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Huck Boyd Institute Names Landon Oldham as a 2022 Leader of the Year

Award winners to be recognized Jan. 11 in Manhattan
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MANHATTAN, Kan. — "Ruralpreneurs" in business, tourism, technology and agriculture along with community volunteers are among those to be honored by K-State's Huck Boyd National Institute for Rural Development as Leaders of the Year for 2022.

This year's award categories and winners are:

Agriculture -- Landon Oldham, Heartland Soil Services, Cunningham.

Entrepreneurship -- Cassidy Cage and Halle Schindler, C&H Designs, Manhattan/Paola.

Technology -- Daniel Friesen, IdeaTek, Buhler.

Creative Arts -- Roxie Yonkey, author of "100 Things to Do in Kansas Before You Die", Goodland.

Community Service -- Danny Scott, Caney Community Betterment Group Foundation/PRIDE, Caney.

Entrepreneurial Development -- Christina Long, Steve Radley – NetWorked for Change, Wichita.

The winners will be honored through a hybrid Zoom/in-person awards presentation on Wednesday, Jan. 11 at the K-State Student Union in Manhattan.

"Congratulations to these individuals and organizations for their creativity

and commitment to rural communities," said Shawna Moyer, chair of the Board of Directors of the Huck Boyd National Institute for Rural Development.

Landon Oldham

Landon Oldham founded Heartland Soil Services in Cunningham when he identified a need for more data to assist farmers with precision agriculture. Today, Heartland Soil Services specializes in soil sampling, yield mapping, imagery, irrigation management tools, variable rate seeding and fertilizer prescriptions, and end-of-season data analysis. Such data helps farmers apply their inputs in a more efficient, effective and environmentally-friendly way. For more information, see www.heartlandsoilservices.com.

Cassidy Cage and Halle Schindler

When sorority sisters and roommates Cassidy Cage and Halle Schindler were visiting the Schindler family farm near Paola, they talked about a project they could do together. That led to the creation of C&H Designs, a startup business using a Cricut device to create customizable vinyl designs for shirts and other items. Their products have now been marketed across Kansas and beyond. For more information, search for C&H Designs on Instagram.

Daniel Friesen

Daniel Friesen was a tech-savvy kid in Buhler who started a computer repair business called IdeaTek while in high school. He went on to study information systems at Hutchinson Community College and Wichita State before pursuing his business full-time in Buhler. IdeaTek is now an Internet service pro-

vider with an emphasis on fiber optics. The company employs more than 120 people from Strong City to Liberal. For more information, see www.IdeaTek.com.

Roxie Yonkey

Roxie Yonkey serves as her organization's CEO – in this case, Chief Exploration Officer. After designing travel guides and promoting tourism from her home in Goodland, she became a travel writer and blogger. Roxie has published the book "100 Things to Do in Kansas Before You Die." For more information, see roxieontheroad.com.

Danny Scott

Danny Scott was a banker in Caney who was concerned about the direction of the community. The grocery store had closed and downtown businesses were boarded up. Danny and his wife Norma joined with others and the local county extension agent to form the Caney Community Betterment Group Foundation which joined the Kansas PRIDE program.

Now a municipal-owned grocery store has opened, new businesses have moved downtown, and positive momentum is occurring. For more information, search for Caney Community Betterment Group Foundation on Facebook.

Steve Radley

Steve Radley, CEO of NetWork Kansas, wanted to create a way to encourage cross-sector collaboration, resource development and implementation for bold economic and community development improvements across Kansas. With the assistance of

NetWork Kansas' Strategic Inclusive Communications Director and marketing professional, Christina Long, a planning team was assembled and the NetWorked Partnership for Community Investment was created.

NetWorked expanded from statewide virtual convenings to a statewide in-person conference called NetWorked for Change, featuring resources for rural and urban communities with leading support from Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Kansas and the Kansas Health Foundation. For more information, see www.networkedforchange.com.

The 2022 Huck Boyd Leaders of the Year winners were selected by entrepreneurship students in K-State's College of Business and by agricultural communications students in K-State's College of Agriculture. Each year the Huck Boyd Institute selects its leaders of the year from among those featured previously on its weekly Kansas Profile radio program and column.

Kansas Profile is distributed by the K-State Radio Network and K-State Research and Extension News Media Services to radio stations and newspapers statewide.

At a glance

2022 Huck Boyd Leaders of the Year include leaders in business, tourism, technology and agriculture.

Website: Huck Boyd National Institute for Rural Development

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Approved Minutes from November BOE Meeting

The West Kingman County Board of Education meeting was called to order at

7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, November 9, 2022 by President Scott DeWeese.

President, Scott DeWeese; Vice-President, Brent Miller; Members, Brent Hansen, Travis Thimesch, Vicki Oldham, Bjorn Halderson, and Megan Green; Superintendent, Robert Reed; Principal, Cody Dunlap; Clerk, Stacy Webster; and guests Caleb Panek, Shanelle Romine, Hannah Ellis, Trey DeWeese, and Roberta Kobe.

Motion made by Vicki Oldham, seconded by Megan Green to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried 7-0.

President DeWeese welcomed the guests to the meeting.

Member Travis Thimesch said on review of the minutes there was a motion attributed to him that he did not make. Member Bjorn Halderson concurred.

Motion made by Travis Thimesch, seconded by Brent Miller, to approve

the minutes of the October 12, 2022 regular meeting with changes to the minutes as noted by Travis and Bjorn. Motion carried 7-0.

Motion made by Brent Miller, seconded by Bjorn Halderson, to approve the payment of bills in the amount of \$804,698.57 and the financial reports as presented. Motion carried 7-0.

Superintendent Reed reported on the vehicles sold on Purple wave and the shop equipment purchased from the same Purple wave auction. He also address the status of the KDOT radios, a recent bus accident, ESSER III application status, the recent State Fire Marshall visit and issues with the Cafeteria milk cooler. Lastly, he reported that he has received a quote to replace the remaining old stage curtains this next summer.

Guest Karla Westerman arrived to the meeting at 7:20 p.m. during the Superintendent's report.

Principal Dunlap reported on the KESA Outside Visitation scheduled for tomorrow, the Kansas communities that care survey, and actives on the calendar. He made special note that the

Booster club and Education foundation stepped up to make purchases for the grade school that they did not get grant funding for. He also commended Aimee Ogg for her work on the Food Service Administrative Review that we are currently going through. Lastly he talked about the Pixelot camera update, Veterans Day program, and CTE Pathways.

For the special education report, member Travis Thimesch shared that the last meeting was a positive one and that attendance at meetings by all schools has been good. The main focus of the last meeting was ongoing financial audits.

Superintendent Reed gave the board an update on the bond project progress.

Motion made by Brent Miller, seconded by Travis Thimesch, to go into executive session with the board and Administration for 10 minutes at 7:50 p.m. to discuss personnel for the non-elected exception under KOMA and return to the board room at 8:00 p.m.. Motion carried 7-0.

Guests Caleb Panek, Shanelle Romine, Hannah Ellis and Trey

DeWeese left the meeting at 7:50 p.m.

President DeWeese declared the meeting in open session at 8:00 p.m.

Motion made by Brent Miller, seconded by Vicki Oldham, to go into executive session with the board and Administration for 5 minutes at 8:00 p.m. to discuss personnel for the non-elected exception under KOMA and return to the board room at 8:05 p.m.. Motion carried 7-0.

President DeWeese declared the meeting in open session at 8:05 p.m.

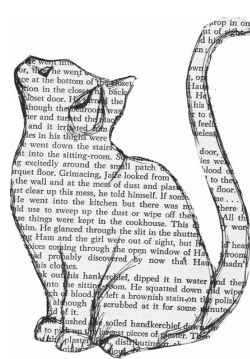
Motion made by Brent Hansen, seconded by Bjorn Halderson, to approve Shannon Mattal as cook. YMotion carried 7-0.

Member Brent Miller shared two requests has gotten from parents for board consideration. The first is to have a longer Junior High Volleyball practice and the other is to continue to look for a way to get a baseball program. The board will consider the items and discuss at the next meeting.

Motion made by Travis Thimesch, seconded Miller, to adjourn the meeting at 8:12 p.m. YMotion carried 7-0.



**We Wish You a Merry Christmas
& a Happy, Healthy New Year**



Meanderings

I had a mystery today. A technological mystery. (What part of technology isn't a mystery, right?) When I tried to place the article about Landon Oldham on the front page, the program would freeze up and shut down. The first couple of times, I just started it up again and tried again. The third time I knew there was an issue with something, but I wasn't sure what. Because I have found that sometimes a website listed in a story can cause an issue, I removed all the websites listed in the article and tried again. Didn't work. Freeze. Shut down. I checked again. Found another website. Removed. Pasted it in again. Freeze. Shut down. I finally decided to re-

start my computer. Back to work on page one. Placed the article. Freeze. Shut down. Hmm. I went to the website and copied straight from there and pasted it. Freeze. Shut down. H m m m m m m . I added the minutes from the board meeting. Not a problem. Well, okay, then. Added the Huck Boyd article. Freeze shut down. Now I'm completely ticked off and mystified. I worked on other parts of the paper, and came back to page one about an hour later. Add article, freeze. Shut down. Saved the whole newspaper under a new name. Tried again. Freeze. Shut down. I tried putting the article on another page. No problem. Added it, pulled it across the page to fill it from side to side. Looked fine. Okay. I had to give this some serious consideration. One more thing to do. Add a new page and delete page one. I added the new page. Formatted it

as a first page (larger top margin and only four columns). I deleted the page one that was giving me so much grief, added the article. VOILA! There it was to stay. The program didn't freeze. It didn't shut down. But it was almost three o'clock. But it is now 10 of the post meridian clock, and the paper is pretty close to being done. I'll lay awake 1/2 the night, though, wondering what I've forgotten to put in because I was fretting so over that first page. ** The article on the history page is rather interesting. I wonder WHERE it happened. I read in the Pratt paper that the aviator (Emil Saeguesser) had been in Nashville earlier that day, giving rides on the aeroplane. I wonder when 'aeroplane' became 'airplane'. Was it a regional word then? Microsoft Office keeps tell me it is misspelled. (aero plane). ** Well, with Clarice's death, I got to thinking about Everett Shelton again. He is in the Basketball Hall of Fame,

the College Basketball Hall of Fame, the Wyoming Athletic Hall of Fame. BUT he's not in the Kansas Sports Hall of Fame. That needs to be remedied. I went to the website and found the nomination form and filled it out. Now, I'll wait and see if anything happens with that. If not, I'll try again next year. He deserves to be in the Kansas Sports Hall of Fame. Do you remember that Ev Shelton followed Oliver Wendall Lynam to Little River, Kansas, and graduated there? Well, while I was researching this story, I came across a bit of history that connects things a bit more. Clarice's sister, Bessie, married Oliver Lynam's younger brother, Harvey. Their daughter was born here in Cunningham, four years after the plane crash. They named her Clarice. She passed away in 2018 in Springfield, Missouri. Sometimes family histories are very interesting. Actually, history is interesting. **

Cold spell coming. Sounds like a couple of days of nastiness. I dread days like those. The cats get cranky when they are cooped up inside for long periods of time. Ol' Skippy, that Siamese will go outside for a few minutes to get a drink of water (yes, she has bowls here in the kitchen and the bathroom, but it just isn't the same as the water that is outside. Cats.) Dusty Bottoms will also go outside because he just can't stand to be in for long periods of time. His favorite thing to do is go out the back door, go over the fence and come and look in my window here by the desk. I get up, let him in, and in a few minutes he will ask to go back outside. You guessed it, over the fence, to the window, in the front door. Now, I don't always let him in the front door. And I don't always let him out. Sometimes he just has to stay inside until I feel like letting him out. Which is usually after he's run amok chasing the other cats and attacking them. At some point I've had enough

and out he goes. He's a great cat...if he can just behave himself around the others. Whatever the weather, stay warm. Stay safe. Be careful. Have a Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays along the way. Always reading, and currently reading, "The Magician's Bane" By Charles Beamer, Roberta "We are stuck with technology when what we really want is just stuff that works." — Douglas Adams, The Salmon of Doubt "My cats inspire me daily. They inspire me to get a dog!" — Greg Curtis "To be ignorant of what occurred before you were born is to remain always a child. For what is the worth of human life, unless it is woven into the life of our ancestors by the records of history?" — Marcus Tullius Cicero

Tallgrass and Tumbleweeds by Gaille Pike

Dear Readers, This morning I learned a project I hoped to complete before Christmas won't wrap up until early next year. I am passionate about things getting done RIGHT, so I like to think I was a good sport when I got the disappointing news. My work often involves coordinating groups of talented creative individuals who share this philosophy. When projects bog down and hit snags or glitches (and they always do)

this philosophy can lead to frustration. I "herd my cats" through these storms with "delightful persistence." My Team Leader stye was acquired in Philadelphia-part Mary Poppins, part Rocky Balboa, and my charming tenacity usually (but not always) gets projects over the humps. So this morning after suffering what felt like defeat, I decided to cheer myself up by watching clips from A Charlie Brown Christmas.

After viewing two or three, I no longer felt glum and just for kicks read a few articles about how it got made. Based on the comic strip Peanuts by Charles Schulz, directed by Bill Melendez and produced by Lee Mendelson, this show is beloved. It's not just a "Boomer Thing." The popularity of A Charlie Brown Christmas is multigenerationally strong and growing. I don't know why that it was not until today that I never considered this iconic classic was somebody's PROJECT. They got it done and done RIGHT in six months. I read incredible and inspiring tales

online about what it took to bring the Peanuts gang to life. But the most surprising thing I learned was that when they finished it, right before it aired, nearly everyone involved thought they'd got it done WRONG. There are countless quotes that EVERYBODY (including the three men heading the project) believed the special was going to be a "disaster" and that both Coca-Cola (who had commissioned the special) and CBS considered cancelling the whole thing. But they didn't have time to come up with anything to air in its place. Why did they feel this way? They hated all the aspects I (and mil-

lions others) love: No laugh track. A quirky story with simple animation. Real kids doing the voices. And JAZZ mixed with Christmas carols. Only one team member was reported not to be embarrassed or concerned upon the project's completion. An animator, a Mr. Ed Levitt, is said to have argued with all the naysayers after the screening by saying the show would run for a hundred years. I couldn't determine how many people worked on the team that brought us A Charlie Brown Christmas. But I guarantee you it was a LOT bigger group than I've ever worked with and

there is absolutely no doubt in my mind that this project hit snags and glitches. I think about the moment they all sat in that dark room and watched it for it for the first time. I don't have much sympathy for the CBS and Coke execs but my heart aches that for so many talented men and women who felt defeated. I like to think when it debut a few days later they smiled and whispered, "Merry Christmas, Charlie Brown." As for running for 100 years—this year marks 57. Until next week—keep your eyes on the stars and your back to the wind.

A COLUMN BY TOM PURCELL

Decking the Malls with Nostalgia I read a great piece in the Tribune-Review about the nostalgia many Pittsburghers hold for their favorite old suburban shopping malls — especially around the holidays. Malls around the country are in trouble these days. Experts say their Golden Age ended

years ago and Pittsburgh proves it. Century III Mall, which was a hub of activity when it opened in the southern suburbs of Pittsburgh in 1979, has been shuttered since 2019. In the city's eastern suburbs, Monroeville Mall has many empty retail storefronts. South Hills Village is the mall my friends and I frequented during our high school years in the '70s. A year ago I wrote about my experiences and my affection for "The Village," which in our era of constant disruption is holding strong as far as malls go. Disruption is said to

be a healthy thing for a vibrant economy — though the decline of malls proves it is not often pleasant. Just as the migration from city neighborhoods to the suburbs disrupted and ultimately killed most big department stores in downtown centers, online shopping has disrupted and, in some cases, has killed suburban malls. Regrettably, there is another reason fewer people are frequenting malls: fear of violence. According to the American Psychological

Association, more than a third of Americans fear going to crowded public places, such as malls, because they fear mass shootings. Social media sensationalizes relatively rare acts of violence and makes us more fearful in our daily lives than we should be. But Psychology Today reports that "active shooter" incidents in public spaces have in fact increased considerably since 2017. Google "mall and shooting" and several stories will pop up.

Most are not mass shootings, but the ugly truth is that in the back of many people's minds when they head to the mall they are worried about someone planning violence. The Tribune-Review article shares examples of the tremendous nostalgia people have for the malls where they spent their formative years — a nostalgia that I share. I've never been a big shopper, but the mall was always a cheerful and eventful place to visit, especially during the holiday season. I remember one year in the 9th grade when I saved enough money to buy my mom and dad a lava lamp at Spencer Gifts, the store specializing in nutty and funny items. My dad did his best to thank me when he opened that gift on Christmas morning, but it was clear he was thinking, "What the hell am I going to do with the lava lamp!" The truth is, though today I live only five or six miles away from South Hills Village, I don't often visit it. The last time was to buy a new black suit for my

dad's funeral. I have no plans to visit the Village during the Christmas season, either, and I have no idea how busy the place is now. But I do fondly remember the energy and excitement of visiting it in my "mall-rat" years. The hustle and bustle of Christmas was always alive there. We never knew what to expect — or what friend we might bump into along the crowded walkways. Those fun, carefree days of shopping at the mall are a thing of the past now — for me and many others. But if someone were to visit Spencer Gifts to buy me a lava lamp for Christmas, I'd be forever in that person's debt! Copyright 2022 Tom Purcell, distributed exclusively by Cagle Cartoons newspaper syndicate. Purcell, creator of the infotainment site ThurbersTail.com, which features pet advice he's learning from his beloved Labrador, Thurber, is a Pittsburgh Tribune-Review humor columnist. Email him at Tom@TomPurcell.com.

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Tuesday, December 27th 6:30 p.m. City Council Meeting	Thursday, January 5th JH BB vs South Barber at HOME
Wednesday, December 21st - Monday, January 2nd Christmas Break	Friday, January 6th HS BB vs Kinsley at HOME
Tuesday, January 3rd Classes resume	Saturday, January 7th HS BB B-team Tournament at HOME

Lions Club Accepting Donations



We Serve

The Lions' Club is taking up donations of socks and sweat pants for PreK through high school students. A donation box has been left at Ninnescah Valley Bank. Money may also be donated and can be left at the bank as well.

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Annual Christmas Lighting Contest Winners

First Place Mike & Marla McGovney 218 E. Fourth Street	Second Place Nick & Jenette Rogers 138 Henderson	Third Place Keith & Kandi Neufeld 205 E. Leiter
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Editor's Note: I didn't have room in the paper this week for photos. I hope to have them in the paper next week. In the meantime a drive around town will show you all the glorious lights.



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I will begin blocking everyone from using the old email address (embarqmail.com). I am having so many issues with that program. and I truly want to close it down. Many times I can't open the attachments you send and I have to forward them to my new email address. Please delete that old email address from your contact lists. IF you get a returned (blocked) email, please resend to:

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**Ambassador
Chili Night
Proceeds**

On November 13, the Kingman County 4-H Ambassadors held a Chili Feed and Bingo Night at the Kingman Knights of Columbus Hall. We had a full house with community members attending this event! The proceeds from the night were donated to the Eagles Nest Apartment Fire victims and the Jeremiah Gonzales Family. We

were able to give each recipient over \$800. For the Eagle Nest Apartment Fire victims, we were able to add to the fund that was established by the Kingman Area Ministerial Alliance bringing the total of that fund to almost \$3,000. The Kingman County 4-H

Ambassadors would like to thank the Kingman Knights of Columbus for the use of the building. Office Plus, Casey's, Bumper to Bumper, White's, Houdini's Pizza, Jerri's Kitchen, Pizza Hut, Kingman Leader Courier, Main Street Golf, Kingman Insurance, and

Factory 233 for donating prizes. All of the 4-H Clubs for donating prizes and helping promote this event. And all of those that attended and donated so generously.

story and photos submitted by Melissa Thimesch



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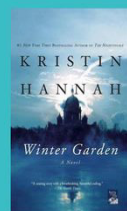
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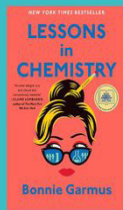
Tuesday,
Jan 24th
@ 6 pm



Tuesday,
Feb 28th
@ 6 pm



Tuesday,
Mar 28th
@ 6 pm



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YEARS AGO IN

The Cunningham Clipper

W. A. Bradley / William Bradley

I am out of old news for 2022. So I have something else a bit different (and depressing) to share with you. Back in September, I received an email from Bill Parker. He sent a story about an airplane crash in this area in March of 1920. The tragedy killed three people. One of the names I recognized: Clarice Hart. Clarice was a classmate and a friend of Everett Shelton's. I do remember when I was researching him earlier this year, I saw a bit that he and another friend had motored to Winfield to visit Clarice and Klonda Hart while they were attending Southwestern College.

After receiving the email from Bill, I started doing more research. I read several accounts of the event. It was written about in the Pratt Daily Tribune, The Kingman Journal and The Kingman Leader Courier. The stories all reported about the same thing, except the Pratt paper gave more details about the aviator. I have taken the Clipper's stories and used them in this issue.

The Pratt Daily Tribune also mentioned that the editor of the Cunningham Clipper, Wm. A. Bradley, was one of the first on the scene.

The Cunningham Clipper March 12, 1920
**Areoplane Falls to Earth
Three Dead From Accident**

Little John Ratcliffe, aged 10, Miss Clarice Hart, 22, of Cunningham, and (Emil) Saeguesser, an aviator from Bushton, Kas., were killed and their bodies burned in an aeroplane accident here about 6 o'clock Tuesday evening. The boy and young lady were passengers in the aeroplane which had made about 20 flights carrying passengers that afternoon. The aviator was making his last flight and was flying low when it appears that his control lever stuck and the machine turned into a tail spin hitting the ground with terrific force. The machine immediately burst into flames.

The fall was made about a half mile from the aviation field and no one was near the machine when it fell. A crowd immediately ran to the place and found that the three bodies were hardly recognizable.

The aviator's mechanic, who was on the ground, could offer no explanations for the accident other than the conjecture that the aviator's control lever had stuck, and, as he was so near the ground, he was unable to right the machine when it turned. Many people had ridden in the machine that afternoon. It had been stored at Pratt during the bad weather, and the aviator had brought it here about three o'clock that afternoon. As had been said he was on his twentieth and last flight of the day when the accident occurred.

Little John Ratcliffe is the son of Mrs. Carlos Cannon, the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. John Ratcliffe of Cunningham, and of Mr. and Mrs. D. A. (Pete) Armentrout, formerly of Kingman. Miss Hart is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S.A. Hart of this place. She was a teacher in the primary grade in our City school.

The aviator had announced that he would take up a lady passenger on the last flight of the day, free of charge. A local man, who had been helping him collect from the passengers, asked if there was anyone there who wanted to ride, but as there were only a few on the field at the time and practically all the ladies had ridden, no one volunteered to go up, so they asked Miss Hart if she wanted to make another trip, and she said she did if no one else wanted to go. John Ratcliffe, who was sitting in a car with her, asked to go along, and the aviator gave his consent.

The machine mounted about 500 feet and flew north toward the river. It circled and on the return trip it was noticed by the onlookers that the tail of the machine started to spin and the nose to point downward. Before the onlookers could realize that an accident was happening the machine crashed and burst into flames. The three bodies were taken from the machine.

There was no mark of a bruise on the aviator but the skulls of the young folks were crushed and the neck of the young lady broken. They, of course, were riding in front, just back of the engine, and received the full force of the crash.

A phone call was sent to the boys' mother, telling her that John had been hurt. She supposed that he had stood too close to the aeroplane while it was standing on the ground and had been struck by the wings or propeller. She and her husband and Mrs. Armentrout immediately hurried to town. The boy was cursed and burned so badly the doctors did not think it wise to let the grief-stricken relatives see him.

The aviator is an ex-service man, having been an aviator for four years. Folks who watched him fly here said he was one of the most skillful pilots ever seen in this part of the country.

The three bodies were taken to Pratt immediately after the accident.

A double funeral was conducted at the M. E. Church, Thursday morning at ten o'clock and interment of Miss Hart made in the Maud Cemetery. The body of John D. Ratcliffe was taken to Wichita for burial.

For the lack of time and space we are unable to publish the obituaries this week, but they will appear next week.

The Cunningham Clipper March 19, 1920
In Memoriam

That always unwelcome guest, Death, has again entered our community and taken from us two favorites, Clarice Hart and John D. Ratcliffe. Death is always a tragedy and a shock at any time, but when two young lives opening in such beauty and usefulness as these were, are snatched away, and in such a tragical manner as in this great catastrophe, it is hard for our minds to understand.

Clarice Hart

Clarice Fay Hart was born December 11, 1895, and departed this life March 9, 1920, aged 24 years, 2 months and 28 days. Clarice was a favorite with everyone in the community, and loved by all who knew her. Her cheerful, sunny disposition couldn't help but endear her to all who came to know her. She was converted at the age of 16 years and united with the M.E. Church at that time. She lived the Christian life faithfully to the end. She has left a positive influence in the community for good, as she taught the little folks in the public school and also in the Sunday school.

The memory of her noble young life will ever be a help to us, in guiding our thoughts Heavenward.

Her future was full of promise, and we dare not ask why she was taken from us in her prime, unless, as flowers are picked before the frost finds them, that we might not witness their decay.

A chair at the table is vacant, a place in our public schools is left to be filled, and the work of workmen will go on and on. We can only bow humbly to the will of God.

She was in the state of young womanhood; the time when she had entered the half-opened door that leads into a fairer and more promising land of dreams and flowers. And as she entered a messenger came up and said: "Come this way. It is best." No, we will not forget - We cannot forget!

She leaves to mourn her loss, a loving father and mother, six brothers, three sisters, and a host of friends.

The bereaved family have the heart felt sympathy of the entire community in their sorrow and their loss.

John D. Ratcliffe

John Daniel Ratcliffe, was born March 23, 1910, and died March 9, 1920, aged 9 years, 11 months and 16 days.

John D. was the only son of Mrs. Carlos Cannon, and attended the grade school. He was a bright, interesting little fellow and loved by all who knew him.

It is sad to give up one whose influence among men would doubtless have been for good; who by precept and example was so well calculate to spread abroad the blessed influence of godly living. Yet He who doeth all things well, makes no mistakes. The human link snapped asunder on earth is forged anew in heaven. The yearning parents mourn not as one without hope. It is true that when beautiful youth is gone not much of life remains; hence the dear one's eyes are closed to all earthly trials. In his springtime of enthusiasm and the tenderness ere the sunshine of hope and joy are extinguished, he passed on to the glorious beyond.

Death is a hard master. He would take from us of our brightest and best, but he cannot even mar memory. It will serve as a balm to our wounded hearts.

May time bring its resignation, and may the shores

of eternity that receives his soul, surround it with everlasting sunshine and flowers.

Below we publish a poem written by one of our townsmen who as touched by the sadness of the aeroplane accident last week. Mr. Johnson wrote the poem while his wife was getting supper that same evening.

The Fatal Aeroplane

To Cunningham, Kansas,
On the Ninth of March, they came,
Bringing death and sorrow
With that fatal aeroplane.

It came to our little city,
Amusements for to bring,
At first sailed round in circles
Then spread upon its wings.

And O! then something happened,
Just what, we'll never know,
It listed upon its side
Then dived to earth below.

And then the gas tank bursted
And all went into flames;
And soon there was noighting left
But sweet memory of their names.

In that ill-fated aeroplane,
In number there were three,
E. Saeguesser, Miss Clarice Hart
And Ratcliffe, John D.

The occupants gay and happy
And in their youthful bloom,
Little thought had they, so shortly
Would be forced to meet their doom.

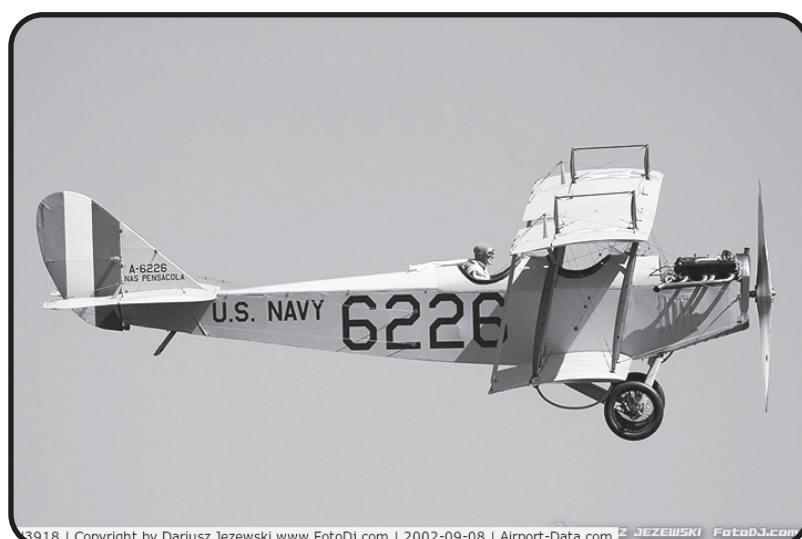
But alas! Their days ere ended
Their lives were snatched away.
And beneath the sod they are sleeping
'Till the final Judgment Day.

Sleep on! dear ones,
And take they rest,
God called thee home
He knoweth all things best.

Grieve ye not sad hearts,
But serve thy god the more
And be prepared to meet them
On that happy golden shore.

And as I write this little poem
My heart o'er flows with pain
For the loss of their dear lives
In that fatal aeroplane.
And from this let's take warning
And never more shall try
God never intended for man
To travel in the sky.

Until this life is ended
And heaven's portals gained
Then we will fly with snowy wings
And not in an aeroplane.
--Walter H. Johnson,
Cunningham, Kansas.



It was stated in the Pratt Daily Tribune that the plane was an American Curtiss bi-plane. I found this image on-line. Probably very close to the aeroplane in the accident.

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Consider this...

by Mike Johnson

We All Can Fly

Traffic was heavy as I waited for the turn signal. Glancing to my left, I noticed the healthy looking, white egret standing patiently at the intersection. Apparently he was eye-balling the roadway, waiting for an opportunity to cross the busy street.

Sure enough, as a gap developed, the bird sprinted headlong across

the thoroughfare, successfully dodging cars.

Apparently the bird didn't realize that he could have flown over all the cars at once. It was clear to me, that as a bird, he certainly had the ability to do this. Yet, HE didn't seem to know it.

What a perfect analogy for humans, I thought. How many of us don't realize the abilities we have and end up crossing streets instead of flying over them? Watching people settle for less than their potential is no less ridiculous than seeing

that egret stand on the corner, waiting to cross the street.

The gift of flight is not questioned by a bird. He doesn't compare his wings to another's and meekly decide he can't do it as well, so refuse to do it at all. He doesn't practice flying in secret to avoid embarrassment and then quit all together when he isn't soaring after the second attempt. And a bird certainly never doubts his worthiness to fly, asking himself, "who am I to pompously think I'm good enough to

do so?"

Birds fly because birds can. Period.

Failing to use our potential is the same as not having it. Until we truly believe we have that potential - and we're worthy enough to accept it -- we're unable to step into our destiny.

Failing to step into our rightful place doesn't only hurt us - it erases all the good our talents could be providing others as well. Perhaps if we could see how many suffer because we're too fearful to fill the shoes our maker

assigned us, maybe then we'd find the courage to use the gifts we've been granted.

We all can fly. Look around at how many people who do. They have no powers that you or I don't possess. They merely understand that they CAN fly, so they do. In the final analysis, "our" talent is not ours at all. It was given to us by a higher power, to be used for a higher plan. Talent is not to be questioned, it is to be USED.

Sprinting safely to the other side of the road,

the egret advanced to the edge of a full drainage ditch. He stopped. I watched him look for other routes to walk around it. There weren't any. An advancing pedestrian would soon step on the bird if he didn't make a choice.

As the light turned green and traffic started to roll, my last glance caught the white egret making his only possible choice.

He flew.

Bringing Warmth to a Cold King,

By Laurie Kiel

Woman in Biblical Garb Addresses the audience:

Greetings to my fellow bringers of warmth. Perhaps you bring soup to an ailing neighbor, give a coat to a homeless person, or buy a portable heater for a struggling senior citizen. All of these bring warmth to the body.

And some of you bring warmth to a cold, lonely

heart through a hug, a "how are you?", a handwritten note or, in hundreds of other ways. But you wonder, does anyone even notice? Sometimes you feel unknown, unseen, unappreciated. I

I know the feeling. For my Biblical claim to fame is bringing warmth to an elderly, famous king. I am Abishag.

It all began when King David was very old and very cold. He could not get warm no matter how many blankets covered him. So they decided to

get a young virgin to lay next to him, and keep him warm. They scoured the countryside looking for the most beautiful woman.

I was astounded when they chose me. Me? Little Abishag, sleeping next to the great King David? I felt so unworthy.

My father put his hand on my arm. "My Abishag, don't be afraid. For Jehovah looks at the heart, and He knows you are not only beautiful on the outside but have a beautiful, caring heart.

Look how you have taken care of your friends and family. You bring warmth to everyone you meet. Jehovah has chosen you to help the king."

And so I took care of King David, warming him at night, tending to his needs during the day. And when he died, aside from some palace intrigue that is for another story, I vanished into obscurity.

For I had only been what you might call a (STRUGGLES TO FIND THE WORDS) human

hot water bottle. I never had relations with the King, that was neither my place nor my purpose. And so I had no children by King David.

But then years later, came the time for me to go to heaven. And Jehovah said the most amazing thing to me.

"Abishag, thank you for warming my precious David, the man after My own heart. For decades, David warmed my heart with his worshipful psalms. It pleased me to see you warming

his body and tending to his needs. Well done, my good and faithful servant."

And I realized, I hadn't just warmed King David by my service, I had warmed the heart of the King of the Universe.

Those of you who warm others: You are warming the heart of the King of the Universe. Be sure of this. God knows, God sees, God appreciates you. Well done, good and faithful servants.



Christmas Mass Schedule

Saturday, December 24, Christmas Eve

Sunday, December 25, Christmas Day

4:00 pm – St. John-Zenda

10:00 am – St. Peter, Willowdale

6:00 pm – Sacred Heart-Cunningham

11:30 pm Midnight Mass – St. Leo

New Year will follow the weekend mass rotation schedule.



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 Lumbré
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

The Bible According to Kids



Moses died before he ever reached Canada.

Then Joshua led the Hebrews in the battle of Geritol.

The greatest miracle in the Bible is when Joshua told his son to stand still and he obeyed him.

David was a Hebrew king skilled at playing the liar.

He fought with the Finklesteins, a race of people who lived in Bible times.

Solomon, one of David's sons, had 300 wives and 700 porcupines.

When Mary heard that she was the mother of Jesus, she sang the Magna Carta.

When the three wise guys from the east side arrived, they found Jesus in the manager.

Jesus was born because Mary had an immaculate contraption.

St. John, the blacksmith, dumped water on his head.

Jesus enunciated the Golden Rule, which says to do one to others before they do one to you.

He also explained, "a man doth not live by sweat alone."

It was a miracle when Jesus rose from the dead and managed to get the tombstone off the entrance.

Fundraisers & Charitable Opportunities in our Community

United Methodist Women donate to help the drought victims in Kenya
4C Day Care Shop smile.amazon.com or contact Kathy Albers 620-298-2725 or 620-388-0774 or leave a donation with the Methodist Church.

West Kingman County Education Foundation
Use your Dillon's Card! Shop smile.amazon.com
(to donte contaceJanet 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)

Cunningham Public Library (to donate, contact Kerri Steffen)

Cunningham Hands of Hope, Inc.

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

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

What: Food

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

Where: 117 N Main (Old School Board Office)

Why: To provide food assistance to those in need.

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

Do you need assistance outside distribution hours?

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

Dear Santa...

Dear Santa,

MY name is WERTON

I am 6 years old.

THIS YEAR I HAVE BEEN:

naughty nice

These are three things I am wishing for:

1. metal detector
2. RC Boat
3. Radio

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

From, WERTON

Dear Santa,

MY name is Becker

I am 5 years old.

THIS YEAR I HAVE BEEN:

naughty nice

These are three things I am wishing for:

1. drone
2. guitar
3. remote boat

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

From, Beck

Dear Santa,

MY name is Jasper

I am 6 years old.

THIS YEAR I HAVE BEEN:

naughty nice

These are three things I am wishing for:

1. tractor
2. phone
3. school toy

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

From, Jasper

Dear Santa,

MY name is CASEY

I am 5 years old.

THIS YEAR I HAVE BEEN:

naughty nice

These are three things I am wishing for:

1. metal detector
2. phone
3. tablet

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

From, CASEY

Dear Santa,

MY name is EURYAA

I am 6 years old.

THIS YEAR I HAVE BEEN:

naughty nice

These are three things I am wishing for:

1. xmas tree
2. phone
3. tablet

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

From, EURYAA

Dear Santa,

MY name is Tabby

I am 5 years old.

THIS YEAR I HAVE BEEN:

naughty nice

These are three things I am wishing for:

1. Remote Car
2. Radio
3. piano

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

From, Tabby

Dear Santa,

MY name is cannon

I am 6 years old.

THIS YEAR I HAVE BEEN:

naughty nice

These are three things I am wishing for:

1. BUNNY
2. CHARACTER MODELER
3. SQUIRREL

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

From, _____

Dear Santa,

MY name is Hailey

I am 5 years old.

THIS YEAR I HAVE BEEN:

naughty nice

These are three things I am wishing for:

1. American Girl Ertan
2. microphone
3. LOL Doll

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

From, HA

Dear Santa,

MY name is AVENT

I am 5 years old.

THIS YEAR I HAVE BEEN:

naughty nice

These are three things I am wishing for:

1. LOL DOLL
2. Hatchimal
3. ICECREAM SHOP

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

From, AVENT

Dear Santa,

MY name is EVERY

I am 5 years old.

THIS YEAR I HAVE BEEN:

naughty nice

These are three things I am wishing for:

1. REMOTE CONTROL
2. Metal Detector
3. TOY TREASURER BOX

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

From, EVERY

Dear Santa,

MY name is NASH

I am 6 years old.

THIS YEAR I HAVE BEEN:

naughty nice

These are three things I am wishing for:

1. COMBINE
2. SKATEBOARD
3. V BOX

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

From, NASH

Dear Santa,

MY name is Jenson

I am 6 years old.

THIS YEAR I HAVE BEEN:

naughty nice

These are three things I am wishing for:

1. Lamborghini
2. Train
3. xmas tree

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

From, Jenson



Just enough room here to give kudos to the Forensics class for their Christmas mystery. Shown are Sean Kostner, Alice Huelskamp, Hannah Ellis, and Taylor Schultz in "Who Stole Sant's List?"

Dear Santa...

Dear Santa,

MY name is Kaisleigh.

I am 6 years old.

THIS YEAR I HAVE BEEN:

naughty nice

THESE ARE THREE THINGS I AM WISHING FOR:

1. Doll
2. Blocks
3. Play dough

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

FROM, Kaisleigh

Dear Santa,

MY name is Waylee.

I am 6 years old.

THIS YEAR I HAVE BEEN:

naughty nice

THESE ARE THREE THINGS I AM WISHING FOR:

1. Phone
2. Play Car
3. Flights / Flip flops

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

FROM, Waylee

Dear Santa,

MY name is John Paul.

I am 5 years old.

THIS YEAR I HAVE BEEN:

naughty nice

THESE ARE THREE THINGS I AM WISHING FOR:

1. Van
2. Truck
3. MILK & COOKIES

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

FROM, John Paul

Second Graders Want in on the Santa Action as well...



Dear Santa,
Hello Santa. My favorite team is K-State. Whose in the front of the sled? Please bring me some socks and a Hoover board. Merry Christmas to you Santa!

Love,
Linux Thimesch



Dear Santa,
Hello Santa. My dog died. Can elves see through walls? Please bring me a real phone. Merry Christmas Santa!

Love,
Chase Simon

Dear Santa,

MY name is Dylan.

I am 5 years old.

THIS YEAR I HAVE BEEN:

naughty nice

THESE ARE THREE THINGS I AM WISHING FOR:

1. PIKACHU
2. SQUIRTLE
3. BULBASAU

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

FROM, Dylan



Dear Santa,
Hello Santa. I went on vacation to Florida. Have you ever got a snowglobe? I would love a new Panda snowglobe. Merry Christmas to you Santa and the elves.

Love,
Olivia Halderson



Dear Santa,
Hello Santa Claus. It's going to be my birthday. Do you actually see us? I would love to get a stuffed animal. Merry Christmas Santa.

Love,
Graham Huff



Dear Santa,
Hello Santa. I have a new baby brother. How are the reindeer? I would love to see my elf again and get a soccer ball. Merry Christmas Santa!

Love,
Daniel Hellman



Dear Santa,
What's up Santa? I won a flag football game. Who is your favorite reindeer? It would make me happy to get a toy combine and a Travis Kelce jersey. Please have a Merry Christmas Santa!

Love,
Clayton Young



Dear Santa,
Hello Santa. I went to Missouri. What is your favorite cookie? I would love a bowling set. Merry Christmas Santa.

Love,
Jonathan Ogg



Dear Santa,
Long time no see! I played football this yera. How old are the reindeer? I would love some legos and a K-State Jersey. Merry Christmas Santa!

Love,
Liam Henning



Dear Santa,
Hello Santa. I had fun last Christmas. How do you sit down on the sleigh? Please bring me legos and a remote control truck. I hope you get to my house. Merry Christmas Santa.

Love,
Caleb Williams



The Grade School classes spent Monday afternoon caroling at local businesses. Here they are singing at Ninnescah Valley Bank and the Cunningham Clinic.



Wildcats Fall to Classical School of Wichita

The Cunningham Wildcats notched their second loss to the Classical School of Wichita on December 16, 2022, by a score of 58 to 73.

Cunningham had a good first quarter scoring 22 points and holding Classical to 13 points. Luke McGuire made two three-point baskets along with five points from Luke Albers and Dagim Reed.

Classical rebounded in the second quarter scoring 19 points and holding the Cats to 10 points. Lane Halderson scored four points and McGuire, Albers, and Trey DeWeese each added two points. The half ended with a 32-all tie.

The Wildcat's turnover total contributed highly to the extra shots Classical was able to have in the second half

and they took full advantage making 14 of 23. Cunningham managed 14 points to Classical's 21 in the third quarter. Albers led the way with five points. Will Wegerer made a three-point basket and McGuire, Halderson, and DeWeese each scored two points.

Classical had another big scoring quarter to finish the game, adding 20 more points to their total. Cunningham scored 12 points with Reed scoring four points. Wegerer and DeWeese each made a three-point shot and McGuire added two points. The final score was Cunningham 58 and Classical 73.

The JV game ended with Cunningham on the short end of a 33 to 49 score. Scoring for Cunningham included: Logan Kinsler - 2, Dylan Halderson - 5, Blake Swope - 4, Kory Morgan - 4, Nate Sterneker - 12, and Kendall Rogers - 6.

-by Coach Stackhouse

Name	2pt. made	3pt. made	FTM/FTA	TP	Reb.	Asst.	Stl.	Chg.
McGuire	3	2		12	4	1	2	
Halderson	3		1/2	7	4	3		
Wegerer		3		9		5		
DeWeese	3	1		9	8	5	1	
Reed	1	1	4/5	9	4	1		
Albers	3	1	3/7	12	4		1	

	1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th	Final
Cunningham	22	10	14	12	58
Wichita Classical	13	19	21	20	73



Left: Luke McGuire

Above: Dagim Reed

Cats Fire Past Skyline TBirds

After being on the road for 2 games the Cats returned home for a tough matchup with the Skyline TBirds. Always a physical game, the contest also had league standing implications. Both teams were vying for a few of the top spots in the league. The Cats started out fast putting up 13 points in the opening frame, securing a lead. After a solid second quarter the Cats were up 25 to 14 going into half-time, and they came out of the break on fire. Both offense and defense really cranked it up. The offense was shooting well and the defense seemed to be ruffling feathers everywhere. The result was a 15-2 quarter. The fourth quarter was decent but everyone should remember the 3rd quarter and replicate it for 2 or 3 quarters a game. The Cats also had 9 players score with many players chipping in a few points.

Stephen played well in every aspect of the game. He led the team in

rebounds with 9 followed by Layne with 5. Stephen also led in steals with 4 with Layne and Andrew each swiping 2.

-Coach Lance McGuire

Scores	1Q	2Q	3Q	4Q	Final
Cunningham	13	12	15	12	52
Skyline	7	7	2	7	23



Wildcat Scorers

Stephen Kerschen	24
Layne Green	12
Kollin Fischer	4
Liam McGuire	4
Andrew Kerschen	2
Cole Hageman	2
Nathan Ndambuki	2
Adam Sterneker	1
Brody Bock	1



Left: Tyler Osner
Above: Liam McGuire
Right: Cole Hageman

Jr. High Girls Sweep Skyline

On Thursday, December 15, 2022 the CJH Lady Wildcats played host to their HOPL rival the Skyline Lady Thunderbirds and came away with victories in both the B-team and A-team games. In the A-team game the Lady Cats jumped out to an 8-2 first quarter lead, but Skyline would cut the lead to two by half-time, 13-11. Scoring in the third quarter was sparse with both teams combining to make just three baskets, two for Cunningham and one for Skyline to bring the score to 17-14 through three quarters. In the

fourth quarter the Lady Cats would again outscore the Lady T-birds, this time 7-6, to give them a 25-19 victory over Skyline. The win evened the Lady Wildcats league record to 2-2 and 4-3 overall as they head into the holiday break. Scoring for the Lady Wildcats: Macy Neufeld 9, Rylee Miller 6, Nora Huff 8, Whitney Mead 1. In the B-team game the Lady Wildcats controlled the game from start to finish as they would lead 11-2 at the half and would win the game 21-6. The b-team record currently stands at 5-1. Scoring for the B-team Lady Cats vs. Skyline: Sage

Thimesch 2, Katie Ogg 2, Keyonna Huffman 4, Andi Young 3, Kourtnei Fischer 10.

-by Coach Bart Ricke



Left: Macy Neufeld

Above: Nora Huff

JH Cats Shutout Central Christian

Back to back road games found the junior high Wildcats at Central Christian in Hutchinson. The opening quarter was tight as both teams were jumping passing lanes and it was a full court game. The Cats settled into their defense and shut out the home team in the second while scoring 11. The Wildcats out rebounded the Cougars and spent most of the second half up by 20. Two late three pointers tightend the difference back to 11. Layne pulled in the most rebounds with 8 and Stephen grabbed 6. Stephen led in steals with 5 while Andrew swiped 2.

-Coach Lance McGuire



Scores	1Q	2Q	3Q	4Q	Final
Cunningham	10	11	9	9	39
Central Christian	8	0	4	16	28

Wildcat Scorers

Stephen Kerschen	17
Layne Green	8
Jack Harden	6
Andrew Kerschen	4
Andrew Kerschen	2
Adam Sterneker	2
Brody Bock	2

Don't miss out: K-State Extends Scholarship, Awards Priority Date to Feb. 1 for Incoming Fall 2023 Freshmen

MANHATTAN — Kansas State University is giving incoming fall

2023 domestic freshmen more time to apply for admission and be considered for general university scholarships and awards.

The previous priority date of Dec. 1 has been changed to Feb. 1, 2023, for consideration of general university scholarships and awards. Students are encouraged to apply as soon as possible, as admission to

the university will also allow them to apply for additional scholarships through the K-State Scholarship Network by the same priority date of Feb. 1.

Students can apply for admission online and can also preview scholarship opportunities available to them. Questions about the admission application can be directed to apply@k-state.edu.

Test Your Christmas Trivia Knowledge

Trivia Question: What was the highest-grossing Christmas movie of all time?

Answer: Home Alone.

Trivia Question: How long does it take for a tree to reach the average, ideal "Christmas tree" height?

Answer: 15 years.

Trivia Question: What animated 2004 film is about a train that carries kids to the North Pole on Christmas Eve?

Answer: The Polar Express.

Trivia Question: How do you say Merry Christmas in Hawaiian?

Answer: Mele Kalikimaka.

Trivia Question: What are the two other most popular names for Santa Claus?

Answer: Kris Kringle and Saint Nick.

Christmas is almost here and we... ...hope to hear jingling on the rooftop!

Newspaper Fun!

www.readingclubfun.com Annimills LLC © 2022 V51 Kids: color stuff in!

Color in everything.

Christmas is Coming!

Christmas is coming! Every day there is something to do to get ready for the holidays. I just finished making Christmas cards with photos on them for my family and friends. Right now I am hanging this wreath I made on the barn door.

Symbols of the holidays are all around us – candles show light and warmth, and bells joyously peal.

Holiday Symbols!

Read the clues below to fill in the crossword with symbols of Christmas!

- gift bringer
- heavenly messengers
- large burning chunk of wood
- town where Christ was born
- ring in Christmas with these
- kind of tree decorated at Christmas
- carried the Kings
- people kiss under this
- three of them brought gifts
- tree decorations
- lighted to show warmth and joy
- ring of greens
- marked the place in the sky
- birthday of Jesus Christ
- songs of the season
- written holiday greetings
- plant that brightens holidays

What Plant is This?
Use these letters to spell the name. t a n o e

This plant used to brighten the holidays is native to Mexico. The "flowers" are actually leaves! p i s s i

Stuffing the Stocking!

Can you help Starlight, the elf, stuff the cookie into the stocking?

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing...

Many voices and musical instruments are used to create all the beautiful carols that we hear everywhere.

Hark! Hark!

Can you fill in the names of the instruments that are missing from the lines of these Christmas songs?

- I played my _____ for Him
pa rum pum pum -
I played my best for Him
pa rum pum pum -
- With little tin _____
and little toy _____,
Rooty-toot-toots and rummy-tum-tums,
Santa Claus is coming to town.
- It came upon a midnight clear, that glorious song of old,
From angels bending near the earth, to touch their _____ of gold;
- Jingle _____, jingle _____, jingle all the way!

Study the shapes and shadows of these Christmas symbols and decorations. How many can you name?

Christmas Shapes and Shadows

(Answers on page 10)

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Volunteer Trees Need to be Controlled Now

K-State horticulture expert explains how to prevent and control volunteer trees

K-State Research and Extension news service MANHATTAN, Kan. — During December, many homeowners are focused on Christmas trees, but Kansas State University horticulture expert Ward Upham said there are other trees to be thinking about.

“Though trees are a vital part of our landscapes, there are situations where volunteer trees need to be controlled,” Upham said.

Volunteer trees are saplings that grow from seeds by themselves. Often the issue is the wrong plant in the wrong place, such as home lawns.

“If the tree is still small and a desirable species, you may want to consider transplanting in the spring,” Upham said.

Active control measures can be taken if the tree is not desirable. Most trees resprout after cutting, but those that don’t, can be effectively controlled by cutting. Upham listed a few examples of common species that do resprout after being cut:

- Siberian Elm.
- Hackberry.
- Osage Orange.

- Oak.
- Ash.
- Aspen.
- Cottonwood.
- Maple.
- Sycamore.
- Willow.

Tree species that do resprout after cutting call for different control methods. “These trees will either need to be dug out or the cut stump treated with herbicide after cutting,” Upham said.

Upham said the recommendations he gives to control volunteer trees are only for those that come from seeds rather than suckers that originate from the roots of an existing tree.

“Using herbicides on suckers will damage and

very possibly kill the original tree,” Upham said. “Trees that commonly produce suckers include tree of heaven, honey locust, black locust, western soapberry, cottonwood, aspen, poplar, willow and boxelder.”

According to Upham, the most commonly available herbicides are triclopyr and glyphosate.

Roundup is a common name for an herbicide that contains glyphosate, while triclopyr is found in many brush killers.

“Read the label before purchasing to make sure that a stump treatment is listed,” Upham said. “Most often the undiluted or lightly diluted product is applied to the

stump immediately after cutting.”

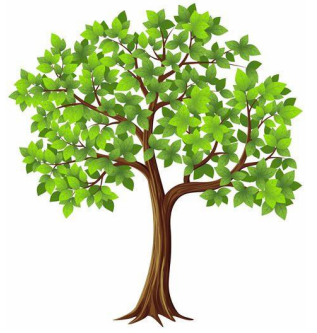
Regardless of the herbicide used, it is important to treat the stump immediately or within five minutes of cutting.

“Trees do not need to be actively growing to be controlled,” Upham said. “Actually this time of year is a very good time to treat as long as applications are made when the temperature is about freezing.”

Upham and his colleagues in K-State’s Department of Horticulture and Natural Resources produce a weekly Horticulture Newsletter with tips for maintaining home landscapes. The newsletter is

available to view online or can be delivered by email each week.

Interested persons can also send their garden- and yard-related questions to Upham at wupham@ksu.edu, or contact your local K-State Research and Extension office.



KANSAS WHEAT

Taking A ‘Brief But Deep’ Dive Into Flour Milling At KSU

Some have a basic understanding of the flour milling process. Some have absolutely no idea how wheat from a farm ends up as flour destined for a baker’s oven.

Regardless of their experience, farmers and State Wheat Commission staffers who gathered in Manhattan, Kansas, this week share a common destiny.

“Everybody is going to learn something,” said Shawn Thiele, who led the three-day flour milling course presented

by the IGP Institute and Kansas State University (KSU). “From those who have experience with wheat and flour to those who’ve never stepped foot in a flour mill, the course is designed as a thorough look at the action of turning wheat into flour – step-by-step and step-by-step.”

Conducted at IGP and on the KSU campus, the Dec. 13 to 15 training – considered a “deep dive” into flour milling – is a condensed short course specifically built for producers who sit on the boards of state wheat organizations, as well as people who work for those organizations. Representatives from Idaho, Kansas, Oklahoma and Oregon were involved in the course. U.S.

Wheat Associates (USW) staffers Peter Laudeman and Ralph Loos also took part.

“It is kind of amazing when you come to know what you didn’t know,” Martin Kerschen, a wheat farmer, a Kansas Wheat Commissioner and one of the students in the IGP-KSU flour milling class, said. “It’s clear how important details are when taking our wheat and turning it into something bakeries and consumers on the other side of the world really want and appreciate.”

Hands-On Learning The course included classroom trainings on wheat quality, global competition facing U.S. farmers, wheat cleaning and conditioning, and an overview of the me-

chanics of wheat milling. Participants also milled wheat during a hands-on laboratory workshop and later toured the KSU Hal Ross Four Mill.

USW Vice President of Global Technical Services Mark Fowler, an experienced flour milling instructor, also gave a presentation on the role quality plays in the global

wheat market.

“USW finds a lot of value in these IGP-KSU courses because it provides producers and others we work with in the wheat industry insight into the relationship between wheat quality and flour performance,” Fowler said. “It gives growers a new perspective on what international

customers look for in quality flour.”

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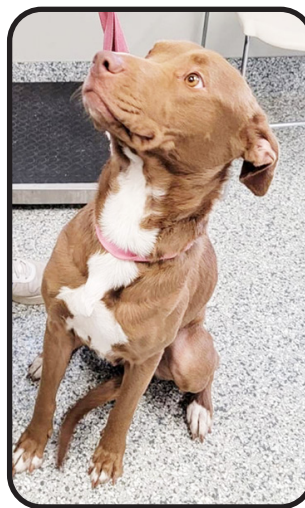


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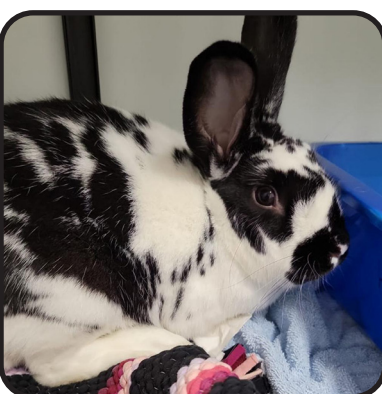
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Christmas is Coming!

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing...

1. drum
2. horns, drums
3. harps
4. bells, bells

Hark! Hark!

Christmas Shapes and Shadows

1. star
2. yule log
3. Santa’s hat
4. gift
5. candy cane
6. gingerbread man
7. bells
8. evergreen
9. nutcracker
10. lights
11. candle
12. stocking

Many voices and musical instruments are used to make all the beautiful carols that we hear everywhere.

Minutes from the Kingman County Commission Meeting on December 5th

Chairman Foley called the Board of County Commissioners meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. December 12th, 2022, in the County Commissioners room at the Kingman County Courthouse.

Fred Foley, Chairman; Jerry Henning, Commissioner; Jack Thimesch, Commissioner; Carol Noblit, County Clerk; Brandon Ritcha, County Counselor

Visitors: Bob Morris, Leader-Courier; Larry Landwehr; Patrick Elpers; Stan Hacker

Online Visitors: Joyce;

Staff: Becky Luntsford, County Treasurer; Jamie Smith, appointed Treasurer; LaDawn Stegman, Financial Officer; Ron Leroux, Noxious Weed Director; Mendy Frampton, Expo Center Director; Stan Goetz, HR/Planning/Zoning/Wastewater Director; Steve Bachenberg, County Engineer and Charles Arensdorf, Public Works Director.

Chairman Foley asked

if there were any additions to the agenda.

MOTION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to approve the agenda. Commissioner Henning seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Chairman Foley asked if there was any public comment.

Stan Hacker asked the County Commissioners to work on banning medical marijuana and putting something into law for Kingman County.

Becky Luntsford, County Treasurer and Jamie Smith, Appointed Treasurer were in to discuss the contract for Klenda Austerman LLC doing the Tax sale for 2023.

MOTION: Commissioner Henning moved to approve the contract for 2023 tax sale services with Klenda Austerman LLC. Commissioner Thimesch seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to go into executive session at 8:48 a.m. with Jamie Smith, appointed Treasurer; Becky Luntsford, County Treasurer and Brandon Ritcha, County Counselor to discuss an employee's evaluation pursuant to

the exception under the Kansas Open Meetings Act, and they will return to open session in the Board meeting room at 8:58 a.m. Commissioner Henning seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners. Commissioners returned to regular session at 8:58 a.m.

MOTION: Commissioner Foley moved to approve the part-time position being filled in the County Tag Office. Commissioner Thimesch seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

LaDawn Stegman, Financial Officer was in to review the financials with the Commissioners.

Commissioners would like Ms. Stegman to place the transfer of \$95,000.00 into the Capital Improvement fund.

Commissioners discussed with Ms. Stegman that they do not want to over tax the taxpayers just to put money in reserves.

The County Clerk submitted the December 5th, 2022, Commission meeting minutes for approval. MOTION: Commissioner Henning moved to approve the December 5th, 2022, Commission meeting minutes.

Commissioner Thimesch seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Commissioners approved abatements and additions.

Ron Leroux, Noxious Weed Director was in with the bids to be opened at 10:00 a.m. for Chemicals.

The bids received were from the following: Van Diest, Nutrena and Simms Fertilizer & Chemical with individual pricing.

Mr. Leroux will take bids and get back with the Commissioners on the final pricing.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to go into executive session at 10:08 a.m. with Ron Leroux, Noxious Weed Director and Brandon Ritcha, County Counselor to discuss an employee's evaluation pursuant to the exception under the Kansas Open Meetings, and they will return to open session in the Board meeting room at 10:18 a.m. Commissioner Henning seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners. Commissioners returned to regular session at 10:18 a.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Commissioner Henning

moved to go into executive session at 10:21a.m. with Ron Leroux, Noxious Weed Director; Mendy Frampton, Expo Center; Stan Goetz, HR and Brandon Ritcha, County Counselor to discuss an employee's evaluation pursuant to the exception under the Kansas Open Meetings, and they will return to open session in the Board meeting room at 10:31 p.m. Commissioner Thimesch seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners. Commissioners returned to regular session at 10:31 p.m.

Commissioners would like to go to all 10' stalls instead of the 12' stalls and rates will need to go up.

Mr. Goetz let the Commissioners know about the Wellness kickoff that will be Wednesday.

Mr. Goetz submitted the County Payroll Resolution 2023 for approval by the County Commissioners.

MOTION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to approve Resolution 2022-R17,A

RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE ADOPTION OF THE 2023 HOURLY NON-EXEMPT EMPLOYEE PAY SCHEDULE AND PAY MATRIX.

Commissioner Henning seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Commissioners discussed the planning/zoning meetings and the landowner concerns on the new addition called Horizon East and requested that the Townships be notified also when holding hearings.

Charles Arensdorf, Public Works Director and Steve Bachenberg, County Engineer were in to discuss a bridge that needs to be repaired that came about this past weekend.

The bridge has been inspected by Kirkham Michael and Mr. Arensdorf is waiting for the recommendation to the County.

MOTION: Commissioner Henning moved to approve the ROZ Resolution 2022-R16. Commissioner Thimesch seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

MOTION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to adjourn the regular board meeting at 11:48 a.m. Commissioner Henning seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.



Representing All of Agriculture

Joe Newland, Kansas Farm Bureau President

When I was elected president of Kansas Farm Bureau (KFB) earlier this month, it was an incredible honor and a very humbling experience. I don't know if I'll ever be able to adequately express my gratitude for those who supported my candidacy, but I'm excited to work with our members to advance KFB's mission to strengthen agriculture through advocacy, education and service.

I have considered myself a farmer ever since my first ride on the combine, which was long before I was able to operate one by myself. From that formative experience, I knew I wanted to spend the rest of my life caring for the land, tending crops and livestock and raising my family.

About the time I was able to safely operate equipment on my own, I discovered FFA. It helped me better understand the world of agriculture extends far beyond the farm gate. My FFA adviser helped me discover my lifelong passion of promoting agriculture, both as a business and as a way of life.

After marrying my

wife, Dana, I became a Farm Bureau member for the first time because I had to have insurance. I quickly learned the value of a membership went well beyond protecting our home, cars and farm. We thought we were buying protection from financial loss, but we had actually purchased comprehensive coverage securing our way of life.

As I began seeking out ways to advocate for agriculture, the Wilson County Farm Bureau stood out as a place where I could really make an impact for the industry and my community. My work there gave me the confidence to expand my leadership through civic groups, the local school

board, a bank board, Kansas Farm Bureau committees and eventually representing southeast Kansas on KFB's board of directors before serving in the Kansas House.

The support of my wife and our four children has been instrumental in allowing me to spend time away from the farm pursuing these opportunities. I have no doubt they will continue to support and counsel me as I take on this new endeavor. I use "we" to acknowledge all the help I've received from friends and family that's helped me succeed over the years.

A big difference now is "we" extends to every border of Kansas. I am no

longer a member of a local board, a district board or the Kansas House, all of which represented a part of the whole. I'm now tasked with helping ensure farms and ranches across the state - from Lenexa to Liberal and Bird City to Baxter Springs - prosper.

The challenges you face on the farm, the issues you see in your schools and the obstacles you notice in your community aren't just yours, they're mine too. We must view these as opportunities rather than barriers. I have no doubt Kansas Farm Bureau can solve the most vexing matters facing agriculture today because I've experienced firsthand how the

organization's grassroots structure keeps us at the forefront of what matters.

Of all the titles I've held, farmer is still the one I'm most proud of. I've come a long way from that first combine ride, but I've had plenty of help along the way. I'll continue to rely on farmers and ranchers across the state to make sure KFB is successful as we tackle issues like water, taxes, regulation and more. Together we will represent all of agriculture.

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News from Kansas Farm Bureau

Governor Announces Over \$23M to Expand Broadband in Rural Kansas

~~Funding will Connect Nearly 4,200 Homes, Businesses, Schools to Internet~~

TOPEKA - Governor Laura Kelly today announced that \$23.1 million will be awarded to six service providers that will bring high-speed broadband service to nearly 4,200 homes, businesses, schools, health care facilities, and other institutions in unserved and rural areas of the state. This is the second of three rounds of

awards from the Kansas Capital Project Funds (CPF) Grant Program.

The goal of this funding is to solve the "last mile" of broadband need in critical areas. The targeted counties have as few as five locations per square mile, which until now has prevented companies from investing the resources to deliver a quality broadband option. The CPF Grant Program provides the funding needed to implement high-speed broadband in these areas of the state.

"By connecting nearly 4,200 more Kansas homes, businesses, and schools to high-speed internet, we're continuing to deliver on our goal of giving every Kansan a connection to

the world," Governor Laura Kelly said. "This funding knocks down a barrier for Kansans looking to participate in the digital economy, access telemedicine, and take advantage of online education."

The grant program results from the U.S. Department of Treasury's approval of Kansas' Coronavirus Capital Projects Fund (CPF) broadband infrastructure plan. The federal CPF program is a \$10 billion initiative available to states, territories, and tribal governments under the American Rescue Plan Act to fund capital projects. Kansas was one of the first eight states in the country approved for funding under this pro-

gram and was allocated \$83.5 million. The CPF program opportunity resulted in 141 applications from providers requesting \$693 million in funding support to build out broadband infrastructure across Kansas.

"The Capital Projects Fund program provides the funding necessary for providers to connect Kansans located in some of the most underserved areas of our state," Lieutenant Governor and Secretary of Commerce David Toland said. "We will continue to work with partners across Kansas to ensure all communities have the high-speed broadband they need to compete and succeed."

Once matching funds

from the service providers are included, the total broadband investment in Phase 2 surpasses \$30 million.

"The Capital Projects Fund represents the largest grant opportunity to date from the Office of Broadband Development," said Jade Piros de Carvalho, Director of the Office of Broadband Development. "We are excited about partnering with providers to make a positive impact in communities that have fallen in the digital divide."

Grant awardees and communities that will benefit from the second phase of the Kansas CPF Broadband Infrastructure Grant Program include:

IdeaTek (Finney,

Haskell, Scott, Seward counties) - \$7,943,385 to connect 1,121 premises

KwiKom (Franklin, Lyon, Osage counties) - \$1,810,941 to connect 1,333 premises

Mokan Dial (Franklin County) - \$6,948,173 to connect 663 premises

PGB Fiber, LLC (Finney County) - \$1,811,463 to connect 137 premises

S&T Communications (Wallace County) - \$997,844 to connect 118 premises

W T C (Geary, Pottawatomie, Riley, Shawnee counties) - \$3,599,749 to connect 814 premises

SHERIFF HILL NOTIFIED THE COURIER THAT THERE IS NO REPORT THIS WEEK DUE TO ILLNESS AMONG HIS STAFF.

Pratt County Commission Minutes for December 5th

The Pratt County commissioners met in regular session Monday, December 12, 2022, 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/covid consultant, reported that Brian will be coming in with three bids for his chest compression equipment and it will qualify for the ARPA funds. She will be closing out the 2022 ARPA funds with the state. Economic Development will be meeting this Wednesday. The city will have to appoint two people to the board. There will be incentives for job creations for businesses, not infrastructure improvements. The western Kansas alliance met with 86 counties attending.

Department of Transportation appointed Shannoon Francis, his agenda is getting the four lane completed on us Hwy 400. They also discussed getting more accessible child care. She asked for an update on the land by the PSB, has it been surveyed. Tyson stated the survey has been scheduled but the appraisal has not been done. The appraisal is going to take a while, the appraisers are backlogged. She is getting one to two leads a week from the department of commerce. They are always

interested in land being available. The latest was agriculture related to soybeans, sunflowers etc.. She will be working closely with extensions and cooperatives. USDA grant for specialty crops. There is an increased interest in Kansas.

Commissioner Jones made a motion to approve the resolution 12-12-22, incorrect Resolution. Commissioner Jones made a motion to withdraw his motion. Commissioner Shriver seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Brian Atteberry, EMS director, presented a new part time employee for EMS. Commissioner Shriver made a motion to hire Cindra Williams as a part time EMT at \$13.50 per hour. Commissioner Jones seconded the motion. Motion carried. He presented bids for the chest compression units. Bids for three chest compression units from Stryker \$51,410.79, Master Medical Equipment \$23,850.00, Life Assist \$23,994.00 and Ferno \$29,997.00.

Commissioner Jones made a motion to purchase three units from Life-Assist for \$23,994.00 to be paid out of ARPA funds. Commissioner Shriver seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

He reported three employees, Gary Smith, Latisha Williams and Nick Moss have completed the course at Hutchinson Community Center obtaining their AEMT. They will now take the state board test.

Commissioner Shriver made a motion to recess into executive session at 2:22 p.m. for ten minutes for non-elected personnel concerning shift captains. Commissioner Jones seconded the mo-

tion. Motion carried 3-0. Commissioner Jones made a motion to return from executive session at 2:30 p.m. with no action taken. Commissioner Shriver seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Tim Branscom and BJ Hayes, emergency management, reported Younie Landscape has started landscaping at the PSB last week. The semiannual maintenance has been done on the generators, new batteries are needed at the courthouse and old EMS building.

They are getting quotes on the batteries. They have had problems at the weather tower concerning the generator. Contacted Eck Services to repair. The severe weather table top exercise went well. Tim would like BJ to take over the daily operations with him assisting. He presented signage for the PSB from Taylor Printing. He doesn't have a quote but will get a quote and bring back in. He gave official notice of his retirement as of January 20, 2023.

Doug Freund, road department, presented a rock invoice from Simpson Dirt Construction for the PSB. Commissioner Jones made a motion to approve payment to Simpson Dirt Construction for \$1,444.18 to be paid out of the capital improvement fund.

Integreen repaired valves at the lake restrooms. Chairman Adams stated a road should be built to allow emergency vehicles access to the county road in case of excessive ice/snow. Doug reported it can be done. Doug reported he might be able to purchase one truck from Doug Reh Chevrolet.

Commissioner Jones

made a motion to approve the resolution 12-12-22 transferring funds from the road department to the special machinery fund in the amount of \$200,000. Commissioner Shriver seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Jones made a motion to recess into executive session to discuss non-elected personnel at 3:08 p.m. for ten minutes concerning salaries with DJ McMurry and Doug Freund in attendance. Commissioner Shriver seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. Commissioner Jones made a motion to return from executive session at 3:18 p.m. with no action taken. Commissioner Shriver seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Shriver made a motion to recess into executive session at 3:19 p.m. for ten minutes to discuss non-elected personnel concerning salaries. Commissioner Jones seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. Commissioner Jones made a motion to return from executive session at 3:29 p.m. with no action taken. Motion carried 3-0.

DJ McMurry asked if we could get Friday, December 23, 2022 off as a holiday. Chairman Adams was in favor, Commissioner Jones stated no, the employees get Monday, December 26, off already. Commissioner Shriver didn't comment.

Dwayne Bryan, Pratt Health Foundation, reported he is working on a CDBG grant for non-profit child care and education facilities. He needs a government sponsor either the city or county to be able to apply. The Pratt Health Foundation have some funds that could

be used. There would be a match minimum of 25%. The foundation owns land that would be used. He believes employers such as PRMC, the schools and local businesses will pay into it because they are losing employees for lack of daycare. Tyson suggested he visit with Heather Morgan for assistance.

Commissioner Jones made a motion to approve minutes from December 5, 2022. Commissioner Shriver seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. Commissioner Jones made a motion to approve emergency vehicle driver permits for Justin Crouch and Greg Holmes for city of Pratt fire department. Commissioner Shriver seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Jones stated he had been contacted by Jack Galle with the hospital board wanting to lease the old EMS building. Chairman Adams and Commissioner Shriver are not interested. Commissioner Jones will tell him they aren't interested.

Commissioner Jones made a motion to recess into executive session at 3:46 p.m. for fifteen minutes to discuss an attorney/client matter concerning HIPPA regulations. Commissioner Shriver seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. Commissioner Jones made a motion to return from executive session at 3:57 p.m. with no action taken. Commissioner Shriver seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Chairman Adams asked if we were reimbursed for the water damages at the PSB. It was stated no because we did not meet our deductible. Commissioner Shriver made a motion

to recess into executive session at 3:59 p.m. for attorney/client matter to discuss PSB for ten minutes to discuss the PSB issues. Commissioner Jones seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. Commissioner Jones made a motion to return from executive session at 4:01 p.m. Pm with no action taken. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Shriver questioned an invoice that was paid for the health department out of special equipment. It was put in special equipment and paid out of there. It should be a separate line item and paid out of there, Scot Loyd, accountant will be contacted to set them up correctly.

Commissioner Jones made a motion to approve the payment vouchers for December 12, 2022. Commissioner Shriver seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Shriver made a motion to approve Heather Morgan's contract for Economic development 1-1-2023 to 12-31-2023 for \$5,000.00. Commissioner Jones recused himself from the meeting and voting. Chairman Adams seconded the motion. Motion carried 2-0.

Chairman Adams readdressed the issue of Friday, December 23, 2022 as a holiday. Commissioner Shriver made a motion to give employees December 23, 2022 off as a holiday. Commissioner Jones seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Chairman Adams made a motion to adjourn at 4:26 p.m. Commissioner Shriver seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

SOS to Apple: FIX THIS

by Peter Funt

A sheriff's deputy roared into our driveway the other morning, rang the bell, and asked my wife if she knew my whereabouts.

Alarmed at first, then puzzled, Amy answered honestly: "He's gone over to the Apple Store to see if they can fix his iPhone."

Across town, I was telling a friendly clerk named Sheila how I had been walking our dog when the phone in my pants pocket made an odd sound. Finding that the screen was frozen, I tried to power it off. This action somehow triggered an SOS call to 911. Soon I heard a police dispatcher offering help, but she was unable to hear me. I tried repeatedly to shut-off the phone and each time another 911 call was triggered.

Sheila didn't seem surprised. She said such an occurrence — a "glitch" is what she called it — happens frequently. Indeed, the deputy was telling Amy the same thing: Increased

use of smartphones and watches is causing a rash of accidental emergency calls and distracting officers from legitimate missions.

Of the many mixed blessings that technology has bestowed upon us, this is a doozy. Yes, many people have been rescued by their smart devices — as commercial reenactments for Apple watches so dramatically illustrate. Yet, as I poked around local news sites I found that numerous municipalities have been struggling with time consuming false alarms.

Two summers ago, the state police in Maine noticed what Lt. Brian Harris termed "quite an uptick" in accidental emergency calls. He mentioned a local golfer who placed his phone in his cart's cup holder as he bounced around the course, unaware that the movement was initiating calls to 911.

In Grand Traverse County, Michigan, police get about 120 emergency calls a day and about every fourth one is a misdial.

In Canada, the E-Comm emergency ser-

vice says accidental calls are flooding its lines. In a news release, E-Comm said operators often hear singing in the background or cheering at sporting events during 911 calls. Still, the operators must do whatever is needed to confirm it is not an actual emergency.

There has been publicity recently about problems with the iPhone 14 Pro's car-crash detection system. A significant number of false reports come from amusement parks, where roller coasters and other high-speed rides are fooling the devices into thinking the owner has been in a crash. The Arkansas State Fair put out a warning last month about false iPhone messaging. In Sevier County, Tennessee, dispatchers reported a 150 percent increase in bogus 911 calls, most of them from the Dollywood amusement park.

But as my experience (with an iPhone 12) confirms, the problem goes beyond crash detection. With some Apple products, simply holding the side button for several seconds can trigger an SOS. Depending on the

information stored on the device, this can result in emergency messages being sent to not only police but to your personal contacts as well.

A check of Apple message boards shows that complaints go back several years. Typical was the 2019 post from "TH55" who reported making three accidental calls to 911 and wrote, "Emergency SOS is literally the stupidest feature Apple has ever implemented."

Apple's website provides instructions on how to end emergency calls that are triggered by mistake. "If you start an emergency call by accident, tap the End Call button, then tap Yes to confirm that you want to stop the call," it explains. But Apple says continuing to hold the buttons down will automatically prompt an SOS call.

With police and rescue personnel stretched thin in many parts of the country, it's unacceptable for hundreds of false alarms to be triggered needlessly. As my experience showed, simply walking with an iPhone in your pocket can lead to

the dispatching of police, while the phone's owner is unable to communicate or correct the error.

It turns out that just last month Apple issued the first beta version of its iOS 16.2 software. It doesn't correct the problem, but it does include a new option for users to notify Apple whenever they accidentally report an emergency.

I suppose that's a start. But it would be better to implement an actual fix that preserves the life-saving aspects of

smartphone technology without sending so many police officers on wild SOS chases.

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Case No. KM2022PR67 (Petition Pursuant to K.S.A. Chapter 59)

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Tim Schoonover

Timothy (Tim) Schoonover, son of Everett and Reva (Scott) Schoonover was truly one of a kind, an artist and lover of life, he went to a wonderful new home on November 8, 2022, after a courageous battle with renal and heart disease. He was born on January 3, 1947, in Kansas City, Missouri and was placed into the loving arms of his parents Everett and Reva. His childhood and youth were on the family farm in rural Ulysses, Kansas where his early childhood education was at a one room schoolhouse. When that school was closed, he went on to attend the schools in Ulysses and graduated from Ulysses High School in 1966. Under the guidance of his art teacher, Judy Scott, his lifelong passion for art began.



Tim continued to pursue his art education at Dodge City Community College and graduated from there in 1966. During his time at Dodge City Community College, he met Alice (Legleiter) while on an Art Class trip to Taos, New Mexico. Tim and Alice were married on August 19, 1967 and continued their education with a degree in Art and Art Education in 1970.

Returning to Dodge City in 1970, he began his career as an Art teacher at Dodge City Junior High School. He loved his students and teaching. A turning point in his career came when he was asked by the superintendent to start an Art Photography program as part of the curriculum. He embraced that idea and wrote the curriculum for the class, which started at the freshman level. Known by his students as "Schoon" the class was unique and successful and soon expanded to a full time four year program at Dodge City Senior High School. Tim was always invested in his students and their success. In 1991 he received the Kansas Art Educator Award.

Tim was part of a group of western Kansas Art teachers who spearheaded the founding of the Western Kansas Scholastic Art Awards a part of the National Scholastic Art Awards. During his teaching career he loved that many of his students won either State or National Scholastic Art Awards in Photography. After a life-altering illness he retired from teaching in 2001. He continued to explore different art media throughout his life. He was known for his photography and his photographic collages.

Exploring the United States and Canada was an adventure that he cherished. He was happy to be on the go and would tell people, "Alice plans the trip and I pack my bag and get in the car." He loved to visit Taos, New Mexico and Yellowstone National Park. Visits to family in Wisconsin were part of his cherished memories. He loved to read, listen to music, go to concerts, plays, and music theater.

Tim was an active member of the community, and he enjoyed working as member of the Community Foundation of Southwest Kansas scholarship committee and being on the board of the Depot Theater Company before he moved from Dodge City.

Throughout his life he loved and was loved by his doggies, Vincent, Valentine, Daisy, Maxee, Meggie, Scout Lee, Jemma Lee, Siddalee, Abby Gale, and is survived by his beloved gift from God, Bella Boo.

He was preceded in death by his mother and father, Everett and Reva Schoonover, and brother, Jeff Schoonover. He is survived by his wife, Alice of Wichita, Kansas; beloved sister, Suzanne (Dair) Banks of Denver, Colorado; and nephews, Joey Cascia of Strasburg, Colorado and Chad Weston; and great-niece, Aliyah of Long Beach, California.

He is also survived by three incredible people who have remained an integral part of his life, Damon Richardson of San Francisco, California, Nora Mode of Wichita, Kansas and Deanna Champeau-Anderson of Seymour, Wisconsin.

The family will honor Tim's wishes to have a Celebration of Life in June of 2023 at Downing & Lahey Mortuary in Wichita, Kansas. The exact date and time to be announced at a later time.

He suggested memorials to Wichita Art Museum, 1400 W. Museum Blvd., Wichita, KS 67203, Music Theatre of Wichita, 225 W. Douglas Avenue #202, Wichita, KS 67202, or Kansas Humane Society, 3313 N. Hillside, Wichita, KS 67219.

Brian Townley

Brian Dean Townley, 5, died Dec. 18, 2022 at his home.

He was born Aug. 15, 2017, at Wichita the son of Jonathan and Amanda White Townley.

Survivors include his parents; brother Dominic William Townley; sister Letty Denise Opal Townley; and grandparents Bill and Kathy Townley.

Funeral services will be 10:00 a.m., Thursday, Dec. 22, 2022 at Livingston Funeral Home.

Memorials may be made with the Brian D. Townley Memorial Fund in care of Livingston Funeral Home.



Zach Ibarra

Pratt - Zachary "Zach" Martin Ibarra, 29, passed away Tuesday, December 13, 2022 at his home. He was born on March 17, 1993 in Pratt to Jason Hugh Henderson and Maria Lourdes Ibarra.

Zach graduated from Pratt High School in 2011. He worked in the oilfield for Unit Drilling and Sterling Drilling and most recently as a handyman for TK Handyman and himself. He was a member of Sacred Heart Catholic Church. He enjoyed playing disc golf, golfing, spending time with his children and family, working, fishing, camping, showing off his dance moves and entertaining the crowd.

He is survived by his sons, Hayden, Kaiden and Liam Ibarra all of Pratt; mother, Maria Ibarra of Pratt; siblings, Mica Stapleton of Pratt and Aubree, Ayleigh, Atley and Trey Henderson all of Wichita; grandparents, Maria DeJesus Ibarra of Pratt and Randy and Terryl Henderson of Wichita; and many other family members and friends.

Zach is preceded in death by his father, Jason Henderson; son, Braden Ibarra; grandfather, Domingo DeLeon Ibarra; and cousins, Jayce and Jasper Ibarra.

Funeral service were Tuesday, December 20, 2022 at Larrison Mortuary, Pratt with John Hamm presiding. Burial was at Greenlawn Cemetery, Pratt.

Memorials may be made to Larrison Mortuary for service expenses.



Henry Heft

Pratt - Henry Ronald Heft, 86, passed away Monday, December 12, 2022 at Pratt Health and Rehab. He was born on March 16, 1936 in Chicago, Illinois to Henry and Lillian (Kozak) Heft. Henry married Barbara L. (Erickson) on 2/9/1956. She preceded him in death on November 28, 2000. He later married Marilyn Joan (Gardner) Heft on January 31, 2004 in Wasilla, Alaska. They were married for 18 years.

Henry worked as an Ironworker and safety inspector in construction, Operated the Blue Grouse Drive-in on the Kenai Peninsula in Alaska, and NTM's used household goods in Pratt, KS. He enjoyed woodworking and writing poetry.

He is survived by his wife, Marilyn of Turon; children, John (Marie) Heft of Nikiski, Alaska, Jennifer Davies of Sandia Park, New Mexico, Adam (DJ) Heft of Dixon, California, Holly (Robert) Stokes of Snohomish, Washington and Allyson (Alan) Hodak of Brooklyn Park, Minnesota; sisters, Patricia D'Anza and Cynthia Burke both of Schaumburg, Illinois and Linda (David) Plesh of Chicago, Illinois; grandchildren, Henry Leonard Heft, Jonna Dolge and Lydia, Eleanor, Josephine, Cara and Madelyn Hodak; 5 great-grandchildren.

Henry is preceded in death by his son, Henry Heft Jr., father, Henry Heft; mother, Lillian Coyne; son-in-law, William Dolge; son-in-law, Richard Davies; and sister, Jacque Christofolo.

A family graveside service will be held at 2:00 p.m., Wednesday, January 4, 2023 at Carlsbad Cemetery, Carlsbad, New Mexico.

Leo Roberts

Pratt- Leo Ronald Roberts, 75, passed away Sunday, December 18, 2022 at Hilltop Manor in Cunningham. He was born on February 15, 1947 in Wichita to Merle and Lorraine (McLesh) Roberts.

Leo attended Pratt High School before enlisting in the United States Army where earned his GED. He worked for JB Hunt, D & R Trucking, in the harvest for farmers and in the oilfield. He enjoyed being with his dog and cat as well as fishing.

He is survived by his companion, Lucy M Flynn of Pratt; sisters, Mary Rhone of Pratt and Brenda Hedrick of Hutchinson; brothers, Roger (Deb) Roberts of Pratt and Gary Roberts of Texas; cousins, Joe (Shirley) Raney, Paul (Deb) Bryan, John (Martha) Roberts, Carl (Pat) Roberts and Terry Steimel; sister-in-law, Johnna Roberts; cousins, Anita Tuttle, Judy and Vicki; and good friend, Amelia Rojas.

Leo is preceded in death by his parents; sons, Michael Roberts and Tim Patterson; and brother, Galen Roberts.

Cremation has taken place. Memorial service will be held at 2:00 p.m. on Friday, December 30, 2022 at Larrison Mortuary, 300 Country Club Rd., Pratt with Pastor Louis Keeling presiding. Private inurnment will take place at Coats Cemetery, Coats.

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



Karson Becker

Karson Blake Becker, 30, passed away Saturday, December 17, 2022. He was born on October 20, 1992 in Pratt to Michael Ray and Sherry Lee (McDowell) Becker.

Karson graduated from Skyline High School in 2011. He went on to receive his Associate Degree in Automotive Technology and Welding from Hutchinson Community College in 2013. He worked for ICM in shipping and receiving. He previously worked as a welder and fabricator for Koch and for Kuhn Krause and as a warehouseman for Dillons. He enjoyed fishing, hanging out with his friends, attending bonfires, camping and boating. While in college, he received an award for All American in the Decathlon.

He is survived by his parents, Michael and Sherry Becker of Iuka; fiancée, Adrianna Nicole Mains of Pretty Prairie; grandparents, Martin (Betty) McDowell of Iuka; sister, Katie (Matthew) Smith of Fairbanks, Alaska; nephews, Kayden and Riker Becker; many aunts, uncles and cousins; and thousands of friends.

Karson is preceded in death by his grandparents, Charles and Betty Becker.

Funeral service was held Wednesday, December 21, 2022 at Larrison Mortuary, Pratt with John Hamm presiding. Burial will follow at Iuka Cemetery, Iuka.

Memorials may be made to Skyline School in care of Larrison Mortuary.



Bonnie Bailey

Bonnie Sue Bailey, 78, died Dec. 17, 2022 at Medicine Lodge, Kansas.

She was born May 19, 1944, at Nashville, Kansas, the daughter of James William and Cora Edna Newberry Bailey. A longtime resident of the Zenda community, recently of Medicine Lodge, she was a secretary for Farmers and Builders Lumber Yard and most recently a bookkeeper for the Kingman County Council on Aging.

Survivors include brother John Bailey of Wichita; and several nieces and nephews.

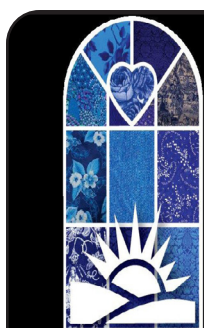
Funeral Services will be 2:00 p.m., Wednesday, Dec. 21, 2022 at Livingston Funeral Home. Friends may call from 10:00 a.m. until service time at the funeral home. Burial will be at Pleasant View Cemetery in Zenda.

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