pillowcase and buried her

in the backyard under the bedroom windows next to ZsaZsa. (If she knew, she'd be pretty unhappy about that.) My home is incredibly and eerily quiet now. She was a talker and I'd hear her all the time, complaining about something or some other beast. Tonight will be the first time in a long, long while she hasn't slept with me tucked under

my chin, or laying on my cheek, purring in my ear. I rescued her and her littermates all those years ago, and bottle fed them as one-week-old kittens. When the seven kittens were maybe three or four weeks old, I laid down on the front room floor to play with them, and they mobbed me, "Oh, joy! A new playground!" Eleanor, though, climbed up onto

my hip, crawled up my chest and nestled into my neck while all the other kitties were just climbing around. The first time I allowed them in the bed, same thing. She immediately curled under my chin and purred me to sleep. She had a loud and bossy voice, but she also the softest, nicest purr. Seventeen years of whisper-soft purrs when I'd

lay down to sleep or nap. That is probably over 7,000 times in 17 plus years. Tonight is going to be difficult. It is a good thing I am so incredibly tired from not sleeping the last few nights. Usually always reading, but currently not reading anything because I'm too tired! Roberta

Tallgrass and Tumbleweeds by Gaille Pike

Dear Readers, Where I live we have recently undergone a period of about two months with barely a drop of rain. I know there are places in the state that have had longer, or are still undergoing drought conditions, and I feel for them because those eight weeks without rain were a killer. The endlessly dusty roads blowing grit all over the property, tripling our water usage just to keep the garden

alive, the pond shrinking to mudhole status and the moisture-less wind just got depressing. Even the ducks and chickens were adversely affected, wandering around their empty pools and straw-dry grass, dejected and confused, wondering "Where the heck did all that really cool water go?" And of course, our nightly ritual of building a fire in the stone firepit in the backyard was out of the question, lest some errant embers set the county ablaze. One of my favorite things is watching the seasonal burn-off of the fields—but only when

done on purpose. The only plus side to this is that lawn mowing was no longer required. Of course, this recent inconvenience cannot be compared to the years of drought that befell Kansas and much of the Midwest from 1930-1940, but it does give one just a tiny taste of what people must have endured back then. Millions of tons of soil, depleted basically to "dust" by overuse, lack of crop rotation and planting of wind-breaks, was blown all the way to the Atlantic Ocean. Wall Street bankers wiped Kansas dust from their window ledg-

es. The windows in the head of the Statue of Liberty were coated in grime. In Boston it snowed red flakes, courtesy of Oklahoma and Texas. All across the country day turned to night as black clouds of dust, rising thousands of feet in the sky, roiled mercilessly across the landscape from West to East. So how can I complain about two months of no rain when those folks back then went through six years (and in some areas eight years) of this misery? I shouldn't, but I do, obviously lacking the grit (no pun intended) it

took for our predecessors to endure such hardship. Because I'm spoiled here in Kansas now. The wind-breaks, now almost 100 years old, crisscross every county like diligent sentinels, keeping the wind at bay. Soil conservation and responsible, regulated irrigation is state of the art here now. So, despite these occasional mini-droughts, I know things will get better. And that, indeed (hopefully) the rain will come. And it did. Just last week it came in force, better late than never. The pond slowly creeped

back up to crappie fishing level. The ducks wallowed for days in the muddy puddles popping up all over the saturated earth. The chickens gorged themselves on worms wiggling to the surface. The gravel road was given a good rinse, washing all that pesky dust into the ditches... at least for a while. Because, well, we all know what gravel does. Until next week—keep your eyes on the stars and your back to the wind.

A Column by Dorothy Rosby

Finally a Barbie that Looks like Me

Barbie dolls have been inspiring young girls for generations but I never had one. My dolls could never live up to Barbie's perfect good looks, her globetrotting ways and her amazing career success. It's really no wonder they made a movie about her. She's had 250 careers, from astronaut to ballerina to zoologist. She's been a yoga teacher, a soccer coach and an

Olympic skier. And even with her hectic work life, she's still found time for travel and hobbies. She cooks, camps and bowls. She plays tennis, baseball, basketball, hockey and volleyball and she has the clothes to prove it all. Dr. Barbie, Farmer Barbie, Pop Star Barbie. Barbie's message has always been that girls can grow up to do whatever they set their minds to—as long as they have the right wardrobe. Meanwhile my inspiration was a couple of Barbie wannabes. I loved them dearly but they weren't multi-talented overachievers like Barbie is, not if their clothes were any indication. I made many of

their dresses myself using worn out socks. What kind of career can a doll have wearing old socks? That might explain why I work at home wearing sweatpants. But there might be a Barbie in my future. Barbara Millicent Roberts—Barbie—made her debut on March 9, 1959. Yes, Barbie turned 65 this year. And you know what that means. Here she comes ladies: It's Medicare Barbie! Why not? She may have a few age spots from her years in the sun as Beach Volleyball Barbie. And her figure might be less like an hourglass and more like a juice glass. But she'll still look fabulous in a cardigan, stretch denim jeans and loafers.

Yes, Medicare Barbie will wear sensible shoes. Wisdom comes with age. So do bunions. If Barbie can grow older, so can her clone friends. I see Winter in New York Barbie aging into Hot Flash Barbie. When you least expect it, her face will turn bright red and sweat beads will form on her pretty brow. Hot Flash Barbie will come with an assortment of tank tops, an iced tea and a fan. Tennis Barbie will naturally mature into Pickleball Barbie. She'll come decked out in leggings, a knee brace and a baggy T-shirt that says, "Pickle Ball: The Real Dill." Camping Barbie had her backpack and sleep-

ing bag. I see her settling into a new role as Camp Host Barbie with a comfy lawn chair, a welcome sign and a fabulous motorhome. Camp Host Ken sold separately. Obviously between her extensive travel and her many careers Barbie didn't have time for children. So she'll skip straight to Grandma Barbie, complete with two small children, reading glasses and an AARP tote bag. But wait! There's more. Our new mature Barbie and her clone pals will come together in Medicare Barbie, the movie. During one of their regular coffee dates Medicare Barbie will reveal to her friends that

she's suffering from a late midlife crisis. Hilarity will ensue as they all become human and get colonoscopies, mammograms and matching tattoos. Then Barbie will find new purpose traveling the country to educate women everywhere about the importance of a healthy body image and the dangers of high heels. Now there's something to aspire to. Dorothy Rosby is an author and humor columnist whose work appears regularly in publications in the West and Midwest. You can subscribe to her blog at www.dorothyrosby.com or contact at www.dorothyrosby.com/contact.

Poetry From Daily Life

edited by David L. Harrison, Missouri's Poet Laureate

Poetry from Daily Life: When veterans learn to wield words, they save lives By Tina Hacker

My guest this week for Poetry from Daily Life is Tina Hacker, who lives in Leawood, Kansas. Tina began writing poetry in her sophomore year at the University of Illinois, which led to a career editing and writing for a major corporation. Her works have been published in a wide variety of journals and anthologies. She likes free verse best but dips her toes in other forms like Fibonacci. Tina says that working on a new book is both joyous and excruciating. Two examples are "GOLEMS" (poetry about this folk character from Jewish folklore) and "Listening to Night Whistles" (poetry covering a variety of topics, including a true story about the Holocaust). ~ David L. Harrison

Saving lives, line by line, stanza by stanza

Poetry saves veterans' lives. I have edited veterans' poetry for a national magazine called Veterans' Voices for over 30 years, so I have an up-front seat to this. Veterans often reveal that they have considered or attempted to kill themselves. But this stopped for some when they discovered an alternative: writing about the emotions and experiences that prompted suicidal thoughts. Very often, they write poems. And more important to many than the writing itself is the sharing of their feelings with other veterans, encouraging them to reconsider their actions. A vet writes, "Let me help you;/you're not alone." Through writing poetry, veterans evoke their thoughts in nearly endless ways. One vet writes, "We are left to care for each other." This sharing is a way of unburdening feelings that have haunted them for decades. Quoting a famous axiom, a vet writes "Courage is not the absence of fear" adding, "but rather bringing your fear into submission, / taming the lion within." Some veterans express wonder at how young they were when they were drafted. One writes that he was called to fight, "Only twelve months before/we had dates for the prom." Others write about injuries, recovery and health. Poetry gives injured veterans the ability to walk or run without legs or arms. Poems about mental health offer veterans the chance to talk about subjects they may not be comfortable discussing in person. Of course, PTSD is a problem in all the services. "Not all wounds are visible," one vet writes. Coming home and leaving home — the transition between military life and civilian life — are major concerns. Sometimes the reunion is joyous; sometimes it's not. A vet asks, "Who am I?" There is much concern about remembrance

with many poems about the Vietnam Wall, national cemeteries, and how loved ones remember soldiers who fell. Veterans write poems about the need for the government to better remember and honor the fallen, while other poems express appreciation for government measures to preserve the past. The subject of race occurs frequently. Equality is often emphasized. One vet writes, "Brown, Black, Asian, Indian or White are all in this battle of survival;" Another's poem says, "As soldiers we were all brothers;/we did not see different colors in our skin." Women veterans often write about topics that are unique to them. There is still current writing about sexual harassment and abuse and treatment not equal to that of men. But women have the same experiences and emotions as men and often write about the importance and impact of their service. One vet writes, "Do not pigeonhole us./We are survivors." The veterans' subjects for poems include many things they care deeply about: the flag, freedom, pro- and anti-government and the military, spouses and sweethearts, nature, religion and more — like riding a Harley Davidson! But what counts most isn't subjects. It's the veterans themselves and how poetry plays a healing role, helping them to cope and thrive. Note: All the quoted material comes from Veterans' Voices magazine. Tina Hacker has been poetry editor of Veterans' Voices magazine since 1976 and played a major role in the revival of The Writers Place, which is at the center of the area's literary scene. She is a four-time Pushcart Prize nominee, was a finalist in New Letters and George F. Wedge competitions, won the prestigious Matrix Honor Award and was named Editor's Choice in two literary journals. She has authored three books of poetry.

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<b>Monday, November 18</b> K-6 Health Screenings *** JH BB vs Argonia at HOME	<b>Monday, November 25</b> JH BB at Chase
<b>Tuesday, November 12</b> Lions Club Meeting	<b>Wednesday, November 27</b> Thanksgiving school break begins
<b>Wednesday, November 20</b> 7-12 Health Screenings *** 6:00 332 Shop Guild	<b>Saturday, November 30</b> HS FB 6-Man State Playoffs in Greensburg
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## Letters TO THE Editor

### Dear Editor, Pray for Those in Power

Whether your candidate won or not there are several things that you need to remember:

The first is that it is GOD that puts an individual in power. This is true whether we are talking about an elected individual or despot.

Daniel 2:20-21 (NASB)

Daniel said, "Let the name of God be blessed forever and ever, For

wisdom and power belong to Him. "It is He who changes the times and the epochs; He removes kings and establishes kings; He gives wisdom to wise men And knowledge to men of understanding.

Romans 13:1-7 (NASB)

Every person is to be in subjection to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and those which exist are established by God. Therefore whoever re-

sists authority has opposed the ordinance of God; and they who have opposed will receive condemnation upon themselves. For rulers are not a cause of fear for good behavior, but for evil. Do you want to have no fear of authority? Do what is good and you will have praise from the same; for it is a minister of God to you for good. But if you do what is evil, be afraid; for it does not bear the sword for nothing; for it is a minister of God, an avenger who brings wrath on the one who practices evil. Therefore it is necessary to be in subjection, not only because of wrath, but also for conscience' sake. For

because of this you also pay taxes, for rulers are servants of God, devoting themselves to this very thing. Render to all what is due them: tax to whom tax is due; custom to whom custom; fear to whom fear; honor to whom honor.

As Christians, we should remember that if we are not strengthening our families, churches, and ministries, then it does not matter much who wins the election.

Continuing in this thought, we need to be praying for those in office. We need to do more than just pray, "Lord please bless (name)," or "Lord help (name) to lead well." We must

pray more specifically, such as: namely that they will. . .

1. Realize their personal sinfulness and daily need of God's cleansing power.

2. Recognize their own personal inadequacy for the task and depend upon the Lord.

3. Reject all counsel that violates spiritual principles and then trust God to validate them.

4. Resist pressure from individuals and special interest groups that would have them violate their conscience.

5. Work at reversing our country's trends toward socialism and humanism both of which dethrone the Lord and

deify man.

6. Be ready to forsake their own political career and personal ambition for the best interest of the country.

7. Rely upon the Word of God as their source of strength and key to success.

8. Be used to bring dignity, honor, trustworthiness and righteousness to the office they hold.

9. Be a good example to the parents and children of the nation.

10. Be reminded daily that they are accountable to Almighty God, for their attitudes, actions and motivation while serving in office.

Walter Rosenbaum  
November 2024

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## Letters TO THE Editor

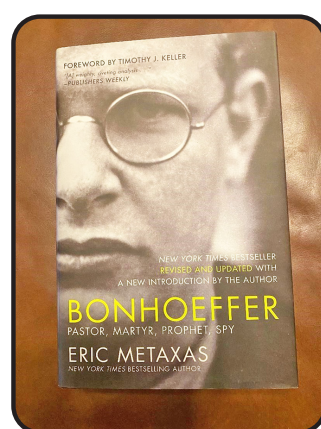
### For the Children's Sake

Facts: Child sex trafficking is at an all time high. Children are being murdered in the womb without anesthesia, in some states up to the moment of birth. Sex change surgeries and puberty blockers are sometimes administered to children at the objection of one of the parents.

Drag queens have performed at public schools and libraries.

Anyone with a smart phone or computer can do their own homework to investigate and confirm these truths. My letter to the editor did not mention the words "Democrat"... or "Republican," for that matter. I made no reference to school nurses, period. My point was that the unraveling of morality in America would be appalling to our parents and grandparents. Urging people to vote and to exercise their right and PRIVILEGE TO VOTE in a free country was my impetus for writing the article! When the nuclear family fails, so goes the country! The great statesman, Edmund Burke, famously declared "The only thing necessary for the triumph of evil is for good men to do nothing."

I am thankful and grateful this Thanksgiving season to also have the freedom and privilege to educate my youngest son in God's Word and Ways! We have been studying the Eric Metaxas biography of Dietrich Bonhoeffer as one of our resources for the era of World War 2. To say that he is an inspiration is a great understatement! One of my favorite quotes of his is this: "Silence in the face of evil is itself evil: God will not hold us guiltless.



Not to speak is to speak. Not to act is to act. "How fitting for such a time as this! Bonhoeffer was an academic and spiritual giant! He earned a Doctor of Theology degree at the age of 21. He was resolute in his Christian beliefs and walk, he stood firm in his convictions to the very end. For those of you who do not enjoy reading, a movie will be shown in theaters starting November 22, based on the very book that I have referenced and pictured. I love to be able to challenge and inspire my children with weighty biographies of men and women with strong constitutions!

I am beyond grateful that God allowed President Trump to be re-elected for many reasons, and he has already pledged his support of Christian and homeschools. Thirty one years ago God prompted our family to educate our children in our home. It was a decision that we did not take lightly. One of the verses that encouraged us to start was: "The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge: but fools despise wisdom and instruction." (Proverbs

1:7). To be clear, I love public school children, teachers... and nurses! Three of my grandchildren are educated abroad, one in a British prep school, and two in a public preschool, one of my grandchildren is educated in a small public school within our state. I wholeheartedly support each family's decision! FREEDOM IS A BEAUTIFUL THING!!!

I am currently teaching three of my granddaughters various skills and subjects in my home. I am humbled by the honor to have the opportunity to pour into their young lives for a couple of days a week. They are primarily educated by my dear daughter in their home. Children are our future and are priceless gifts from the hand of God, to be nurtured and taught in His Ways.

"God bless America, land that I love,  
Stand beside her and guide her,

Through the night with the light from above."

And may God bless and keep you all,  
Karen Eck

P.S. A huge shoutout to all of our wonderful and dedicated veterans and those currently serving in our military! Thank you for your loyalty to our country and the protection and service you have provided to our great nation here and around the world! HAPPY VETERANS DAY!

### Catholic Churches

Sacred Heart, Cunningham  
Saturday 4:00 p.m..

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

St. Leo  
Sudnay 8:30 a.m.

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

Father Daryl Befort 316-706-1627 620-246-5370



### Lutheran Churches

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

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

Pastor vacancy until further notice.



### Church of Christ

Penalosa  
Sunday 11:00 a.m.

### First Christian Church

Cunningham  
Sunday School 9:30 am  
Morning Worship 10:45  
Sunday Evening Worship 6:00  
Jr High Youth Group 4:00 pm Sunday  
Sr High Youth Group 7:30 pm Sunday  
Wednesday Prayer Service 7:00  
Pastor Mike McGovney 620-298-3201



### United Methodist Church

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

Cunningham  
Worship 10:45 a.m.



### Zenda Methodist Church

Worship 9:00 a.m.  
Sunday School: Children 8:30 a.m. Adults 10:00 a.m.

Pastor J L Nichols 620-243-6953



YEARS AGO IN

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W. A. Bradley / William Bradley

1929

Nov. 8, 1929 - A deal was completed this week whereby Sam McMichael became the owner of the Meng Motor Company, better known as the Cannonball Garage.

A new electric meat saw was installed this week at Hauser's Cash Market.

Prices on a new 1930 Chevrolet with bum pers and spare tire delivered in Cunningham are Roadster \$648.00, Coupe \$718.00, Coach \$718.00, Sedan \$798.00, Landau Sedan \$818.00, and Sport Coupe \$768.00

1934

Nov. 9, 1934 - Charles Cooley, 79, a pioneer resident of the Cunningham community, passed away this (Thursday) morning.

Wiley Doty and Carl Green of Cunningham are working at the CCC Camp near Mankato.

The State Highway Commission announced this week that contracts would be let soon to pave the last ten miles of the Cannonball Highway through Cunningham and the western part of Kingman County.

1939

Nov. 10, 1939 - Clyde Walter, 53, Editor of the Zenda Headlight for the past fifteen years, passed away Tuesday.

Europe entered its eighth week of war this week with casualties and action still at a minimum, and with the major offensives being made into the diplomatic field.

1949

Nov. 11, 1949 - People of the Cairo community proved themselves good neighbors, Monday, when they held a "Sawing Bee" at the C. E. O'Bryant home. They sawed and chopped enough wood to last Mr. and Mrs. O'Bryant all winter.

1954

Nov. 11, 1954 - All the bids received by the High School Board for the new auditorium/gymnasium and shop building at Cunningham Rural High School were found to be too high upon opening last Wednesday afternoon. A large number of contractors and companies were represented in the bidding, but the closest bid exceeded the \$150,000 bond issue allocated for the new construction by about \$30,000. School Board members have not as yet taken any definite action in the matter.

1959

Nov. 12, 1959 - Ted Hazlett, local Santa Fe Railroad Agent, recently completed 30 years of service with the AT&SF, and he and Mrs. Hazlett received long service passes over the company's lines in appreciation for the many years of service. Mr. Hazlett and his brothers and sisters have compiled an enviable record of service to railroads, a total of 121 years. One of his brothers, Howard Hazlett of Glazier, Tex., has been a Santa Fe Agent for 45 years. Another brother, Phillip Hazlett of Judsonia, Ark., has completed 42 years of agent-telegrapher service with the Missouri-Pacific Railroad Company, and two of Mr. Hazlett's sisters, Mrs. Hilda Yates of Blackwell, Okla., and Mrs. Faye Reeves, now deceased, each served two years as telegraphers with the Santa Fe.

We'd say railroading runs in the Hazlett family's blood, wouldn't you?

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Stillwell Jr. of Penalosa, announce the birth of a son, Thursday, Nov. 5, at the Nashville Hospital. He weighed six pounds, 10 ounces, and has been named Kevin Rex. The maternal grandmother is Mrs. Lizzie Brady of Penalosa, and the paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Bob Stillwell of Cunningham.

1964

Nov. 12, 1964 - Guests at the Knotty Pine Motel, Saturday night, were the "Imperials," an American musical group from California similar to England's famous "Beatles." Members of the group are Tonie Baron, Dave Smith, Edd Rupp, Paul Spense, and Pato Cavallo. They were enroute to Chicago, Ill., for an engagement, but promised motel operator Vera McClarnon they would stop and see her on their return to California.

Reports of the rainfall last week that commenced on Election Day (Tuesday) and continued on through Thursday and most of Friday, indicate total rainfall during the four days at about four inches.

1969

Nov. 13, 1969 - The Nashville-Zenda Thunderbirds, No. 1 ranked eight-man football team in Kansas, edged the rugged Braman Pirates, ranked No. 5 in Oklahoma eight-man football polls, 14-6, in a non-league game played at Zenda last Friday night.

Steve Adelhardt, 220 lb. Nashville-Zenda offensive fullback and defensive guard, opened the scoring for the Golden Plains League champions with a touchdown on a one-yard plunge, climaxing a 65-yard drive for the T-birds following Braman's opening kick-off. Adelhardt slashed over for the two-point conversion, and N-Z had an 8-0 lead with the game just three minutes old.

Nashville-Zenda hiked their lead to 14-0 with a second-quarter touchdown coming on a beautiful pass play covering 43 yards. With the ball on the N-Z 37-yard line, Quarterback Mark Danahy connected with End Randy Goetz along the sideline at the Braman 15-yard line. Goetz caught the pass in full stride and raced into the end zone for the score. The try for the two-point conversion failed.

Braman, undefeated in eight games prior to this battle, never gave up. The Pirates got back into the ball game in the third quarter when their fleet and shifty halfback, Ed Tapp, scored on a three-yard run. The try for the two-point conversion failed.

The scoreless fourth quarter was a tribute to each team's defense. The game ended with Braman on the Nashville-Zenda eight-yard line following a long-sustained drive.

Nashville-Zenda, finishing the season undefeated in eight games, are the only unbeaten team in District IV (eight-man division) of the Kansas Football Playoff System, inaugurated this year to determine state champions among the different classes of Kansas

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high schools.

1974

November 14, 1974 Tuesday, November 19, is the date for the '74 Junior Play. The three-act play, "Off the Track", is a comedy of a small group of people from all walks of life, rich and poor, stranded in a small railroad station after the cars of the train they were riding derailed.

The list of characters are: Brooks Mantooth as Mr. John Morgan, a station agent; John Huffman as Silas Dobbins, the handy man around town; Donna Theis as Flickie Nelson, a college girl; Connie Heflen as Betty Philips, also a college girl; Jan Fischer as Joan Parker and her another college girl; Melodie Graves as Mrs. Guarino, an Italian woman; Linda Schwartz and Connie Armstrong as Mrs. Guarino's daughters, Tim Renner as Bill Lindsay, a college student, Tom Newman as Mr. Oscar Pozenby, a hard-of-hearing old man, Gene Parsons as Willie Woodson, a young man; Denise Watkins as Evalina Bumpass, Willies' finance; Peggy Cain as Mrs. Reginald Vandervanter, a rich lady, and Marlene Fischer as Miss Pidgie McDougal, an old maid.

Miss Stacie Tharp spent last Saturday with Mr. and Mrs. Harold DeWeese while her parents were in Wichita on business.

Mrs. Jack Crick and Mrs. Norman Schnittker held a surprise birthday party for their husbands, Jack Crick and Norman Schnittker, at the Jack Crick home Saturday evening, November 9.

Hilltop: Six more weeks until Santa Claus arrives. "Brownie Joe", our bulldog, must have his master to write a letter to Santa Clause for him. He wants a lard sack of "Bowwow" dog food for his Christmas present.

The Trio Candido performed at the Cunningham High School Gym. The group is from Belgium, and they have won the European Jazz Festival Championship and the World Harmonica Championship. They won the Harmonica Championship in 1957 and have not yet relinquished the title. They played popular, classical, modern, and folk tunes. The Cunningham High School, and the Cunningham and St. Leo Grade Schools enjoyed the program very much.

Jane Bock and John Fischer exchanged rings and wedding vows at 2p.m. October 19 in St. Peters Catholic Church, Willowdale, Kansas. Msgr. Arthur Holtz officiated, assisted by Father Jim Spexarth and Msgr. George Smith, a great uncle of the bride.

1979

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Reporter: Florine Kampling

November 15, 1979 - Shirley Kampling and Kathy Koster joined Mary Kampling and Linda Seiwert at Kingman where they all went to Wichita and appeared on the Kaleidoscope show on Channel 10 on Monday.

Who saw the ghosts and what goblins slipped in and out of St. Leo Schol gym the evening of Oct. 31? The Halloween costume parade started at 8 p.m. and present for it were 39 of the 42 students attending the school and their families. Creativity was the art manifested in every one of the costumes. Prizes were awarded to a winner in each grade: Gr. 1 Daniel Oeding; Gr. 2 Mark Neises; Gr. 3 Kevin Wegerer; Gr. 4 Tracy Henning; Gr. 5 Shawn Neises; Gr. 6 Greg Hageman; Gr. 7 Gail Fischer; Gr. 8: Donna Adelhardt. The Grand Prize winners were Daniel Oeding, Greg Hageman, and Donna Adelhardt with respective prizes Dial-a-Song music, music, football and a frisbee.

The Spanish department of Cunningham High School has received the ratings from the contest held on the Wichita State University campus on October 27. Both plays, presented by the eleven students attending, received a rating of "I" Rick Sterneker, a fourth year student, received a rating of "I" on his composition written on the subject of "Inflation". Mike Beath, fourth-year students received a rating of "II" on his composition entitled "Solar Energy." Janice Stillwell, third-year student, received a rating of "II" on her composition "A Country I Would Like to Visit" and Marty Sterneker, second-year student, rated "II" on his composition "My Favorite Sport."

The Nashville-Zenda Seniors and Juniors are planning to present a play called "Breaker Calling Cinderella." The play will be at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, November 16 at Zenda's Gym.

1984

November 15, 1984 - The Nashville Community was shocked by the sudden death of Mr. Dale Keimig, Rural Mail Carrier, and Nashville grocery store owner last Wednesday. The services are Saturday afternoon. Our sympathy goes to all of his family.

Jerry Hudson family and Marvin Johnson and Harold Hellman, all of Wichita, spent the weekend with Emma Hellman; the men hunted.

The Wheel of Fortune continues to spin. Names drawn this week for the spin were Annice Hendrixson \$ Christine Sant \$5 and Rosemary Freund \$15. The cash jackpot has risen to \$250.

The mayor will contact Hi-Plains Sand, Inc about Mains Street re-paving. The council was not satisfied with the type of rock used.

The City Council has been notified that the Community Center janitor is no longer qualified for employment under the Government Green Thumb Program and if the building is to continue to be kept neat and clean, it's going to be the responsibility of the Community Center board to pay the janitor wages.



The Strange Story of the Missouri Cheese Caves

"You're going to end up eating a steady diet of government cheese and living in a van down by the river!"

Matt Foley  
Motivational Speaker

For fans of the classic comedy Saturday Night Live, Chris Farley's portrayal of motivational speaker Matt Foley is one of the funniest skits ever broadcast in North America. In frequent reminders of his current living conditions (he's "living in a van down by the river!"), Matt references eating government cheese. Believe it or not, there is a story here, a strange story.

It all begins in 1977 with President Jimmy

Carter. Along with the energy crisis in the 1970s which tanked the economy, Americans were slammed with a national dairy shortage. This resulted in 30% inflation on milk and other dairy products. The government decided to intervene. President Carter instituted a subsidy policy that pumped \$2 billion into the dairy industry over a four-year-period. This allowed dairy farmers to ramp up milk production without risk, knowing the government would purchase all their surplus milk.

By the early 1980s we had gone from having too little milk to having too much milk. Since cheese has a longer shelf life than other dairy products, the solution was obvious. The USDA began buying and processing surplus milk and turning it into blocks of cheese. It has been estimated that at this time the government owned over 500 million pounds of cheese. Long the topic of secrecy and speculation (kind of like a Foodie version of Area 51), this surplus cheese is believed to have been stored in various

caves and underground facilities in the state of Missouri. More on that in a minute.

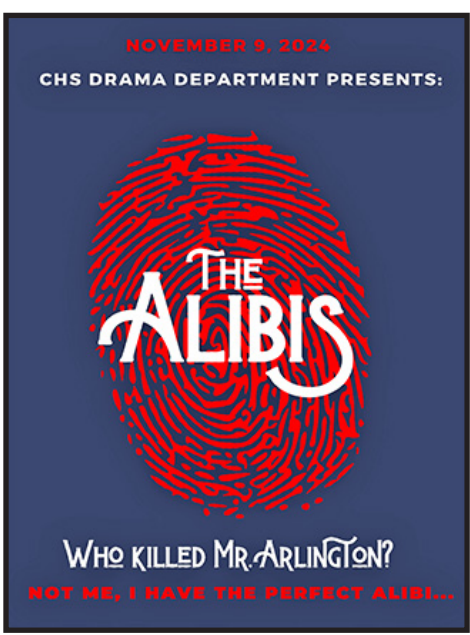
In 1981, the government had so much cheese in storage, they considered dumping it in the ocean. But then President Ronald Reagan had a better idea. In December of that year, he announced a plan to give it away. Reagan created the Temporary Emergency Food Assistance Program (TEFAP), ultimately distributing over 30 million pounds of cheese to low-income families and the elderly. Many

people who grew up in the '80s remember receiving government cheese. It was given away for free at food banks, community centers, churches, and other facilities throughout the country. Government cheese became a totem of American culture that continues to this day. A few years ago, Snoop Dog even taught Martha Stewart how to cook with it on their TV show.

Many businesses and companies also benefited from this surplus

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The Alibis: Who Killed Mr. Arlington? Not Me, I Have the Perfect Alibi...

Written by Johnathan Dorf, Tyler Dwiggin, Kathryn Funkhouse, Patrick Greene, Mora V. Harris, Carrie McCrossen, Ian McWethy, and Jason Pizzarello

Published by Playscripts, Inc.

Directed by Mrs. Rebecca Huelskamp

Cast Members: Ellie McGuire, Andrew Schultz, Jack Harden, Stephen Kerschen, Nora Huff, Skyler Thimesch, Julia Hageman, Andrew Kerschen, Elizabeth Paris, Alex Kamstra, Weston Rogers, Will Halderson, Sean Kostner.

Crew: Emma Harden, Lexie Murphy, Julia Hageman, Caleb Lohrke, Hank Adams, Myles Thimesch, Makenzie Hartley.



Ellie McGuire



Mrs. Huelskamp



Nora Huffman (reading The Cunningham Courier) and Stephen Kerschen



Skyler Thimesch and Stephen Kerschen



Elizabeth Paris and Julia Hageman



Andrew Kerschen & Alex Kamstra



Will Halderson



Surgery



Weston Rogers



Skyler Thimesch and Elizabeth Paris

Courier photos



National Honor Society Recognizes Local Veterans



**USD 332 Staff Spotlight:**  
**Kayla Waters,**  
**6th Grade**

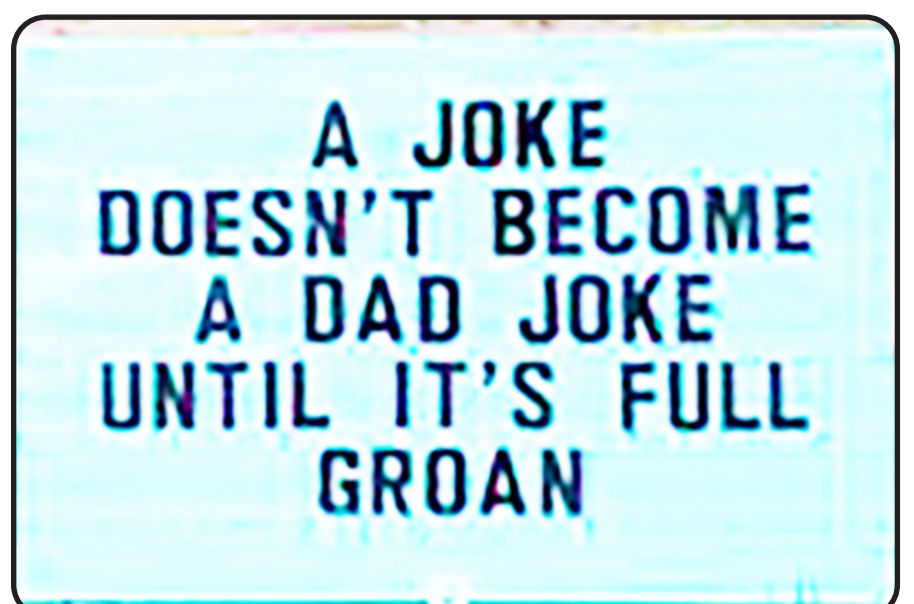
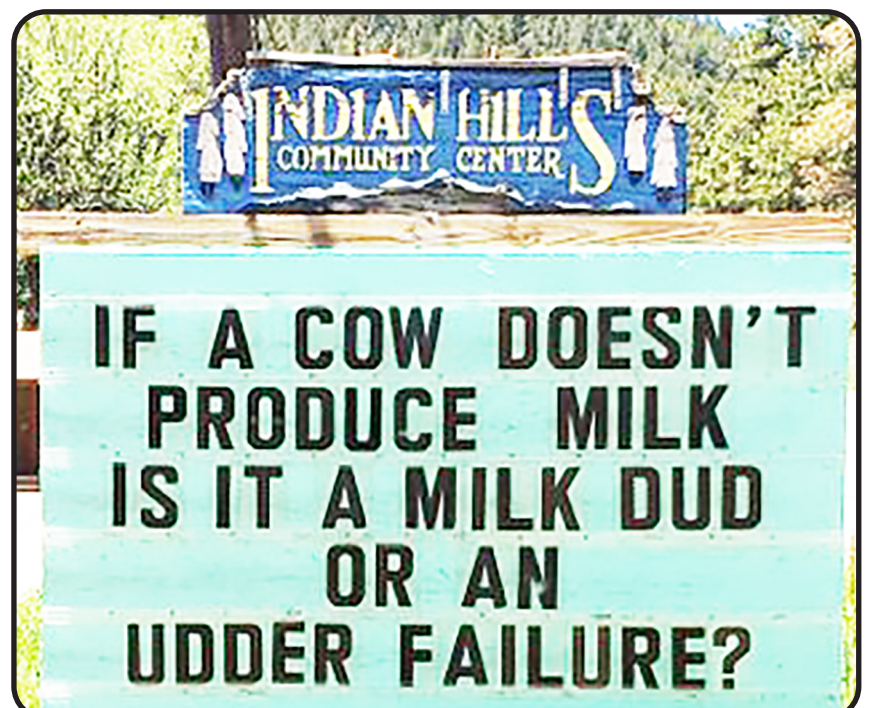
**STAFF SPOTLIGHT** *Kayla Walters*

WHAT DO YOU ENJOY ABOUT USD 332?  
"I love getting to work with students all the way through K-12 and working with an incredible staff!"

Our first home basketball game is December 6 vs Minneola!

ABOUT ME		FAVORITES	
experience:	3 years, 2 in Cunningham	food:	Anything salty
family:	Cole; baby on the way!	place:	Wherever family is!
pets:	Dog - Buster	book:	Dare to Lead by Brene Brown
hobbies:	Going on long walks	subject:	Physical Education

submitted by Cody Dunlap





Kingman County Sheriff's Report



Sunday, November 3

Traffic Stop 1  
 Non-Injury Accident SW 60 Ave & SW 40 St, Kingman  
 Suspicious Vehicle NE 50 St & NE 40 Ave, Kingman  
 Fraud 16000 Blk NE 20 Sr, Cheney  
 Domestic 2700 Blk NE 150 Ave, Cheney  
 Abandoned Vehicle NE 10 St & NE 40 Ave, Kingman

Monday, November 4

Traffic Stops 2  
 Non-Injury Accident 8000 Blk E Hwy 42, Rago  
 Traffic Complaint W Hwy 42 & S Hwy Hwy 14, Rago  
 Animal Complaint SW 130 St & SW 80 Ave, Zenda  
 Injury Accident 17000 Blk E Hwy 2, Norwich  
 Secure Building 300 Blk N Main St, Kingman  
 911 Accidental Dial N Cedar St & W H Ave, Kingman

Tuesday, November 5

Traffic Stops 3  
 Civil Paper Process 5  
 Non-Injury Accident 6000 Blk S Hwy 14, Kingman  
 Traffic Complaint 11000 E Hwy 54, Cheney  
 Recovered Vehicle 120 N Spruce, Kingman  
 Follow Up 700 Kgm State Lake Rd, Kingman  
 Traffic Complaint 400 Blk E D Ave, Kingman  
 Disturbance 400 Blk W Stanley Ave, Spivey  
 Animal Complaint SW 170 Ave & W Hwy 42, Nashville  
 Non-Injury Accident 700 Blk NE 50 St, Kingman

Wednesday, November 6

Traffic Stop 1  
 Civil Paper Service 1  
 Arrest 300 Blk E A Ave, Kingman  
 Transport Prisoner 120 N Spruce St, Kingman  
 Suspicious Vehicle/Person 2000 Blk N Main St, Kingman

Harassment  
 911 Accidental Dial  
 Harassment  
 Trespassing

Thursday, November 7

Civil Paper Process 2  
 Non-Injury Accident 8500 Blk NE 50 St, Pretty Prairie  
 Non-Injury Accident NE 10 St & NE 50 Ave, Kingman  
 Damage to Property 900 Blk E Hwy 54, Kingman

Friday, November 8

Traffic Stop 1  
 Civil Paper Service 1  
 Transport Inmate 120 N Spruce St, Kingman  
 Traffic Complaint W Burns Ave & SE 140 Ave, Norwich  
 Secure Building 200 Blk S Parkway St, Norwich  
 Transport Inmate 120 N Spruce St, Kingman  
 Suspicious Vehicle NE 40 Ave & NE 50 St, Kingman  
 Transport Civilian 7000 Blk E Hwy 54, Kingman  
 Damage to Property SE 100 St & SE 30 Ave, Kingman  
 Non-Injury Accident SE 160 Ave & E Hwy 2, Norwich  
 Miscellaneous 316 N Ninescah St, Kingman

Saturday, November 9

Traffic Stops 4  
 Civil Paper Service 6  
 Animal Complaint SW 100 Ave & W Hwy 42, Zenda  
 Follow Up 130 E A Ave, Kingman  
 Abandoned Vehicle SE 70 St & SE 50 Ave, Kingman  
 Trespassing 500 Blk W G Ave, Kingman  
 Animal Complaint SW 80 Ave & W Hwy 42, Zenda  
 Animal Complaint NW 110 Ave & W Hwy 54, Cunningham  
 Suspicious Vehicle NE 50 St & NE 40 Ave, Kingman  
 Traffic Complaint 1000 Blk W D Ave, Kingman  
 Agency Assist 11000 Blk NE 10 St, Murdock

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count, you can use our Plan for Retirement tool to see how your benefits can change at different ages. Don't have a personal my Social Security account? You can create one at [www.ssa.gov/myaccount](http://www.ssa.gov/myaccount).

You can also use your personal my Social Security account to see your entire work history and make sure we have all your wages recorded correctly. We base your benefit amount on the earnings reported to us. If you find any errors in your work history, read our factsheet, How to Correct Your Social Security Earnings Record at [www.ssa.gov/pubs/](http://www.ssa.gov/pubs/)

EN-05-10081.pdf. When you're ready to apply for Social Security retirement benefits, you can complete our online application in as little as 15 minutes at [www.ssa.gov/retirement](http://www.ssa.gov/retirement). We will contact you if we need any further information. You can check the status of your application using

your personal account. You can apply online for Social Security retirement benefits, or benefits as a spouse, if you:

- Are age 62.
- Are not currently receiving benefits on your own Social Security record.
- Have not already applied for retirement

benefits. • Want your benefits to start no later than 4 months in the future. (We cannot process your application if you apply for benefits more than 4 months in advance). Note: If you were born on the first or second day of the month, you

meet this requirement in the month of your 62nd birthday. If you were born on any other day of the month, you do not meet this requirement until the following month. Find out more about retirement benefits at [www.ssa.gov/retirement](http://www.ssa.gov/retirement).

News Breaks: One-liners by Charles Keller

Two freighters, one carrying red paint and the other carrying purple paint, collided yesterday. It is believed both crews are marooned.

A ship carrying a shipment of Yo-Yos across the ocean sprang a leak and sank 50 times.

Legislation for the preservation of waterfowl was not discussed in Congress today because everyone tried to duck the issue.

**THANK YOU**  
 Ron Estes  
 U.S. CONGRESS

"Serving Kansans in the U.S. House of Representatives is a great honor, and I thank you for trusting me to be your voice in the halls of Congress. On Nov. 5, and even days and weeks before, many of you made your voices heard at the polls - thank you for participating in our representative form of government. Together, we'll work to restore and rebuild the American Dream."

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 Theme: Thanksgiving

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**ACROSS**

- As opposed to Ave.
- \*Male turkey
- \*The National \_\_\_ Show
- Suggestive look
- Transversus abdominis location
- Milan's La \_\_\_ opera house
- Curved molding
- Welcoming sign
- Crossword entries
- \*Skillet-cooked batter
- Bristles on grass
- Talked like a pigeon
- Scepter's partner
- A way to steal gas
- With two maxima, in statistics
- All Nippon Airways
- Tip of lion's tail
- Body, breath and mind workout
- Garments
- Singer Benatar
- Unethical loaner's practice
- Copycat
- \*Pie nuts
- Honey maker
- Like Old Glory
- Time for an egg hunt
- "As if!"
- Battle of the \_\_\_\_, a.k.a. Ardennes Offensive
- Moldy appetizer
- \*Green bean \_\_\_
- \*Thanksgiving football regulars
- Cream-filled cookie
- Chieftain in Arabia
- Poem at a funeral
- Of two minds
- Not ever, poetically
- Oui in French
- Ensign, for short
- Make them meet

**DOWN**

- Coalition
- Emmet Brickowski's brick
- Zig or zag
- Make wet
- Safari hat
- Mountain nymph
- "Cobbler, cobbler, \_\_\_ my shoe"
- Repair a sock
- Cutlass or Delta 88, for short
- "Now we're cooking with \_\_\_"
- "La cerveza m s fina"
- Bunch of #42 Across
- \*Football regulars on Thanksgiving
- They're made for walking
- Tin Man's remedy
- "The Forsyte \_\_\_\_, " pl.
- Not suitable in certain circumstances
- Fruit-cutting device
- 2nd letter of Greek alphabet
- Skeptic's MO
- Come to terms
- Extra sweatshirt, e.g.
- Hightailed it
- Cul de \_\_\_
- \*Prepping a turkey
- Cell phone bill item
- Teacher's favorite student
- Infamous Baby Face
- Verse
- Tranquil
- Noble one
- Internet patrons
- Digestive aid
- Fish eggs, pl.
- \_\_\_ d'Ivoire
- Bad luck predictor
- What Pinocchio did
- Makes mistakes
- Bovine hangout



## Minutes from the Pratt County Commission

The Pratt County commissioners met in regular session Monday, November 4, 2024, 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 Morgan, economic development, reported the Pratt County "Love Kansas" project

continues. Representative Hoffman had a meeting with the KCC about the gas pipeline issue with the cities of Sawyer, Hardtner and Sharon. It should move quicker since they don't have to do individual RFP's. The city rates need to be reasonable. She reported the state revenue of 3.4% is under the estimate for October, 2024.

Clerk Voss presented a new hire pay slip for Mark Schmidt for detention officer at \$17.75 per hour for the sheriff's office. Commissioner Adams made a motion to hire Mark Schmidt for detention officer at \$17.75 per hour. Commissioner Jones seconded the mo-

tion. Motion carried 3-0. Commissioner Adams made a motion to approve the minutes from October 28, 2024. Commissioner Jones seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Jones made a motion to recess into executive session at 2:08 p.m. for ten minutes for attorney/client matter. Commissioner Adams seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. Commissioner Jones made a motion to return from executive session at 2:14 p.m. with no action taken. Commissioner Adams seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Jones made a motion to approve the contract to al-

low KHP the use of offices in the old EMS building. Commissioner Adams seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Adams made a motion to approve the first amendment to the road use agreement to correct the date. Commissioner Jones seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Jones made a motion to approve the road use and maintenance agreement for the thermal project. Commissioner Adams seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Jones made a motion to approve the following road crossings, SC Telcom,

along Lake Road, SE 10th Avenue and SE 20th Avenue for fiber optic, Haviland Telephone, NW 90th Avenue for fiber optic cable and at SW 50th Avenue, SW 70th Avenue and SW 30th Avenue and SW 60th Avenue for fiber optic cable. Commissioner Adams seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Mark Graber, IT, presented a quote for a laptop. Commissioner Adams made a motion to approve the purchase of a laptop for the IT department from Dell Technologies for \$2002.00. Commissioner Jones seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. Commissioner Jones

made a motion to allow Chairman Shriver to change the locks on the old EMS building. Commissioner Adams seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Adams made a motion to approve the payment vouchers for November 4, 2024. Commissioner Jones seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Jones made a motion to adjourn at 2:25 pm. Commissioner Adams seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.



Second Saturdays  
Greg Doering, Kansas Farm Bureau

Outside of holidays, the most important date on the calendar when I was growing up was always the second Saturday of November or the traditional opening of pheasant and quail seasons. While I did plenty of quail hunting in east Kansas, we always headed west for the opening day to chase ring-necked pheasants.

While life has interrupted my participation for the last several opening weekends, including

this year's, the memories of past hunts are always on my mind when the time rolls around. Provided we were heading to the far western frontier, pheasant hunting remains the only reason I was ever permitted to leave school early without suffering a dire illness.

Leaving in the early afternoon still meant hours of driving after dark until we arrived at our destination. We'd scroll through AM radio stations and listen to high school football games we didn't have a rooting interest in.

Lodging arrangements varied from hotels to the spare bedrooms and basement couches of friends and extend-

ed families. I still smile when I check in to a hotel that prominently asks guests to refrain from cleaning birds in the rooms. I've never done that, but I understand why the signs are there.

We'd rise well before daybreak to make it to the fields, stopping for a quick bite at some breakfast fundraiser held in either a church basement or VFW hall. The food was always good and fellow diners included a large number of people in orange coats and vests taking part in the same ritual.

After fueling up, it was on to the hunt, which consisted of walking down rows of harvested corn and milo fields hoping to flush a rooster

close enough to get a shot off. On a good field you could see birds running down the rows. Blockers at the end of the field helped hold the pheasant until those walking the fields and the dogs could arrive.

Ideally the dogs would assist in the hunt by helping push the birds or go on point and calmly wait for someone to get close by before flushing the bird. In reality, the mix of labs and German short-hairs our group hunted with were as likely to charge ahead with wild abandon as they were to stay on point.

When everything went to plan, there's nothing that can replicate the rush of a pheasant taking off in front of you. The

rustle of wings against the crop stubble followed by seeing a bright green head contrasted against a rooster's coppery body gets your heart pumping.

Under the best of circumstances, the pheasants would fly against a blue sky, but we also hunted in some truly miserable conditions. Only once can I remember quitting early. It was late in the afternoon of a perfect November Saturday and we stopped to hear Greg Sharpe call the fourth quarter of a K-State-Nebraska game.

That was a good year for pheasants and football. This year's crop of ringnecks is looking good according to roadside surveys. The 100,000-plus hunters who will

chase them from now until the end of January should have plenty of opportunity.

I hope to be among them at some point over the next few weeks. Even though it won't be quite the same as all those hunts that began on the second Saturday of November.

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## The Secret of Soup

In this health compromised, inflation ridden, politically turbulent and stressful time in American life, SOUP is the ultimate comfort food. Delicious, nutritious, relatively inexpensive, and easy to make, a bowl of hot soup at the end of a hard day may be just what you need.

My affinity for soup began as a child, although my brother almost ruined me. Always on a budget, as a family, we ate a lot of soup. Mom would stock up on Campbell's soup with every trip to the grocery store (when I was a kid, Campbell's soup was 10 cents a can). My favorite was tomato soup. But my slew foot brother, whose appreciation for food variety was limited, loved chicken noodle. I believe from elementary school until adulthood, he ate only meat, cheese, corn, and chicken noodle soup. Other than the aforementioned corn, he ate no vegetables. As such, tomato soup in his mind was forbidden. Since my brother was a picky eater (I would eat anything), and Mom was always trying to keep him fed, our default soup

was chicken noodle. He could eat it every day. Most days he did (or we did). I can, finally, eat chicken noodle soup, but it is not my favorite. Despite my soup trauma, I enjoy soup today. And homemade soup is the best, much better than the canned variety from the store.

Regarding cost, for those on a budget, soup is one of the most inexpensive things you can prepare. Using ballpark numbers for my favorite homemade vegetable soup recipe, the primary ingredients cost in the neighborhood of \$20. To make a large pot of soup (approx. 8 quarts) cost is about 8 cents an ounce, or 64 cents for an 8 oz. bowl. With these numbers, soup can be an inflation buster. We all need that!

Perhaps the best reason to enjoy soup is that it is good for you. Warm, easy to digest, rich in vitamins, minerals, and nutrients that your body needs, soup may be the perfect food. Typically, when cooking vegetables, some of the nutrients are lost and discarded in the process. But when cooking soup, most of the nutritional value is preserved in the broth.

For those who are emotional eaters, soup truly is a good option. Healthy soup (lots of vegetables in clear broth for example) is one of the few things you can eat without negative results. Eat as much as you want.

For those wanting to lose a few pounds, consider making soup your go to food.

Perhaps the best reason to enjoy soup is that eating soup is comforting. Warm, lovely, and smooth, a good bowl of soup offers comfort, like a warm sweater and a good book on a cold rainy day.

If you now find yourself in the mood for soup, consider the following. This is my recipe for something I call Dad's Old School Vegetable Soup. This delicious soup is simple and easy to make. For you guys, if you want to impress your wife with some basic kitchen skills, try this. She will be impressed.

Pour two cartons of chicken broth in a large pot and place on your stove over medium heat. Bring to a boil. Next, wash and cut several potatoes and add to pot. You can substitute sweet potatoes if you like. Wash and chop 7-8 carrots, then add to pot as well. I like to use the larger regular carrots instead of the convenient baby carrots. The larger carrots seem sweeter and usually taste better. Add salt and pepper to taste. As potatoes and carrots cook, chop one or two onions (I like to use one red onion and one yellow or white onion) and sauté in olive oil. This will caramelize them and make your soup especially tasty. When onions are slightly browned add

to your pot. Next, wash and cut up two or three squash (yellow squash, zucchini, or both). Add one or two cans of corn (or better yet use frozen corn) and one can of diced tomatoes (fire roasted tomatoes with garlic are good). Add water as needed to your pot. Once all ingredients

have been added, turn up heat and bring to a boil. Once soup is boiling, add one ounce of olive oil and stir, then cover pot and reduce heat. Simmer for 30-45 minutes.

When ready to serve, dust the top of your soup with some chopped green onions. Serve with hot cornbread,

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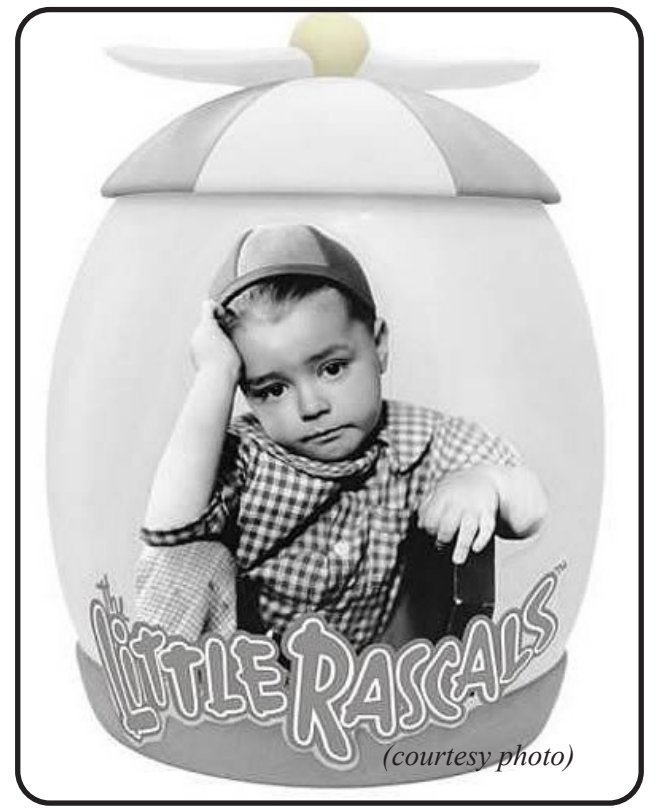
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This is the infamous 'Tailless Wonder' Eddie Fisher. I often think he would look cute as all get-out if he wore a little propeller beanie. Much like the one Little Rascals' character, Spanky wore. I am not sure if he should wear his ears in or out of the beanie. I think if he wore them outside the beanie, the propellers may hit them. And yes, I am getting tired and needed to fill this spot, and Eddie Fisher was happy to oblige.



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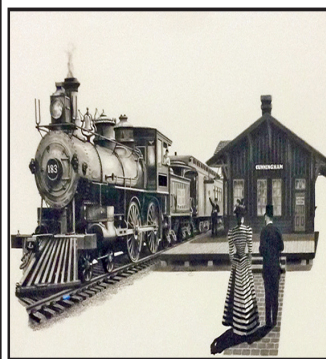


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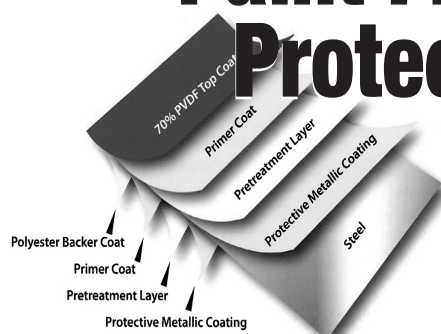
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## Greg Gilleece

Gregory Dean Gilleece  
Born 12/08/1960  
Winchester, KS



Gregory Dean Gilleece was called to greener pastures to reunite with his steady string of beloved horses to continue on heavenly cattle drives, drag brandings, and roping's on November 9, 2024.

Greg was an avid pheasant and quail hunter, sportsman, horseman, and cattleman. He is best known for his poor choice of jokes, his big caring heart, and lack of time management when talking. He was born in Winchester, KS to Veryle and Martha Gilleece on December 8th, 1960. Greg enjoyed spending time outdoors with his siblings along with cousins causing mischief and hunting any time they could. He graduated from Valley Falls High School in 1979 with much recognition. He then continued to Highland Community College until 1981 on a basketball scholarship where he was honored to be the first King of Courts in Highland Community College history (per Greg). He married Reesa Dee Drosselmeyer, had three beautiful daughters, later divorced and never remarried.

Greg worked for the Coop grain elevator industry from 1981 to 1998, serving as branch manager. He then ventured into working cattle starting at the Larned and Turon feedlots, and later for CB Farms as a cattle hand. Greg finished out his working days at Hirt Farms INC. serving as the cattle manger and assisting with farming duties.

Greg spent time teaching his three girls all sorts of sports and horsemanship skills along with fishing, instilling work ethic, and family values. Having been an active member in the 4-H community, he devoted a lot of time and hard work in those 12 years as a horse leader. He continued his dedication through his daughter's, Tia, Bit & Spur Training program, teaching hundreds of kids to ride. His love for horses, teaching children, new riders, and dedication to the cowboy lifestyle was evident until his last days.

Greg leaves behind three daughters, although he has acquired countless "adopted" daughters and sons. The impact and legacy he has left is insurmountable. He never knew or met anyone who he considered a stranger, always becoming a friend, or family. He was known for being generous, giving you the shirt off his back as he never hesitated to lend a hand to those in need, and his swing dancing moves on the floor. His stubbornness was evident and well known as it served him well to the very end.

Greg is survived by his sister Kris Carothers (Ohio), his three daughters: Bree (Eric) Winkler (Russellville, MO), Jordan (Ethan) Cory (Concordia, KS), and Tia (Trevor) Vogel (Pratt, KS), many aunts and uncles, cousins, his 8 grandchildren, nieces and nephews, and great grandnephew.

Greg is preceded in death by his father and mother Veryle and Martha Gilleece, his brothers Delbert and Eldon Gilleece, grandparents Clarence and Lilly Gilleece, Jesse Miles Lavern Hayden and Lorriane Hayden, and his niece Amy Cummings.

Greg has been cremated and will be laid to rest by his daughters. He had requested that in lieu of flowers, donations to Bit & Spur Training Program, Pratt County 4-H Memorial Fund, and Interim Healthcare.

## Ron Hageman

Ronald Hageman, 88, died Nov. 10, 2024 in Wichita.

He was born April 12, 1936, at Willowdale the son of John and Dora Fischer

Hageman. A lifetime resident of the Kingman community, he was a retired building contractor.

Ron was a member of the St. Patrick Church and Knights of Columbus, both of Kingman.

On June 6, 1959, he married Florence Simpson; she died March 27, 2017. Other survivors include two sons, David (Kathleen) Hageman and John (Jodi) Hageman; daughters Amy (Art) Jones and Julie (Brad) Saens; brother Ollie Hageman; sister Charlene Downs; 13 grandchildren; 14 great-grandchildren; and current wife Mona. He was also preceded in death by a brother Sylvester.

Parish rosary and Mass of Christian Burial will be 10:00 a.m., Thursday, Nov. 14, 2024 at the St. Patrick Catholic Church. The family will receive friends from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., Wednesday at the Livingston Funeral Home. Burial will be in the Walnut Hill Cemetery.

Memorials may be made with the St. Patrick Grade School in care of the funeral home.



## Edwin Petrowsky

Edwin R. Petrowsky, 74, passed away November 8, 2024. He was born August 12, 1950 in Stafford to Edwin Hermann and Doris (Schwertfeger) Petrowsky. Edwin married Lisa Strait on July 29, 1973 at the First United Methodist Church in Pratt, Kansas. They were married for 51 years.



Edwin graduated from Skyline in 1968. He then attended and graduated from Kansas State University in 1973 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Nuclear Engineering. He was employed by Commonwealth Edison and was the lead "nuke" engineer at Dresden, Illinois. He then returned to the family farm. He was a member of St. Paul Lutheran Church, past spokesman for the Kansas chapter of the American Agriculture Movement, owner of Ace Aerial Photography and volunteered with Township 8 Fire Department. He was on the original zoning board in Pratt County. He enjoyed flying, photography, studying, science, snow skiing, hunting, outdoor activities, eating ice cream, being innovative and a jack of all trades.

He is survived by his wife, Lisa Petrowsky of Pratt, Kansas; son, Robert (Caramie) Petrowsky of Billings, Missouri; daughter, Ashley (Michael) Badamo of Manhattan, Kansas; grandchildren, Ellis Petrowsky, Davis Petrowsky, Olivia Badamo, Edison Badamo; brother, Paul Petrowsky; sisters, Irene Wagner, Brenda Ford; uncle, Milton Schwertfeger; cousin, Frank Schwertfeger; mother-in-law, Eleanor Strait; brother-in-law, Chad Strait and many nieces, nephews and cousins.

Edwin is preceded in death by his father, Edwin Hermann Petrowsky, his mother, Doris Marie Petrowsky and his infant brother, John Frank Petrowsky.

Funeral service was held Tuesday, November 12, 2024 at St. Paul Lutheran Church, with Pastor Michael Schotte presiding. Burial will follow at St. Paul Lutheran Church Cemetery, Natrona.

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-Brent Wood-

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## The Strange Story of the Missouri Cheese Caves

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cheese. With massive supplies still in storage, the government launched a cheese push into the corporate world. This wave of cheese was the catalyst for offerings such as Pizza Hut's Cheesy Bites

Pizza, Domino's Seven-Cheese Pizza, Burger King's Chesy Angus Bacon Cheeseburger, and Taco Bell's Quesalupa. As the cheese surplus finally began to dwindle, the government was able to relax price supports.

This government cheese episode did herald a lasting change in our eating habits, however. In 1970, the average per capita consumption of cheese in this country was less than 10 pounds

per year. Today, the average American consumes approximately 40 pounds each year. That is a four-fold increase. Some would say this is a good thing. You be the judge.

Now about those cheese caves, here is what we know. One facility is the Hunt Midwest SubTropolis in Kansas City. It is located 150 feet below ground and is used to store not only cheese, but coffee and other goods as well. It is believed

that significant stores of government cheese can be found here. Deep in the Ozarks and farther south is the cheese cave, known as the Springfield Underground. It is an underground warehouse (3.2 million-square-foot in size) which opened as a limestone quarry in 1946. The U.S. government insists that they have nothing stored there now. The Springfield Underground is currently used by private en-

terprises, including the Kraft Heinz Company and Dairy Farmers of America. Cheese as well as other products are stored here.

Rumor has it that there may be more of these cheese caves hundreds of feet below ground in Missouri. These converted limestone mines can keep products perfectly at 36 degrees Fahrenheit. Some sources claim that the government continued buying cheese and

still has an estimated 1.4 billion pounds squirreled away in various caves underground. We just don't know for sure. And our government seems pretty tight-lipped about it.

This makes me want to go make a plate of nachos right now. I like cheese!

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