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Rumble in the Jungle at Homecoming 2023



Homecoming festivities are this Friday evening during half-time of the football game against Tescott.

King Candidates are Jack Ruckle, Carlos Hurtado, and Luke McGuire.

Queen Candidates are Taylor Schultz, Matilyn Jump, and Maranda Lohrke.

USD 332 photo



Colleen Wance Named SCKSEC Paraprofessional of the Year



USD 332 photo

Pictured above: Topaz Krehbiel, Assistant Director at South Central Kansas Special Education Cooperative, Colleen Wance, and Lynann Hageman, Cunningham Resource teacher.

At the September Board of Education meeting, Mrs. Colleen Wance, para for the Cunningham Schools was recognized as the South Central Kansas Special Education Cooperative's Paraprofessional of the Year. Principal Cody Dunlap made the presentation with the following speech:

Members of the Board of Education (and guests),

I have asked a special guest to be in attendance this evening. Mrs. Colleen Wance, paraprofessional here at Cunningham since '22-23.

Before school started, while in attendance at a pre-service meeting with her colleagues at SCKSEC, Mrs. Wance found out she had been recognized as the 2022-2023 Paraprofessional of the Year. A high achievement by an extremely worthy individual. She is the last person that would ever ask for this kind of recognition, but in my experience, those are the types of individuals that are most deserving.

One of my first experiences with Mrs. Wance last year was me going to her and asking if she would help cover the non-PE students during each sporting season, like non-FB or VB during the fall, non-BB during the winter, etc. She didn't hesitate for one second but jumped right in with two feet to help out where needed.

Two specific pieces of feedback I got from her general education peers was this:

Colleen is very concerned about student well-being. She is observant of student performance in the classroom and tries to provide support to help them find success. She is good at reading the students and assisting at the level needed for each student.

Colleen is always a positive guiding hand in the classroom. She cares deeply for the students she works with. Colleen is always ready to please and help in any way she can. Her smile is infectious, and the kids respect her presence.

The foundation of what makes Mrs. Wance so special is how much she cares for the students she serves. It is not uncommon for her to take "homework" home or a binder home to study for an upcoming test so she knows the content well enough to assist when and where needed. She works her tail off and is never deterred when asked to do something that might be outside her comfort zone for the good of the district and the students.

We are lucky to have Colleen in our district and congratulate her on her distinction this year as the co-op's Paraprofessional of the Year!



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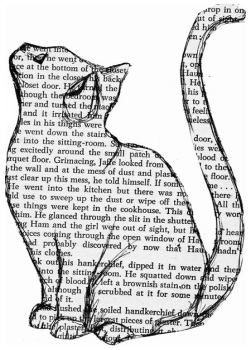
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Meanderings

This week's paper has gone together surprisingly easy. I am suspicious. I'm forgetting something or there are dozens of errors that I'm not seeing. I am just letting you know my concerns. By the time you read this there will be nothing I can do, add, or fix anything. This means that I will lose sleep to-

night worrying about what I forgot to put in.

My email folder is empty -- which means I SHOULD have copied, downloaded, etc. all the news that came in this week. Which means I SHOULD have put them in the paper before I moved them to other folders in my email page: 'all school news', 'celebrations', 'advertising', etc.

I have one more page to finish and this column and it is only 5:00 on Tuesday evening. Last week I was finishing up about 11:00 or later. See... suspicion abounds in my little mind.

I did not forget the CHS football team. I had

photos, but no story yet, and opted to wait and run it next week when Coach has the story ready.

THIS Saturday is the Fall Festival in Kingman. The Color Run should be an interesting event to watch and if you're a glutton for running, it should be fun as well.

The craft fair will be happening at the covered garage downtown. I will have a booth. However, I will NOT at the craft fair, but at Cleo's on Main Street. Come by and see me. Buy a card or two and pick up a free newspaper if you don't have one already. Shop at Cleo's, it's such a nice

little shop.

Yesterday I was eating a quiet, leisurely lunch at the kitchen table. The patio door was open and beasts were running in and out

Quin was occasionally getting a taste of my lunch.

I had just given Quin the last bit of my sandwich, when Quin's best buddy, Annoying Ned runs into the kitchen. Quin stops. Looks. I look. Ned has a little fluttering bird. "NO! NO! NED! NO! DROP IT!"

Ned went on the run. Quin and I went on the chase. Ned, with bird, ran into the front room with a dog and a lady

hot on his heels. He ran right for my desk. Then another cat got in on the action. Somewhere in the mayhem, Ned dropped the little bird. BUT where was it?

I had to find it before the beasts did! Two cats and a dog are circling. Then explosion as the little bird took off for the window. It lit on one of the blinds, Quin jumped on the chair after it, but I was a bit quicker, and just as I reached it, it flew back to the kitchen. I jumped over one dog and two cats.

The little thing managed to get itself trapped behind the vertical blinds in the window. Quin is going crazy trying to

jump up and get it. I tried to distract him with that last bite of sandwich he left in his dish. He wasn't haven't any part of that. Not with Ned's bird fluttering around the kitchen.

I finally managed to catch it, and it calmed down as soon as I had my hands around it. I took it out the front door and opened my hands. The bird sat for about 2 seconds before flying off. Whew! Disaster averted (sort of).

Always reading and currently reading, "On Ocean Boulevard" By Mary Alice Munroe, Roberta

Tallgrass and Tumbleweeds by Gaille Pike

Dear Readers, I enjoy my work but I also relish time off. So when I found myself with a free day recently on the North Shore of Long Island my first stop was the family owned Bayville Deli, where I obtained a large coffee "regular," which is freshly brewed, piping hot coffee with milk (or cream) and two sugars. I'm no java snob nor am I am

above drinking coffee from chains, franchises, or gas stations. And on those occasions I'm often not awake enough to brave the "beverage station" or wrestle open creamer containers or free the stirrer from his cellophane straight jacket, so I opt to drink my coffee black. But Deli coffee is caffeine royally served. The counter men or women make my cup o' Joe EXACTLY as I order it. And put it in my hands seconds later, with a smile.

So I was riding high, sipping my Deli coffee, as I cruised East along

the coastline toward the richly historic (and historically RICH) area known as Oyster Bay, which is a collection of towns and hamlets both public and private along the shores of an inlet—Oyster Bay Harbor—of the Long Island Sound. Evidence of Indian tribes thriving in this area has been found dating back to 3,500 B.C. European colonization took place in the early 1600s so there's a lot of history to take in. But the most popular destination is President Theodore Roosevelt's home, Sagamore Hill, which is an impressive

national historic site. Another remarkable historic site I visited was the original Oyster Bay Train Station and it was eerie to stand beneath its eaves. It's not just that the exhibits help you picture young not yet President Roosevelt stepping off a train car in the early 1900s and climbing into a buggy behind a horse, or later into the car of a Presidential motorcade, but you can picture all the other people (laborers, working and upper class) who rode the train from the city out to this last stop (at the time) of the Long Island

Railroad. Maybe there was something extra in my coffee or maybe I stood in the morning sun too long. But for a moment at this station I felt like I went back in time and housekeepers and cooks and groundskeepers swirled past me, all in a hurry to get to their jobs. And titans of business in their starched shirts chewed on their cigars while they waited impatiently for their chauffeurs. When I blinked, it was all gone, including the station and I could see all the way to the Sound, where Matinecock Indians un-

loaded their first catches of the day from catamarans, baskets overflowing with oysters, clams, scallops, herring and bluefish. I love that I can access loads of historical information these days with the touch of a finger. However, I learned far more about Oyster Bay's American past by being there and FEELING the history. My Deli coffee may have been "regular," but my day off was extraordinary.

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

A COLUMN BY PETER FUNT

The Babe's Bats are Still Powerful

No matter how you look at it, Babe Ruth swung a big stick.

The bats he used during 22 seasons as baseball's Sultan of Swat produced 2,873 hits and a remarkable 714 home runs. Each weighed be-

tween 42 and 44 ounces (compared to bats favored by today's sluggers which are about ten ounces lighter).

But the most impressive thing about Babe's bats are the prices they fetch. The other day one sold at auction for \$1.3 million. In the last year, two others have exceeded the million-dollar mark — one setting the record for baseball bats at \$1.85 million.

Collectors pay handsomely for all sorts of sports stuff, from trading cards to balls and bats. In 2019 Hunt Auctions arranged the sale of one of

Ruth's jerseys for \$5.64 million, the highest sum ever paid for any piece of baseball memorabilia.

My own collection includes several dozen bats signed by former Major Leaguers — though none approaches Ruthian standards. I've always believed that a bat, especially a game-used version, is the ideal baseball collectible because it is so intimately linked to the player who owned it. Players select the weight and length along with subtle variations in the taper of the barrel and the shape of the knob.

A Big Leaguer held

this wooden treasure and swung it, as I do periodically with each bat in my collection. I also have over 100 signed baseballs, which are nice, but they all look alike and, even if autographed, don't have the charm of a pro bat.

Ruth's bats are becoming even more valuable thanks to research by Professional Sports Authenticator, a global leader in evaluating sports memorabilia. PSA's experts were able to match two of the million-dollar Ruth bats to photographs of him at the plate. The bat

setting the record price was identified by using a 1921 photo from the Polo Grounds in New York showing five marks—presumably from impact with a pitched ball.

The bat sold this month was traced to a 1923 exhibition game in which Ruth hit a home run. The report says the bat has "numerous ball marks and ball-stitch impressions on the left barrel, grain swelling from repeated ball contact, and cleat marks. The handle has been scored for an enhanced grip," which Ruth was known to do to all his bats.

In a sport known for hyperbole, David Hunt, president of Hunt Auctions, was probably understating the magical appeal of lumber used by George Herman Ruth Jr. when he said, "This baseball bat is as close to a work of art as the medium can allow."

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Peter Funt's latest book is "Playing POTUS: The Power of America's Acting Presidents," about comedians who impersonated presidents.

A COLUMN BY TOM PURCELL

NFL Bets on Greed

"Only bet what you can afford to lose."

That's the message from the National Football League as its betting-company partners aggressively promote le-

gal betting on pro football games.

For years the NFL was adamantly against betting in sports.

In 2012, reports the New York Post, the league's commissioner Roger Goodell said: "If gambling is permitted freely on sporting events, normal incidents of the game such as bad snaps, dropped passes, turnovers, penalties, and play calling inevitably will fuel speculation, distrust and accusations of point-

shaving or game-fixing." He was correct.

Look what happened last week in the NFL's opening game between Detroit and Kansas City.

One receiver dropped five passes, one of which was intercepted and returned for a touchdown — leading some in the Twittersphere to question if something nefarious was up.

So if gambling creates so much distrust among fans, why did the NFL change its position on betting 180 degrees? Can you spell g-r-e-e-d?

Sports gambling only became possible in 2018 when the U.S. Supreme Court struck down the Professional and Amateur Sports Protection Act, a federal law passed in 1992 that made gambling on sports illegal in all but a few states.

With that law struck down, 37 states made sports betting legal — and gambling exploded. Whereas legal gam-

bling used to require a trip to Las Vegas or Atlantic city, now it takes only a few moments to bet online using your smartphone anytime from anywhere.

The NFL flip-flopped on its anti-gambling position for the simple reason that gambling on its games would generate a lot of new cash for the league and team owners — never mind Goodell's warning in 2012, and never mind the increased pain and suffering it would cause gambling addicts.

Two years ago, the NFL signed a \$1 billion, five-year deal with its betting company partners.

Gambling jumped 40% in the 2022 season and a record 73.5 million Americans — 60% more than last year — plan to bet on NFL games this season, reports the American Gaming Association.

The American Psychological

Association reports that though most people can enjoy betting and gambling as harmless entertainment, up to 2% of people are prone to compulsive gambling addiction.

People with other addictions or psychiatric issues (impulse-control, mood disorders, anxiety, etc.) also are even more likely to become compulsive gamblers.

The APA also reports that the poor are more prone to addiction and that men are twice as likely as women to become addicts — particularly young men, who are betting on sports in rapidly growing numbers.

The Mayo Clinic explains that people become gambling addicts much the same way they become addicted to alcohol and drugs: gambling stimulates the brain's reward system with a sweet hit of dopamine.

But the "responsible" NFL has gambling ad-

dicts' best interests at heart, right?

Its PR department launched a \$6.2 million "responsible betting initiative" to help each gambler understand the risks and "only bet what you can afford to lose."

But according to Forbes, 45% of bettors acknowledge that already this season they are spending more on NFL games than they can afford to lose.

So when so much money is at stake, who can blame the big-shots at the NFL for flip-flopping on gambling?

Like so many shortsighted people running our organizations and institutions, they don't seem to care that they're betting on their own futures — and against ours.

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Community Bulletin Board

<p>Thursday, September 21 JH VB at Pretty Prairie with Burrton *** HS/JH Cross Country at Larned *** JH FB at Pretty Prairie (Burrton)</p>	<p>Tuesday, September 26 HS VB vs. Burrton and Norwich at HOME</p>
<p>Friday, September 22 HS FB vs Tescott at HOME *** HOMECOMING</p>	<p>Wednesday, September 27 4:30 to 7:30 p.m. Parent-Teacher conferences *** Book Club "On Ocean Boulevard" by Mary Alice Monroe</p>
<p>Saturday, September 23 HS VB at Burden-Central Tournament ** Kingman Fall Festival</p>	<p>Thursday, September 28 JH VB at HOME vs Norwich *** HS/JH Cross Country at Pratt *** JH FB at HOME vs Norwich</p>
<p>Monday, September 25 4:30 to 7:30 p.m. Parent-Teacher conferences *** 6:30 p.m. City Council Meeting</p>	<p>Friday, September 29 No Schoo*** HS FB vs Pawnee Heights at HOME</p>

Sign Up For City Wide Garage Sale

The city is planning a garage sale day on Saturday, October 21st. Sign up at City Hall is free.

City Council Will Meet Monday, September 25

- Agenda:
- 1) 6:30 p.m. – Call to Order
 - 2) Approval of Agenda
 - 3) Approval of Minutes of August 28, 2023 meeting
 - 4) Public comments, concerns, & communications
 - 5) Fire Department – Chief’s Report
 - 6) Leslie Schrag, Kingman County Economic Development
 - 7) Scott Bannister, USDA Rural Development
 - 8) Reports
 - Property Officer
 - Planning & Zoning
 - Maintenance
 - Swimming Pool
 - Animal Control
 - 9) Financial Report & Payment of Bills
 - 10) Adjourn



Thank you very much to every volunteer who came out to lend a hand, give of their time and be a part of the the Kingman County Carnival! Thank you especially to all the businesses in Kingman County who stepped up to be trained ride operators. Those volunteers came from Norwich, Kingman, Zenda, Spivey, Nashville, Isabel and Cunningham! Also a Big Thank You -, to our Carnival Ride -Mechanics, these men have given countless hours through the year getting it all ready so everything is safe for “our kids” to ride!

Last of all, a big thank you to all our donors. Your contributions have help make this all possible for “our kids” of Kingman County. We very much , appreciate all of your generous help and support!! We could not have done these 17 years without you.

Over 255 volunteers showed up to help make the “Kingman County Carnival” a great summer event -for our community to enjoy -inconjunction with the Kingman County Fair. It is amazing what can happen when- we work together, put ourselves aside, create relationships, make memories; we build a wonderful community!! Kingman County is Awesome!

One last note - The Kingman County Carnival lost a very dear old friend this year. In the early years of forming the Carnival - This city leader gave us legs to have permanent home on the west side of the Fairgrounds. We will always remember him for his leadership and his beautiful smile. Our deepest sympathy to Jeanette and his family.

Rest in Peace ...Frank Soukup 5/22/2023 (Kingman City Manager 2006-2014)

See you next year July 25- 27, 2024

Thank you again

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September 4-H Club Meeting

The Cunningham 4-H members met on September 10th at the community center. Roll call was, “Name a Favorite Hero (not a superhero)”. During the meeting we gave out information about our officer elections. We made a change in our positions and finalized that we would have two sets of officers: senior officers which would be grades 7-12 and junior officers which would be grades 4-6. Senior officers perform the duties when they are at the meeting and junior officers would shadow or step in as a substitute if the senior officer didn’t attend. One of our meetings will have just the junior officers hold the meeting. There will be both junior and senior officers for the following positions: President, President Elect (planning to take the president position for the following year), Treasure, Secretary, Historian, Reporter. We will also need two council reps (No age range). We are also adding new positions this year. They are as follows: Game Officers and Song Officers. We will have up to three officers for each position. Also during the meeting we budgeted how much money to donate back to the community. We decided on \$200 for the museum, \$200 for the hands of hope organization, \$100 to the library, \$100 to the fire station, and \$400 to the community center. Afterwards, we decided to go to Sacred Heart in Cunningham for our 4-H Sunday. Finally, we ended our meeting with two project talks. Kane Reid talked about his mint plant from his garden and Brianna Dittmer gave a demonstration on how to make Bannana Cream Pie. We also had one leadership talk presented by Emily Ogg. She talked about the roles of a junior superintendent. When the meeting concluded, we had snacks provided by Kane Reid and played cards.

Kendall Rogers, Reporter

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YEARS AGO IN

The Cunningham Clipper

W. A. Bradley / William Bradley

1928

Sept. 14 – The Western Light and Power Company has a new electric washing machine for sale at their Cunningham office. This machine is the latest thing in washers, and sells for about ninety dollars.

The payment of the final dividend on The First State Bank of Cunningham was completed this week by Mr. Robert Collins, Assistant Receiver, and the bank is no more. The bank went broke in 1925, final settlement totals show that a forty-two and one-fourth percent dividend has been paid to depositors.

Mr. Jim Vermillion walked away with the catfish prize in the annual Kingman County Fishing Derby, sponsored by Ferguson's Hardware in Kingman. Mr. Vermillion won a new rod, reel, and line for catching a ten-pound flathead catfish.

1933

Sept. 15 – Mr. Glen Patton of Caldwell, came to Cunningham this week, where he will take over the management of this division of Western Power and Light Company.

The Santa Fe Railroad surveyed for track to accommodate twice their present capacity of tank cars at the Skelly Oil Company's loading dock west of town during the past week, when the additional spur track is laid, about two thousand barrels of oil per day will be shipped from Cunningham. So far during the month of September, forty-five cars of crude oil have been shipped to Skelly's refinery in El Dorado.

1938

Sept. 16 – The student body voted this week to change the school sport team nickname and insignia. Sports teams will now be called the "Wildcatters," and the new insignia features an oil derrick.

The Wildcatters scored a 25-8 decision over Belmont High School in a baseball game played here last Friday afternoon. Norman Schnittker was on the pitcher's mound for Cunningham.

1943

Sept. 17 – Work is progressing quite rapidly on the erection of company houses on the Helium Plant site west of town. Fifty houses are to be built and the foundations for nearly all are already laid, with several houses nearing completion. The houses are being built in rows of fifteen. They are prefabricated and demountable and are five- or six-room. Construction of the houses is under contract to the Southern Mills Manufacturing Company of Tulsa, Okla. The plant proper is beginning to take shape now with the erection of two long engine sheds, a huge collecting tank, and an eight-foot cyclone fence on the premises.

Sixty-three pupils are enrolled in Cunningham Rural High School for the 1943-1944 year, according to an announcement this week by Principal C.L. Zink. Principal Miss Cozette Taylor stated this week that Cunningham Grade School has a total enrollment of one hundred and ten students, with the first grade leading in total class enrollment with twenty-three.

Cunningham has attained a population of four hundred and two. The total population of Kingman County is 10,658.

1948

Sept. 17 – Mrs. Anna Steffen announces the engagement of her daughter Dorothy to Clair McElwain of Mullinville, son of R. A. McElwain of Burrton. The wedding will be an event of October 24th.

Chick Howell had the misfortune to lose his truck which was loaded with approximately 30 bushels of wheat, by fire, Tuesday evening. The truck caught fire while being driven one mile south and one-half mile east of Cunningham. The fire was thought to have ignited from gasoline leaking on the exhaust pipe. Chick, who was driving the truck, was not injured, and reports that he saved only his shovel which he was using to scoop sand and dirt in an effort to extinguish the fire.

Bananas, lb., 15c
White Seedless Grapes, lb., 15c
Head Lettuce, each 10c
California Slicing Tomatoes, lb. 15c

Red Triumph Potatoes, 10 lbs., 43c
Sweet Potatoes, 2 lbs. 15c
Drip or Regular Folger's Coffee, lb. 51c
Spiced Ham, lb. 55c
Hauser's Market

1953

Sept. 18 – Action by the City Council at a special meeting on August 24, raised the minimum on water bills to two dollars.

Fire destroyed a chicken house and threatened the barn and other property at the Ed Renner home in the south part of town, shortly after noon Wednesday. Volunteer firemen extinguished the blaze in the barn and saved it from destruction, but the chicken house was a total loss.

Mrs. Eula Witt of Cunningham, will present a travelogue of her recent trip to England to attend the coronation of Queen Elizabeth II at the High School Auditorium next Tuesday evening. The public is cordially invited to attend this program starting at eight o'clock.

1958

Sept. 18 – Column One by Editor Bill Bradley We like the one about the dealer who advertised a slightly used TV set as "used by a little old lady with weak eyes."

Our eyes popped out when we were handed a menu by Mrs. Vera McClarnon of Vera's Café the other morning. Heading the sandwich list was hamburgers 10¢; fried ham sandwiches 15¢; egg sandwiches 10¢; etc. I was gasping for the breath to order a tableful of sandwiches when she told me that the menu was from Vera's Café in Holyrood when she was there in 1934.

The Cunningham Rural High School Wildcats football team will open the 1958-1959 season, Friday evening, when they play the Medicine Lodge Rural High School Indians at Medicine Lodge.

For Cunningham, the situation can best be described in the sentence, the team is two years old and the coach is one year old. Cunningham is playing its second full season of football in the past 29 years, and managed a winning 3-1 record last year, but will lack the experience that comes from having a football program at the school in previous years. For Coach Gerald (Pete) Keenan, it's his first year in coaching and he and his boys are going to play their level best during the coming nine games.

The steel beams to be used in the construction of the new bridge across the Ninescah River north of town, were unloaded at the Santa Fe Depot last week-end.

1963

Sept. 19 – Cunningham's school population totals 220 students enrolled in the three schools in the city. Cunningham Rural High School has 92 students, Cunningham Grade School 89, and Sacred Heart Parochial School 39.

Private Kenneth Spade completed his basic training at Fort Leonard Wood, Mo., last week, and was transferred to Fort Sill, Okla., last Saturday, where he will take 13 weeks artillery training.

The Cunningham 4-H Club held their regular monthly meeting in the high school recreation room, Monday evening.

The grade school softball teams went to Belmont last Friday afternoon for two games. The boys won their game, but the girls lost their contest with the Belmont girls.

Private David Amick, who recently completed his basic training at Fort Leonard Wood, Mo., has been transferred to Fort Sill, Okla., where he will take 13 weeks artillery training.

1968

Sept. 19 – Second Lieutenant Randy Sheldon left Monday for Fort Sill, Okla., where he will attend Army Artillery School for 12 weeks.

Radioman Third Class Lowell Gridley, who is stationed aboard the destroyer, USS Hollister, now in drydock in Long Beach, Calif., is spending a leave visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Gridley, and family.

Ann Kathryn Eck and Harold D. Venard were united in marriage in a double ring ceremony performed in St. Leo's Church, Saturday afternoon, Sept. 14, at one o'clock. Rev. Michael Leis, pastor, read the marriage

vows before an altar decorated in arrangements of pink and white carnations.

Mrs. Frances Nossaman was hostess to the Sunshine Club in her home, Tuesday afternoon.

The Cunningham Lions Club held their regular bi-monthly meeting at Mary's HiWay Café, Tuesday evening.

The Cunningham YWCA held their first meeting of the new year with a salad supper in the undercroft of the United Methodist Church, Monday evening.

YEARS AGO IN

The Cunningham Clipper

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1978

September 21 - Shriners appreciated: The Shriners took two classes of children from the Special Education School in Cunningham to the Kanas State Fair, Hutchinson. Walt Hillard of Pratt was the coordinator-planner of the event. The children were treated to rides, lunch, and stuffed animal.

On Tuesday, Sept. 12, the Sunshine Club met for the first time this fall at the home of Anna Steffen. Those present were Martha Boen, Esther Davidson, Bess Hauser, Ruth Cooley, and Helen Duff. The hostess served cherry cake and orange sherbert, tea and coffee.

The Cunningham High School girls volleyball teams have another great week going.

The week started with the 'C' team beating Kingman and Pratt freshman teams at Kingman. The scores were Cunningham 15-5; Kingman 8-3. Then we played Pratt and won 16-10 and 15-11.

Tuesday night the 'A' and 'B' teams played with N-Z. It was a triangular with N-Z, Lewis and Cunningham.

The B-team won without any trouble. The scores were Cunningham 15; N-Z -3; Cunningham 15, Lewis 5.

The 'A' teams girls played Lewsi first and won the first game 15-12. Then we lost the second game and came back the third game and won 15-1, making us the winners of that match. By Rhonda Ruckle

The fire alarm on Wednesday morning was called in by Edwin Steffen when he saw that the house on the property farmed by Harold Baker was burning. Baker had set the fire to complete the demolition of the frame structure, according to Fireman Dallas Thornhill.

Mr. and Mrs. Curt Befort, 503 W Fourth, Pratt, are happy to announce the birth of their daughter, Stephanie Ann, on Sept. 19, 1978 at 8:10 a.m. She weighed 7 lb. 10 oz. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Cy Befort, Pratt, and Mr. and Mrs. Dave Horton, Cunningham.

Zenda news:

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Dreiling and Nicole, Wichita, were weekend visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Ted Batt.

Mrs. Mildred Horn spent the weekend in Alene, Okla. With Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Ricke and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Lee, Alden were Saturday overnight guests of Mrs. Mildred Ford.

1983

September 22, 1983 – On October 8, 1983 the Sacred Heart Catholic Church will hold its 75th anniversary Celebration on the church grounds, located on Highway 54 in Cunningham. We would like to invite all former parishioners and friends to celebrate with us.

George J. Thimmesch, 82, Cunningham, died Sept 15, at Pratt Regional Medical Center after a long illness.

Born July 10, 1901, at Ost, he married Ella rose Reichenberger April 28, 1924, at St. Joe. She died Feb. 24, 1977. He was a retired farmer, and had been a longtime Cunningham resident.

Survivors: daughters, Mary Hageman, Cunningham; Mary Grace Deschaine, Wellington; Priscilla Apel, Belpre; sisters, Rose Eck, Goddard; Minnie May, Ost; Anna Eck, Garden Plain; Lucy Bogner, Sharon; Clara Thimmesch, Wichita; 13 grandchildren; 21 great-grandchildren.

Troy Rohr, Cunningham, was awarded a \$450 Harry H. Halbower Jr. Memorial Scholarship from Kansas State University, Manhattan.

Rohr is majoring in construction science.

Bob and Marge Sterneker celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary on Saturday, Sept. 10 with a Mass at 4:30 at Sacred Heart Church celebrated by Father Robert Watson, pastor at Cunningham.

Their son, Rick was lector and two other sons Marty and Rob served as ushers. Geneva Theis, a sister of Marge, was organist and Sam Theis soloist.

Honored guests were his father, Albert Sterneker and her mother, Josephine Albers.

Over 200 guests attended to help celebrate the occasion. A dance was held late in the evening.

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A Column by Mike Johnson

Can't Fix the World

Call me arrogant, but I know I could write a plan that would fix the biggest problems in the world.

The trouble is, it would be MY plan. I'm not capable of getting a majority of the world to embrace my vision. And my vision would inevitably overlook needs that have not yet arisen to my awareness. My plan would prioritize values that I think are important, which would inevitably minimize values that others think are important.

So it would be an imperfect plan. Many would refuse to obey it. And no plan is moral if it uses force to make people obey it. And I sure as heck don't want to be forced to obey someone else's plan.

So that leads me to believe there is no one on earth able to fix the world.

Which makes me conclude we are not here to fix the world.

I finally realized that the problems in the world are here to force us to learn and grow and adapt to fix ourselves. Me, I can handle. It's a fulltime job for sure, but I'm up for it. I can create and destroy and fix my own world all day long. Just as long as that involves me and my thoughts and my feelings and my actions.

You I can't fix. That's not my job.

An entire world? No chance in Hell.

All I can do is create the life I imagine. The outer world may be swirling in chaos but the world inside my head is happy and calm. That makes me one less person adding to the turbulence.

We're not here to fix the world. The world is here to fix US. Conic remus. Mae ac teris, tatia noncero culiceps, ublium vissend actorum oculo nicaessed prit? Cae aci-aedo, dium, C. Miliciis. At aucto vicaestestam publicae publicae avem or perehem publium egerfec ficat furi fent. Habemov eribunium rediti, perum se menam. Multod rei imantea tioricibus et; C. Foraet; C. mei su cotam aperfer cerius Ahalego ven sederac hucerbis endea vehem numum res cerobse ocri patum facci tus, invervid perfendac ma, C. Mis. Simmovi videmulti, seres ma, tus antem conderr ibulium publi praribulicae vir unum tam, que in at interit vistrati, non se publiculiam. Otor iam et diem, vit; nem mus, es, et et? Nos nocuspi musater fecute, que patri-or iptebatiur, ca ve, quam publiisum, us. Ahabem tuidet? P. Opoti, nium ia L. Udemur, facestrunum. Sp. Enicaela publicae aura moludam menduci

Serendipity

Some words are just fun to say—serendipity is one of them. Maybe it brings back memories of the 60's and the hair product of choice—Dippity-do!

Or maybe my interest is due to the fact that it is a relatively new word, as words go. It was coined by an Englishman in the 1700's.

The Merriam-Webster meaning is this:

serendipity noun ser·en·dip·i·ty ,ser-ən-'di-pə-tē

Synonyms of serendipity

: the faculty or phenomenon of finding valuable or agreeable things not sought for. Also an instance of this.

My definition: A delightful, joyful, and completely unexpected surprise.

About a year ago, I entered one of my favorite thrift stores in Pratt. As I strolled to the back of the store, I spotted a



set of Denby mugs that I had admired long ago in the early 90's. They were sold in a coffee shop within a block of the store that I was currently in.

The upscale coffee shop where the mugs were originally sold was definitely "before its time." No one was going to spend \$4 for a froufrou latte or cappuccino in the 90's in Pratt Kansas, when any restaurant in town would sell a cup of Folgers for fifty cents. The gourmet coffee craze had not yet hit our small town in the Midwest. The coffee shop was short-lived, but not forgotten.

I appreciated the shape and color of the

mugs, and the fact that they were made in England was a huge draw. However, groceries, diapers, and the necessities of life for a large and growing family made Denby mugs a luxury that I could not justify. They were just a distant memory, or so I thought, until that serendipitous moment a year ago when an old desire met reality. It was as if an old friend had walked back into my life! The brand-new set of four mugs would have cost about \$100 dollars in the early 90's. I paid \$10 for the still pristine, like-new set last year. I told the story to the young clerk who rang up my treasures, and I think she was as happy for me as I was for myself! Yes, "Good things come to those who wait!" Was it a random act of chance or a gift from God? I choose to believe the latter.

Psalm 37:4 "Delight

thyself also in the Lord; and he shall give thee the desires of thine heart."

Hoping you all are soon blessed with a moment of serendipity,

Karen Cornelius Eck



P.S. Speaking of lattes, above is a photo of my dear son-in-law, Tyler's fancy latte embellishment. He is known to spoil me with one when I am visiting. Tyler certainly is a "Jack of all trades," and excellent at all!

And by the way, a few weeks ago I quoted him as saying that morning glories are noxious weeds. He corrected me by saying that he appreciates their beauty as long as they are NOT in his cornfield!!!

Hail Mary

by Marita Thelander

I knew it would come to this eventually. I lived, if you can call it living, on the wrong side of the tracks. The wrong side of the law, the wrong side of the prison walls...if there was anything to be on the wrong side of, I lived there.

I was born to a drug addict who prostituted herself to support her habit. Doesn't it always

come down to who gave birth to you?

Mama was beautiful, even in her drug-stricken form. "Hail Mary, full of grace..." I remember the men teasing from some prayer they learned, but the words they said after that weren't prayerful at all.

I started stealing at the ripe old age of none. Mama would stuff things inside her maternity clothes and walk right out of the store. She came in looking four months pregnant and went out with a rounded belly of about eight. She laughed every time she told that story.

From there things were wrapped in my baby blanket, swaddled around my innocent body. Then came diaper bags, backpacks, and eventually I took care of getting whatever goods out I could.

Life in a hooker's home made me a man in every sense of the word before I had hair under my armpits. There was no hope for me. At least that's what I heard over and over. No hope to be anything but a pathetic criminal in a 5x9 on death row, waiting for it all to come to an end.

God was only a word I spewed followed by a string of other colorful choices. I tried to doubt His existence, but once in awhile I saw things that made me know He was real. I should be dead, but I know I experienced

some sort of divine intervention more than once.

Ironic, isn't it? I should be dead and here I sit waiting to die, but I'm not dead? I wonder if I'll ever die.

I've talked to the chaplain once in awhile. It's sort of good to talk things out. He told me all about Jesus and his mama, Mary. He told me about how he died on a cross between two thieves and how one thief cursed him and the other asked to be remembered when he came into his kingdom. The chaplain told me I had a choice what type of thief I wanted to be before I hit the chambers: the cursing or confessing kind.

One night I stared at the ceiling and thought about a lot of things. The chaplain talked about my mama and about how her name was the same as Jesus' mother. I got to thinking about how it all comes down to who your mama is.

Jesus' Mary was a virgin that God almighty chose to give birth to His son. My mama was anything but a virgin who accidentally gave birth to a son.

Yet both sons were sentenced to death.

I decided right then and there to pull a Hail Mary prayer football style. You know, where a quarterback throws a desperate pass aimed towards the end zone and prays it lands into the

right hands? I got on my knees like some pictures I'd seen of little kids and women saying their night time prayers. I told God how His son and I have a thing or two in common, so if He didn't mind, I'd like to address my prayer to His son.

I said: Jesus, I'm a convicted criminal sentenced to die and I deserve it. I heard about the two guys that died on the cross when you did...the cursing and confessing thieves. Tonight I want to be a confessing thief. I'm sending you my own Hail Mary prayer in honor of our mamas. I'm asking you to remember me in your kingdom when I die like you did the thief on the cross.

After I prayed, I felt clean inside and lay there quietly and pretended to hear Jesus say: I assure you, today you will be with me in paradise.

Then it hit me...I'm not dyin' yet. I could wait to confess until the last minute when they strap me to the chair and stick the needle in my vein. I looked around my cell and thought, why would I wait?

I did the crime, I'm doin' the time, and as long as I'm on this side of paradise, I choose to live what life I have left as a confessing thief.



Catholic Churches

Sacred Heart, Cunningham
Sundays 10:00 a.m.

St. John, Zenda
Saturdays 5:30 p.m.

St. Leo
Saturdays 4:00 p.m.

St. Peter Willowdale
Sundays 8:30 a.m.

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

Lutheran Churches

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

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

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Pastor Dennis Fangmeyer
Cell: 620-886-0911

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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
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CJH Football Victorious Over South Barber

On Thursday, September 14, 2023, the Cunningham JH football team played host to the South Barber Tornadoes in HOPL action and came away with a 38-6 victory to push their season record to 3-0. After a slow start offensively, Cole Hageman got the Wildcats on the board with just under a minute to go in the first quarter on a 43-yard TD run, a Tyler Osner to Liam McGuire pass would tack on the 2-point PAT and the Wildcats led 8-0. In the second quarter Osner would hook up with Hageman on a 22-yard pass play for a touchdown, Hageman would run in the PAT to make the score 16-0. On the next drive for the Tornadoes the Wildcats forced a fumble that was recovered by Brody Bock, but Cunningham was unable to convert the turnover into points as they would lead 16-0 at the half. In the third quarter Hageman would find the end-zone again on an 11 yard run, PAT failed, 22-0 Wildcats. The Wildcats would extend their lead to 30-0 later in the third quarter on Hageman's fourth touchdown of the evening, this time on a 48-yard run, the PAT was an Osner to Hageman pass. With 4:00 minutes to go in the game the Tornadoes went to the air on a 25-yard pass play to get on the board, the PAT failed making the score 30-6. Under a minute later John Paul Kerschen got in the end-zone on a five yard run, an Osner pass to Weston Rogers would tack on the 2-point conversion to make the final score 38-6.

-by Coach Bart Ricke



Molly Morgan photos

Head Coach: Bart Ricke
Assistant Coach: Colin Little
Manager(s): Cooper Neufeld, Jace Oldham

#	First & Last Name	Grade	Weight	Position
4	Adam Sterneker	8	129	E/B
5	Weston Rogers	8	110	E/S
10	Carson Strohl	7	107	E/S
11	Andrew Kerschen	8	115	B/S
12	Wesly Preisser	7	110	B/LB
14	Tyler Osner	8	128	E/B
15	Sevi Romine	8	144	L/L
20	Cole Hageman	8	143	B/LB
21	Liam McGuire	7	134	B/LB
24	John Paul Kerschen	7	113	E/B/S
32	Gunner Glenn	8	145	L/L
33	Caden Johnson	7	172	L/L
34	Colton Rohlman	7	132	E/B/LB
40	Jeremiah Slayden	7	134	L/L
42	Wyatt King	8	160	L/L
44	Kane Reid	7	138	L/L
50	Cole Gridley	8	170	L/L
55	Brody Bock	8	173	L/L
66	Hank Adams	8	158	L/L



JH Lady Cats vs. South Barber

Head Coach: Kristen Young

#	First & Last Name	Grade	Height
1	Carly McGuire	6	5' 4" JV/V
3	Vaughn Preisser	6	4' 11" JV/V
4	Mackley Glenn	6	4' 3" JV
5	Maelyn Jump	7	4' 9" JV/V
8	Lux Thimesch	6	4' 3" JV
10	Sage Thimesch	7	5' 3" V
11	Katie Ogg	7	5' 3" V
12	Morgan Oldham	8	5' 2" V
14	Alyssa Osner	6	5' 6" JV
15	Keyonna Huffman	7	5' 9" V
16	HarLee Barber	7	5' 0" JV
18	Piper Parkins	8	4' 9" V
20	Andi Young	8	5' 7" V
23	Jayden McCurry	7	5' 1" JV
24	Kourtni Fischer	8	5' 7" V
25	Raven Koester	7	5' 3" JV



Keyonna Huffman



Andi Young

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Piper Parkins



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Cunningham Student Performs at State Fair

Taylor Schultz from Cunningham High School was among the featured students from around the state of Kansas who performed at the seventh Kansas State Fair Forensics Showcase. The event held was at the Hutchinson State Fairgrounds last Thursday, September 14 and was sponsored by the Sterling College Forensics/Debate team. Forensics is competitive speaking and interpretation events.

Students who had medaled at the State Forensics Championship Tournaments last May were invited to bring their award-winning performances to the State Fair audience. Schultz performed her poetry piece entitled "Hush Little Baby" by Chasity Kennedy. The Cunningham High School Forensics Coach is Carrie Vahsholtz.

"It was impressive to see so many strong performances," said Sterling College Arts Director Dennis Dutton who hosted the event. He added, "these students are talented and could certainly continue performing and

competing at the collegiate level."

A total of 15 schools attended the event. Some brought entire forensics teams and classes and others a few students. "This is a unique event which gives everyone a chance to see a variety of quality forensics pieces and performances from across the state and to see the level of work being done at all levels from 1A through 6A," said Dutton.

Sterling College Forensics/Debate student Miquala Purscell from Gorham emceed the showcase. She highlighted Sterling College's Forensics/Debate team

as having a recent national champion novice debater and being consistently named to the top 25 teams nationally. Sterling College faculty member Ken Troyer is the forensics/debate team coach. Offering competitive forensics scholarships commensurate with athletics scholarships, was also highlighted.

Sterling College is a Christ-centered, four-year college located in Sterling, Kansas, with a mission to develop creative and thoughtful leaders who understand a maturing Christian faith. For more information, visit www.sterling.edu.



Taylor Schultz

Cross Country Runs at Skyline

The Cunningham cross country team traveled to Skyline for their second meet of the year. Three Wildcats came away with a medal.

Freshman Jack Harden finished 16th in his first varsity 5k boys race with a 20:37.

Eighth-grader Will Halderson finished 8th in the 2-mile race with a 14:42 and sophomore Sean Kostner finished

9th in the JV 5k race with a 25:50.

Junior Ada Adams missed placing by one place in the varsity girls 5K finishing with a 21st place finish. Myles Thimesch got 15th in the 2-mile race and 6th-grader Ethan Kostner finished 35th in the one mile race.

Congratulations to all of the Cunningham Wildcat runners as they

did a fantastic job competing today! Thank you parents, grandparents, Bob Stackhouse Mary Stackhouse, Eric Kerschen, Dr. A, Mr. Ramirez, and anyone else I missed for cheering them on! --by Coach Ingrid Ricke



Jack Harden, Will Halderson, Ada Adams, Ethan Kostner, Sean Kostner are pictured with Coach Ingrid Ricke

Lady Wildcats Play in South Barber



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CHS National Honor Society Inducts Nine Candidates



The National Honor Society pictured above: Back row: Taylor Schultz (Secretary) , Julia Hageman (Vice President) , Ada Adams, Matilyn Jump, Will Wegerer, Nate Sterneker, Dagim Reed, Ellie McGuire, Maranda Lohrke, Luke McGuire (President) Front row Inductees: Jack Ruckle, Lexie Murphy, Dylan Halderson, Logan Kinsler, Sean Kostner, Kyra Morgan, Emily Ogg, Andrew Schultz, Skyler Thimesch. Not pictured is Ava Bock (Chairman) and the sponsor for NHS, Mrs. Kayla Fiegel.

Approved Minutes from August BOE Meeting

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

7:00 p.m. on Monday, August 14, 2023, by President Brent Miller.

President, Brent Miller; Vice-President, Bjorn Halderson; Members, Scott DeWeese, Brent Hansen, Vicki Oldham, and Megan Green; Superintendent, Dr. Arnberger; Principal, Cody Dunlap; Clerk, Stacy Webster; and Guests, Roberta Kobbe and Shawna Sterneker.

Motion made by Scott DeWeese, seconded by Brent Hansen, to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried 6-0.

President Miller welcomed the guests.

Motion made by Brent Hansen, seconded by Bjorn Halderson, to approve the minutes of the July 10, 2023 regular meeting. Motion carried 6-0.

Motion made by Vicki Oldham, seconded by Megan Green, to approve the payment of bills and the financial reports as presented. Motion carried 6-0.

Superintendent Arnberger spoke about his first months observations and the upcoming New teacher orientation and In-service. He gave credit to Cody & Bart for successful sport parent meetings and implementation of the Wildcat Way. Dr. Arnberger also discussed proposed budget mills, policy updates and strategic planning ideas, including possible planning sessions this fall with parents and community members. Lastly, he shared some changes to the KESA process and expected enrollment numbers.

Principal Dunlap reported that the 1st day of fall sports practice is underway and online enrollment was well used. He talked about new lesson plan software and walk through tools that will help staff with commu-

nication. He recognized Mr. Ricke for his work getting the parent meetings together, summer staff for their hard work all summer and Para of the year at SCK-SEC Collen Wance. He would like to bring her in next month to visit with the board and continue each month after spotlighting hardworking individuals.

Scott DeWeese reported that the next meeting is next week but an increase in para wages has helped lower the turnover rate.

Dr. Arnberger shared that a construction meeting will be had tomorrow morning to discuss the topics of Technology, when and what the move will look like, and Volleyball season gym access and parking.

Dr. Arnberger requested a break at 8:05 p.m. until 8:10 p.m. At that time the board returned and began reviewing the needs assessment form and answering the questions.

Motion made by Bjorn Halderson, sec-

onded by Megan Green, to go into executive session with Superintendent Arnberger and Principal Dunlap at 8:36 p.m. to discuss personnel for the non- elected exception under KOMA and will return to open session at 8:50 p.m. in the board room. Motion carried 6-0.

President Miller declared the meeting in open session at 8:50 p.m.

Motion made by Scott DeWeese, seconded by Bjorn Halderson, to go into executive session with the board and administration at 8:50 p.m. to discuss personnel for the non- elected exception under KOMA and will return to open session at 9:05 p.m. in the board room. Motion carried 6-0.

President Miller declared the meeting in open session at 9:05 p.m.

Motion made by Scott DeWeese, seconded by Vicki Oldham, to approve Mikaela Hartley as HS Assistant Girls Basketball Coach for the 23-24 school year. Motion

carried 6-0.

Motion made by Vicki Oldham, seconded by Bjorn Halderson, to approve Richard Martin as Custodian and Driver. Motion carried 6-0.

Motion made by Megan Green, seconded by Vicki Oldham, to approve Rebecca Kraft as part-time custodian. Motion carried 6-0.

Motion made by Scott

DeWeese, seconded by Brent Hansen, to adopt Resolution 2024-015 LOB percentage. Motion carried 6-0.

Motion made by Bjorn Halderson, seconded by Vicki Oldham, to adjourn the meeting at 9:08 p.m. Motion carried 6-0.



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Kingman County Sheriff's Report

Sunday, September 10

- Traffic Stop 7
- Animal Complaint 16000 Blk S Hwy 14, Rago
- Medical 400 Blk W Santa Fe Ave, Cunningham
- Damage to Property NW 10 Ave & NW 60 St, Kingman
- Traffic Complaint NE 80 Ave & E Hwy 54, Murdock
- Suspicious Person 400 Blk E D Ave, Kingman

Monday, September 11

- Traffic Stop 3
- Civil Paper Service 10
- Non-Injury Accident 10000 Blk E Hwy 42, Norwich
- Non-Injury Accident SE 110 Ave & SE 60 St, Kingman
- 911 Accidental Dial 600 Blk N Thompson St, Kingman

Tuesday, September 12

- Traffic Stop 11
- Civil Paper Service 2
- Traffic Control N Hwy 14 & E Hwy 54, Murdock
- Damage to Property SW 10 Ave & SW 30 St, Kingman
- Disabled Vehicle 15000 Blk E Hwy 54, Cheney
- Miscellaneous 17000 Blk 150 Ave, Nashville
- Trespassing 300 W Central Ave, Nashville
- 911 Accidental Dial 1000 N Elm St, Kingman
- Miscellaneous 8000 Blk SE Burns Ave, Kingman
- Disturbance 15000 Blk NW 50 St, Cheney

Wednesday, September 13

- Traffic Stop 2
- Disturbance 15000 NE 50 St, Cheney
- Animal Complaint N Sugar & W Copeland Ave, Kingman
- Damage to Property 10000 Blk SE 20 St, Murdock
- 911 Accidental Dial 11000 Block NE 10 St, Murdock
- Medical 120 N Spruce, Kingman
- Suspicious Vehicle NE 10 St & NE 120 Ave, Murdock
- Unlock Vehicle 200 Blk W Kansas Ave, Kingman
- Animal Complaint 3000 Blk E Hwy 42, Rago
- Traffic Complaint N Berry Ave & NE 20 St, Kingman

Thursday, September 14

- Civil Paper Service 1
- 911 Accidental Dial 2000 Blk NE 20 Ave, Murdock
- Traffic Complaint 700 Blk WD Ave, Kingman
- Non-Injury Accident E Hwy 42 & S 14 Hwy, Rago
- Medical 120 N Spruce, Kingman
- Animal Complaint 7000 SE 150 Ave, Norwich
- Miscellaneous 100 Blk W 4th St, Cunningham
- Traffic Complaint 400 Blk E Leiter Ave, Cunningham
- Follow Up 120 N Spruce, Kingman
- Disturbance 300 E B Ave, Kingman
- 911 Accidental Dial 400 Blk E Leiter Ave, Cunningham
- Traffic Complaint SE 60 St & SE 90 Ave, Murdock
- 911 Accidental Dial 200 Blk N Stadium St, Cunningham
- Theft 400 Blk N Lincoln St, Kingman

Friday, September 15

- Traffic Stop 2
- Traffic Complaint N Berry Ave & NE 20 St, Kingman
- Follow Up 2000 Blk SE Murdock Ave, Murdock
- Alarm 200 Blk S Parkway St, Norwich
- Traffic Complaint SW 70 St & SW 50 Ave, Spivey
- Traffic Complaint NE 50 St & NE 160 Ave, Cheney
- Disabled Vehicle 18000 Blk W Hwy 54, Cunningham
- Harassment 2000 Blk NE 120 Ave, Murdock
- Disturbance 1000 Blk N Spruce St, Kingman
- Traffic Complaint SW 10 St & SW 90 Ave, Kingman
- Non-Injury Accident SW 70 St & SW 60 Ave, Spivey

Saturday, September 16

- Traffic Stop 6
- Violation of Protection Order 200 W Kansas Ave, Kingman
- Non-Injury Accident E F Ave & N Chariton St, Kingman
- Traffic Complaint 17000 E Hwy 2, Norwich
- Check Welfare 1700 Blk E Hwy 54, Kingman
- Disabled Vehicle 2000 Blk E Hwy 54, Kingman
- Trespassing 16000 Blk SE 50 Ave, Rago
- Traffic Complaint N Coronado St & East E Ave, Kingman
- 911 Accidental Dial 17000 Blk SW 90 St, Nashville
- Traffic Complaint 1915 E Hwy 54, Kingman
- Suspicious Vehicle 13000 Blk SE 20 St, Kingman

Minutes from Kingman County Commission

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

Visitors: Bob Morris, Kingman Leader-Courier; Larry Landwehr; Jon Wollen,

City Commissioner; Merlin McFarland, City Commissioner; Julie Lyon; David Luke, KCAMP; Yana Ross, KCAMP; Danny McDorman; Chrissy Bartel, Norwich EMS Director; Leslie Schrag, Economic Development; Sandra Ring, USDA

Online Visitors: Ashley Keimig; Caller 01; Shanna Henry; Ty Turner; Shawna Olson; Caller 02; Mary Schwartz; Kay Heikes; User 01; User 02

Staff: LaDawn Stegman, Financial Officer; Sheriff Wood; Susan Hubbell, Register of Deeds; Ron Leroux, Noxious Weed Director and Steve Bachenberg, County Engineer.

Chairman Henning

asked if there were any additions to the agenda. Commissioner Thimesch would like to have an atty-client executive session.

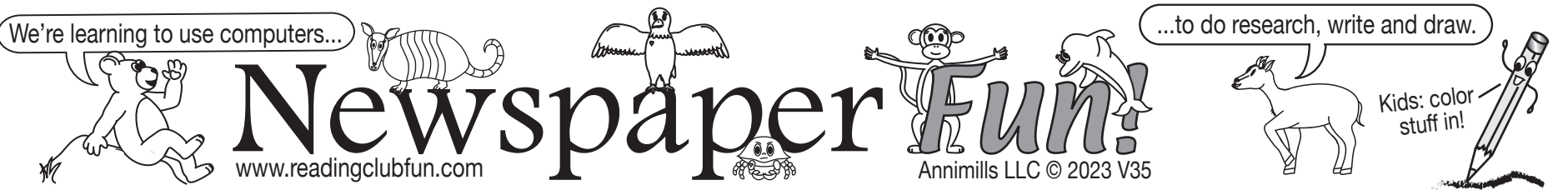
MOTION: Commissioner Elpers moved to approve the agenda. Commissioner Thimesch seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Chairman Henning asked if there was any public comment. Larry Landwehr discussed that the impression from the other night and the intention of making it work but need to put the rubber to the road. Merlin McFarland discussed the Thursday night forum and about

communication. Jon Wollen discussed his thoughts on communication and agreed that something should be able to be worked out. Commissioner Thimesch let Mr. McFarland and Mr. Wollen that the meeting needed to be had. Commissioner Henning discussed why the County Commission minutes are published in the newspaper and the City Commission minutes are not. McFarland discussed that they could have them published. Chairman Henning discussed that his Commission district includes city taxpayers and he represents them all. Commissioner Thimesch said that the

County would never make the threat to end EMS services. Mr. Landwehr discussed that Mr. Bieghler, EMS Director use to come in monthly to give a report before the Commissioners and when asked questions he couldn't answer some of them. Then he stopped coming before the Commissioners. Chairman Henning said that he had discussed this with Commissioner Hacker and they decided to just get a report quarterly received by email. Chairman Henning said they had to move on and let Mr. McFarland and Mr. Wollen that they appreciated them attending the meeting. Sheriff Brent Wood

was in to receive signatures for a lease agreement to pick up the last vehicle. Chairman Henning signed the lease agreement. Sheriff Wood discussed that they will be having vehicles and the storage boxes to be put on Amber Waves auction site. Sheriff Wood discussed the money received from the sale of the old sheriff vehicles will go to cover the new vehicles that were purchased. Commissioners agreed. Sheriff Wood discussed the tower and a few things need to be finished. Chairman Henning said they would like to (con't on page 12)



Computer Fun!

Do you know what a **computer bug** is? It's a mistake in software code that causes trouble. Programmers try to fix these computer bugs.

I may **bug** you a lot or just a bit.

Hmph! You call **that** a mouse?

I just don't get it!

It's not hard to learn about computers. Check out your library for good books about them.

Kids: color stuff in!

Read the clues to fill in the crossword puzzle:

- small computer that you can carry places
- screen that shows what the computer is doing
- computers all over the world sharing information
- a CD, _____ or Blu-ray is a plastic disk used to store the information computers use to run games, movies, music and programs
- the hard _____ or SSD holds saved information and programs
- allows you to put your computer's information on paper
- use this to type information into the computer
- you can build pages for one of these
- "_____ up" - slang for starting your computer
- a computer's "brain" is in a box that's often called a _____
- lets you move the pointer around the screen
- connects your computer to the Internet

Next, use letters from the word "computer" to fill in the blanks to spell the answers.

One is done for you.

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Compute This!

I really like my desktop computer with its large screen, but this year I need to be able to carry my computer to school and the library. So, I bought a brand new...

Use the letters below to spell out what Ellie bought:

O T L A P P

What Can You Do With a Computer?

Wow! There are so many things you can do with a computer. To create a list of fun activities, **match the first part below to the second part that makes sense.** One is done for you.

1. chat or text	A. e-mails to family living far away
2. send	B. cards, banners, posters
3. do	C. to music
4. listen	D. with friends
5. watch	E. games
6. play	F. your interests
7. research	G. your own website
8. write	H. a journal or diary
9. build	I. movies
10. print	J. homework
11. video chat	K. a picture
12. draw	L. for face-to-face conversations

My library has computers that I can sign up to use. Check out yours!

Computer Animal!

Follow the dots to see the computer "animal" that helps you move your pointer around the computer screen.

Computer Talk!

Let's talk like computers! Computers have their own language called **binary**. It is made up of just two numbers - **0** (zero) and **1** (one). This code lets computers "talk" to each other and exchange information. **Read the sentences below. Study each underlined code. Use the binary code to match it to the correct number:**

1. Mom printed <u>00110</u> business cards.	A. 2
2. Dad played <u>00010</u> games.	B. 4
3. Sis chatted with <u>00100</u> friends.	C. 8
4. Grandma sent <u>01000</u> emails to family.	D. 6
5. Grandpa visited <u>00101</u> web sites.	E. 3
6. I listened to <u>00011</u> songs.	F. 5

011011011011011
Yakety-Yakety-Yak!

Binary Code: 00000 = 0 00001 = 1 00010 = 2 00011 = 3 00100 = 4 00101 = 5 00110 = 6 00111 = 7 01000 = 8 and so on... (Answers on page 10)

Thurber's Tail.com

by Tom Purcell

How to Survive Your Sharp-toothed Puppy

The bloodshed was everywhere.

It was all over my house, my parent's house, my neighbors' houses and splattered at any location in which anyone dared to pet my 9-week-old bundle of joy, Thurber the yellow Labrador.

I was desperate to stop Thurber's reign of puppy-toothed terror, but how?

Why Are a Puppy's Teeth So Sharp?

Puppies, like humans, are born without teeth, but by the time they are 2- to 4-weeks old, they start growing "deciduous teeth" — the sharp-

est blades known to mankind.

In the wild, razor-sharp teeth are needed to help puppies consume meat and soft food.

These teeth also help puppies to develop their jaw muscles and strong biting force, which are also necessities in the wild.

About 28 of these Ginsu-teeth are formed by your puppy's sixth week. He'll have about 42 by his 12th week, when his less-treacherous permanent teeth will finally start replacing his deciduous slicers.

Which means you are at risk of random blood-lettings for a good month or so until his permanent teeth come in.

How to Protect Your Flesh?

Your puppy has no intention of harming you with his baby daggers. The reason he attempts to bite and chew your hands, reports the LabradorSite.com, is that it helps him relieve the discomfort he is experiencing during the teething process.

One thing you can do during this time is to use voice commands to begin training your puppy not to bite; always reward him with praise and a small training treat when he complies with your commands.

A second step is to provide dental chews, which can reduce dental pains and give your puppy something else to chew on other than you.

According to KalmPets.com, frozen carrots and watermelons are tasty treats that can help numb your puppy's

nerves and decrease discomfort. Frozen puppy toys that are durable and safe can have the same effect.

A frozen dishtowel, wrapped around an ice cube, can also reduce pain, but make sure the material is durable enough that your puppy can't break it apart and digest it.

Corrective Behavior May Help

Though such techniques were helpful with Thurber, they did not stop the biting completely. Desperate, I hired a dog trainer to help me get my puppy under better control.

Her point of view — one that I share — is that most techniques for teaching a dog good behavior should be positive.

However, on rare occasions a corrective action may work best.

To stop him from biting, she placed a rubber

"correction" collar on him that had little bumps on the inside of the collar. When he attempted to bite her, thinking he was playing, she gave it a little tug.

Now Thurber was a pup with a lot of energy and rapidly growing muscles. The tug was mild and did not hurt him.

But it was new to him and his response was immediate: he did not like the tug at all and he quickly determined that he better stop the biting to prevent another tug.

I'm not exaggerating here when I tell you after just a few mild tugs — within about a 5-minute period — he never used his sharp teeth to harm anyone again.

Cherish Time with Your Puppy

Looking back, I regret not taking advantage of Thurber's sharp teeth to make some money.

I could have carried

Thurber into a liquor store or bank, while shouting "Give me your money or the puppy makes you bleed!"

In any event, it will seem like an eternity, but by the time your puppy reaches three months of age, his permanent teeth will be in and the little sharp ones will have either fallen out or been harmlessly swallowed.

Be sure to enjoy every moment you can as your puppy blossoms — sharp teeth and all — into a healthy adult, because the transition happens all too fast!

Visit Tom and Thurber's dog-blog (www.ThurbersTail.com) for entertaining stories and videos that feature the budding social-media star, Thurber the Talking Lab!

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Furry Friends Can Cause Distracted Driving. Here's How to Stay Safe

(StatePoint) Summer road trip season is heating up. Whether your vacation plans include national parks, sandy beaches or major metropolises, you may be thinking of bringing the entire family along, even your four-legged companions.

While we love having them near, dogs aren't always safe passengers. A recent poll commissioned by Selective Insurance, a leading home, auto and business insurance carrier, found that in the past 12 months, dogs caused a majority of drivers to be distracted on U.S. roadways.

The study, conducted online by The Harris Poll, found that of licensed drivers who recently (over the last 12 months) drove with their dogs, 91% admitted to interacting with them while driving, including

interactions requiring the driver to take their hands off the wheel or eyes off the road, and 48% acknowledged that they are more distracted when their dog is in the vehicle than when it is not.

"We love our dogs. However, some of their behaviors in the car, such as sitting on drivers' laps, jumping between seats, or sticking their heads out the window, divert drivers' attention from operating a vehicle," said Scott Smith, vice president and director of Safety Management at Selective Insurance. "To help keep our roads safe, drivers need to minimize distractions. That means our beloved pet passengers should be restrained in the back seat, and if they need tending, drivers should first pull over to a safe place."

Some of the more hazardous behaviors that drivers engaged in while recently on the road with their dog include giving them food/treats/water (36%), taking a photo/video of their dog (27%) or holding them in place (23%) while driving. In

addition, 40% of drivers who have ever driven with their dog confessed to various reckless driving behaviors as a direct result of having their dog in the vehicle, including swerving out of the lane (11%) and hard braking (13%).

This summer, as you head out with your dog on journeys near and far, help minimize driving distractions in your vehicle with these tips from Selective Insurance:

- Have your dog ride in the back seat and consider using a partition between the front and back seats.
- Use a dog seatbelt, safety harness or anchored crate to prevent distractions and provide

your dog with some protection if there is an accident. A significant 70% of licensed drivers who recently drove with their dogs say their dogs were unrestrained in the vehicle. Yet, 82% of drivers who recently drove with their dogs agree that having an unrestrained dog in a moving vehicle can distract the driver. Not using a restraint is risky and could put you in violation of the law. Some states have animal restraint laws for vehicles to help keep drivers safe and focused. However, only 24% of licensed drivers who recently drove with their dogs say they are very familiar with such laws in their state. That's compared to 34% who

say they didn't know these laws existed.

• Plan ahead and identify rest stops along your route so you and your dog can take a break. If you need to make an unplanned stop, avoid the side of the road and instead look for a quiet parking lot. Use these occasions to give your dog food, a little exercise and most importantly in summer, plenty of water.

For additional survey findings, along with tips to

keep roadways safe and K-9 companions secure, visit Selective.com. For survey methodology, visit selective.com.

"More pets in homes, especially with the introduction of the pandemic puppy, means more Americans than ever may be hitting the roads with their pooch on road trips this summer. Drivers should understand the risks associated with taking them along for the ride," said Smith.



Kingman County Humane Society Pets Ready for Adoption

Princess

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Female Terrier, American Pit Bull 36+ pounds 6 years + \$150.00 Princess has been at the shelter since April 7, 2023. People friendly Princess walks like a dream on leash.

She's already a favorite with our volunteers. Very friendly and loves people. She smiles from ear to ear and her whole body wiggles when she wags. What a doll!

Hera

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Female Domestic Shorthair Weight: 9 pounds 1 Year + \$40.00 Hera has been at the shelter since April 14, 2023

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



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6. play	F. your interests
7. research	G. your own website
8. write	H. a journal or diary
9. build	I. movies
10. print	J. homework
11. video chat	K. a picture
12. draw	L. for face-to-face conversations

Computer Fun!

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2 M O N I T O R
3 K
4 D V D
5 P R I N T E R
6 Y
7 B
8 W E B S I T E
9 O
10 T
11 M O U S E
12 M O D E M

Computer Words

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l_n_t_e_r_n_e_t	l_a_p_t_o_p
d_v_d	m_o_u_s_e
b_o_o_t	w_e_b_s_i_t_e
m_o_d_e_m	m_o_n_i_t_o_r
p_r_i_n_t_e_r	d_r_i_v_e

Computer Talk!

1. D	2. A
3. B	4. C
5. F	6. E



Trade and Possibilities

Greg Doering, Kansas Farm Bureau
Kansas farmers and ranchers set a new record for agricultural exports in 2022 by shipping nearly \$5.5 billion worth of food and farm-grown products to other countries. About half of that total came from our neighbors. Mexico and Canada, first and third, respectively, are crucial partners not only because of proximity but also a robust free-

trade framework. Japan's desire for quality beef put it in the second spot to round out the top three. That's a big impact for a small state, but this trade wasn't a one-sided deal either. As Kansas and the U.S. in general shipped corn and wheat to Mexico, we also imported tequila, tomatoes and avocados to make taco night more fun and tasty, too. Trading with Canada and Japan is a similar give and take with beneficial results for everyone, especially those who enjoy seafood. I enjoy a good filet of fried catfish as much as anyone, but I'm willing to bet bluefin tuna is superior for mak-

ing sushi. These exchanges are a lot like life, and not every trade partner is a good or desirable one. But for farmers and ranchers, trade is vital for two reasons. First, American farms and ranches are the most efficient in the world, and they grow far more than the domestic market would ever come close to consuming. Second, overseas consumers also have different tastes than you and I do. There's not a large market for things like tongue, intestines and organ meat in the U.S., where offal is more likely to be discarded than consumed. But for other

regions, these items are often sought after as delicacies. Trade helps meet this demand, lowers the local price and increases the value of animals raised by U.S. farmers and ranchers. Food isn't the only thing that benefits from trade, it's just a personal favorite. Cross-border transactions have the potential to create wealth by leveraging comparative advantage and specialization across the globe. Different climates and soils paired with opposing seasons and tastes are just a few reasons why food trade is valuable to anyone who likes variety. Agriculture is the reason the United States has

the largest economy in the world, but it's not because we grow the most food. While farmers and ranchers occupy much of the vast area of the United States, they're just a small portion of the 330 million Americans. Less than 2 percent, in fact. And while we certainly enjoy the fruits of the labor, the other 98 percent of us are free to hone our skills and innovate to create things we couldn't have otherwise. If you break down Kansas' ag exports by commodity, then the state's second most valuable export was meat and offal. Grains like corn and wheat were fourth, followed by oil seeds

like soybeans in sixth place. First, third and fifth were aircraft and parts, industrial machinery and electric machinery, respectively. So, the next time you fly on an airplane or pick up a power tool or just check your cell phone, give thanks to farmers and ranchers. They didn't invent airplanes, power tools, cell phones or any of the other 21st century technologies we enjoy, but their work made them possible. Copyright © 2023 Kansas Farm Bureau, All rights reserved. News from Kansas Farm Bureau

Wheat Scoop: September Signals the Start of Kansas Wheat Planting

As the calendar flips over to September and more seasonal fall temperatures are in the forecast, it is time to start planting wheat. As planting kicks off, producers and researchers alike are cautiously optimistic about next year's harvest

potential. Winter wheat planting in Kansas was at four percent complete for the week ending September 10, 2023, according to the official statistics provided by the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service in its weekly crop progress report. That pace is near three percent for last year and the five-year average - a welcome return to a more normal-feeling pace for producers.

"We were behind all year last," said Brian Linin, Kansas Wheat Commissioner who farms near Goodland. "Planting season was way behind, and then everything came up. Harvest was really late, so we were starting harvest around the time we would have normally finished. So, we feel like we've been behind the eight ball here all spring and summer." Linin started planting wheat on Tuesday in northwest Kansas. His ground received just a few hundredths to a short quarter inch of rain over the past week, but he reported even where the ground is dry on top, there is moisture further down. Moisture - received or expected - impacts where and when producers will start to plant wheat, with some waiting for that September shower and others willing to "dust it in" if there's the potential for rain in the forecast.

Having that moisture available to get the wheat stand established is critical to the success of next year's harvest, according to Brian Olson, head of K-State's Western Kansas Research-Extension Centers. "Hopefully, there's enough there to get it up and get it going," Olson

said. "The last few years that has been a big problem - getting that establishing rain in the fall. And now we've got it in some areas, so farmers will hopefully capitalize on it." In addition to timing with moisture, producers also need to control volunteer wheat and weeds to prevent yield loss and disease, which will be especially important this year after failed fields and late summer rains that brought on substantial weed issues and late flushes of volunteer wheat. "That canopy was open, and then the rains came on, and now we've had some weed issues out there - and that is a challenge," Olson said. "We do have to stay on top of those weeds because they're just robbing the moisture." Olson pointed to research being conducted by K-State at Tribune, Garden City and Hays on the benefits and tradeoffs of occasional tillage, about one pass every three or four years to try and control problematic weeds. Linin noted his operation has had to make many adjustments during the last three years of drought, explaining they

mixed up their management practices to include light tillage, chemical applications, and other practices to address different concerns in different fields. He also has been growing organic wheat, meaning he must think even more creatively about addressing those concerns. In turn, however, those solutions bring management ideas back to the conventional side of his farm. "In some respects, I'd like to have our ground a little cleaner than it is - there are some of those annual weeds up out there, just real spotty, and I don't like the way that looks," Linin said. "We've got fields of all different stages, but we're ready to go." Managing wheat fields for weeds and disease benefits not only next year's yields, but also the other crops in the rotation. "Wheat is a foundation for farmers to plant their summer crops into," Olson said. "I'm a firm believer that wheat is the basis, and when we got good wheat residue out there, we have a good chance of raising the summer crop that next year." That rings true for Linin's operation in

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 - *One of MLB countries
 - Start an engine
 - Salvador Dali's muse
 - Old French coin
 - Select
 - Pass, as time
 - Antonym of is
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 - Virgo's brightest star
 - Snack, in Spain
 - Rose oil
 - *Yogi Berra - 295 PA, e.g.
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 - Shade of beige
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 - Indian monetary unit

- Sun, in Mexico
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 - Cry like a baby
 - Young newt
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- DOWN**
- It starred Alan Alda from 1972-1983
 - Digging, so to speak
 - Think
 - More like a fox
 - Madagascar's hedgehog-like animal
 - Printer cartridge color
 - *Guidry, Cey or Gardenhire
 - New Mexico's state flower
 - Samoan money
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 - Lock sites
 - Soft palate hanger
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 - Fretted instrument
 - a.k.a. People of the Middle Waters
 - Remove pegs
 - Auction portions
 - Cathedral recess
 - *____ clock
 - Close call
 - Relish (2 words)
 - NASA's orange drink
 - *"The Catch" (1954) catcher

- Rekindled
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- *Commissioner Manfred
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Kingman County Commission

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know when the tower is finished.

David Luke and Yana Ross with KCAMP were in to discuss the County property/liability insurance and the increases for the new year.

Mr. Luke went over the County Loss Ratio for 2019-2023 with the County Commissioners.

Ms. Ross discussed the services that KCAMP provides.

Leslie Schrag, Economic Development Director was in to discuss the County possibly doing an incentive program like Kingman City has in place.

Commissioners discussed that they have been using pilot money to build roads which helps businesses.

Ms. Schrag discussed the EPIC grant that is up to \$45,000.00 grant and there is a 25% match requirement.

Ms. Schrag let the Commissioners know that the USDA Facility grant would need a match from the County.

Sandra Ring with the USDA Rural Development was in to talk about funding sources available to communities. Ms. Ring discussed the Community Facility Grant and the steps that would need to be taken.

Ms. Ring went through the process that has to be done.

Commissioner Thimesch asked if the cost of an architect, environment report and other expenses could be paid with the grant or would it be out of the County's

pocket.

Ms. Ring discussed there are options for the Rural Development grant for the Expo Center.

Commissioners discussed that the steps needed would probably cost more than the grant would be.

Susan Hubbell, Register of Deeds was in with financials for her department and discussed the money that she brings in for the County.

Ron Leroux, Noxious Weed Director was in to give an update on his department.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to go into executive session with Ron Leroux, Noxious Weed Director and Brandon Ritcha for non-elected personnel matters at 10:38 a.m. to discuss an individual employee's performance pursuant to the exception under the Kansas Open Meetings Act for discussion of non-elected personnel matters of nonelected personnel in order to protect the privacy interests of the individual(s) to be discussed, and they will return to open session in the Board meeting room at 10:43 a.m. Commissioner Elpers seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Chrissy Bartel, Norwich EMS Director was in to discuss the concern with EMS for Norwich.

Commissioners told her that there is no concern for the Norwich EMS appropriation from the County and they hear she is doing a great job.

Ms. Bartel let the

Commissioners know that she will let the Norwich City Council know that the appropriation for Norwich EMS is okay.

Steve Bachenberg, County Engineer was in to discuss the FLAP project with the County Commissioners.

Mr. Bachenberg let the Commissioners know that he has the application filled out for the next grant submittal. The submittal will be for R607.

Mr. Bachenberg discussed the report from Kirkham Michael needs assessment and that the county bridges are in good shape.

airman Henning discussed that he talked with Mr. Durr from Eagle Township board about mowing.

Mr. Bachenberg let the Commissioners know that he will let Mr. Arensdorf know about the mowing.

County Clerk submitted the minutes of August 28, 2023 Commission meeting for approval.

MOTION: Commissioner Elpers moved to approve the August 28, 2023, minutes of the Commission meeting. Commissioner Thimesch seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

LaDawn Stegman, Financial Officer was in to discuss an accounting policy that refunds be reimbursed back into the fund that the purchase was made.

MOTION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to approve the accounting policy. Commissioner Elpers seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County

Commissioners.

Ms. Stegman submitted a list of unclaimed money to take off the Health Department books.

Ms. Stegman reviewed the financial statements for August with the County Commissioners.

Danny McDorman discussed that he posted on Facebook but he is not for the County or the City because both are to blame.

The Commissioners discussed the meeting and social media posts.

Commissioners asked Mr. Enyart what he thought.

Mr. Enyart discussed that the letter that was sent to the County was put out when the Commissioner letter was sent out it would have been no questions.

Mr. Enyart said that the City keeping the police department is a good thing but putting the EMS as a county run department that the cost is spread throughout all the County taxpayers evenly would be a good idea.

Commissioners discussed the last proposal received from the City of Kingman.

Commissioner Elpers discussed the Economic Development and not funding due to the posts that were made on Facebook.

Chairman Henning discussed taking over just EMS to help the taxpayers and lease the building for \$1.00 a year, Police stay under the City of Kingman, Economic Development goes to the City, then the dispatch would be charged per call.

Commissioner Thimesch

discussed Economic Development cost being held in a fund to use as business incentives to bring businesses into the County.

MOTION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to not approve the EMS and LEC contract proposals received from the City of Kingman. Commissioner Elpers seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Commissioners instructed the County

Counselor to proceed with the exit of the Economic Development Director contract between Kingman County and the City of Kingman.

MOTION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to adjourn the regular board meeting at 1:15 p.m. Commissioner Elpers seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Public Notice

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Defendants.
CaseNo. KM-2023-CV-000022
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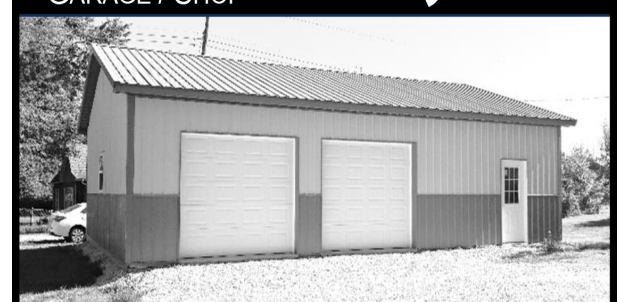
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John 'Slim' Greiving

Adelphus John (Slim) Greiving, 93, went to be with Jesus on September 16th, 2023. He was born December 20, 1929 at Nashville, Kansas. The son of John and Frances Linnebur Greiving of St. Leo Kansas.

After returning from service with the U.S. Army in the Korean Conflict, he married the Love of his life, Sally Marie Stillwell in 1953. Together they had a Daughter Debra and Son Michael and numerous Grandchildren and Great Grandchildren.

Slim was a hard worker and put all his effort into whatever was necessary to provide for his family. He tried his hand at farming for himself and others, as well as a number of other trades, until spending the bulk of his career operating heavy equipment for Gray County Kansas. After retirement he and Sally ran an antique store, Hidden Treasures, for many years and also were the Curators of the Gray County Museum at Ingalls.

Slim lived life simply. He loved to Fish and hunt and spend time in his Garden. He loved being with family and especially holidays where he could decorate and even dress up from time to time in silly costumes to bring smiles to kids. He lived life with a smile on his face and usually with a joke or a tease to share.

Survivors include his daughter and son, Debbie Milne and Michael Greiving and wife Tammy; two sisters, Aquina Stonestreet and Adela Mae Becker; Six grandchildren, Tammy Woods and husband Dusty; Amanda Benton and husband Jeff; Tommy Milne; Christopher Peterson and wife Juneva; Jason Peterson; and Bethany Greiving; and 10 great grandchildren, Levi Woods, Chantelle and Brenton Hake, Wyatt Woods, Cheyenne, Connor, Collin, and Carissa Benton, Christian, Julyanna and Alexandria Peterson. Slim is preceded in death by his wife Sally, His Parents and 11 siblings, brothers Norbert, Valerian, Orville Lee and Raineldas; sisters Alvina Mulnix, Louella Fairchild, Geraldine Voth and Beatrice Greiving; half-brothers Wilfred and Victor; and half-sister Eunice Decker.

Military Funeral Services will be held at 10:30 a.m., Monday, September 25th at the Kansas Veterans Cemetery at Fort Dodge Kansas.

Memorials in lieu of flowers are suggested for the Ford County Humane Society, in care of the funeral home. Thoughts and memories may be shared in the online guest book at www.swaimfuneralhome.com.

Lacy Ibarra

Lacy Alicia Ibarra, 39, of Pratt, KS died Saturday, September 16, 2023.

She was born on February 2, 1984, the daughter of Natividad and Susan (Hargis) Ibarra of Pratt, KS.

Lacy was a housewife and mother who loved to crochet, she also loved her sweets and sunflower seeds. Her fur babies were a big part of her life and they made her very happy. Lacy and her daughter, Cheyenne, liked to watch movies and play Mario Brothers. She was a member of the Pratt Congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses.

Surviving in addition to her parents, Natividad and Susan Ibarra are her daughter, Cheyenne (Chase) Kaup of Medicine Lodge, KS; sister, Emilé A. Garcia of Salina, KS; brothers, Steven M. (Jamie) Ibarra of Hutchinson, KS and Ruben C. Ibarra of Pratt, KS;

Lacy was preceded in death by her maternal grandparents, Tom and Viola Hargis and her paternal grandfather, Miguel Ramos Ibarra.

Visitation will be on Tuesday, September 19, 2023 from 9:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., with family present from 5-7 p.m., at Larrison Mortuary, 300 Country Club Road, Pratt, KS 67124.

Funeral services were held on Wednesday, September 20, 2023 at Larrison Mortuary, Pratt, KS with Jared Sinclair officiating. The family requested that you wear purple, Lacy's favorite color. Burial was in Greenlawn Cemetery, Pratt, KS.

Memorials may be made to Larrison Mortuary to help assist with funeral expenses.

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Betty Jane Mock

Betty Jane Mock, 74, went to be with her Lord Jesus on September 13, 2023. She had been a Pratt resident for most of her life. She lived in Emporia, and worked as a Nurse's Aide, then moved to Lawrence where she was a part of the Jesus Revolution. She married Ted Mock. She graduated from Faith Chapel Bible College and was an ordained Pastor. That Jesus changed her life was evidenced by the great amount of family and friends she influenced for the Kingdom of God. She had a wonderful laugh which was infectious. She faced many health challenges in her life, and made many friends in the health care profession. She enjoyed playing and watching softball, doing crafts, painting and watching movies.

She is preceded in death by her husband, Ted Mock; her father, Henry Gordon "Fred" Owens; mother, Ora Owens; sisters, Shirley Dean Owens and Inez D. Voss; nephews, Charles Voss and Dennis Kear, Jr.; and sister in-law, Wanda Owens.

She is survived by three brothers, Robert Owens, Jerry (Vicki) Owens and Larry (Terre) Owens; two sisters, Barbara (Dennis) Kear and Joan Owens; brother in-law, Harold (Norma) Voss; and many nieces and nephews.

We are especially grateful for Diana Hoeme for the weekly Bible study, and Betty's niece, Mary Becker, for all of the haircuts, errands, meals, driving her to Dr. appointments in Hutchinson, and so much more.

Cremation has taken place. A celebration of life will be scheduled at a later date. Inurnment will be at Greenlawn Cemetery, Pratt.

Memorials may be made to Pratt Recreation for softball equipment in care of Larrison Mortuary, 300 Country Club Road, Pratt.

John DeWeese

John Robert DeWeese, 72, passed away Thursday, September 14, 2023 at Grand Plains Skilled Nursing in Pratt. He was born on March 6, 1951 in Lawrence to Lester Lowell and Alice Ruth (McCormick) DeWeese. John married his high school sweetheart, Nancy Kay (Mall) DeWeese, on February 6, 1970 in Lawrence. They were married for 53 years.

John graduated from Lawrence High School in 1969. He worked as a Route Salesman for Rainbo/Sara Lee Bread Company for 30 plus years. He enjoyed fishing, woodworking and vegetable gardening. He loved cheering for the Kansas City Royals, Kansas City Chiefs and Kansas Jayhawks.

He is survived by his wife, Nancy; children, Stephanie (Sam) Mills of Milan, Michigan, Christopher (Sharlyn) DeWeese of Lenexa and Heather (Gene) McElroy of Liberal; sister, Sharon (Wayne) Rogers of Lawrence; brother, Ron (Chris) DeWeese of Wichita; sister in-law, Barbara DeWeese of Pittsburg, Pennsylvania; grandchildren, Meghan McElroy of Liberal, Nathan Mills, Austin Mills and Hannah Mills of Milan, Michigan and Conner McElroy of Liberal; and many nieces and nephews.

John is preceded in death by his parents and brother, Kenneth DeWeese.

Visitation will be Thursday, September 21, 2023 from 9:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m. with family receiving friends from 5-7 at Larrison Mortuary, 300 Country Club Rd, Pratt. Funeral service will be held at 10:00 a.m., Friday, September 22, 2023 at Larrison Mortuary. Burial will follow at Greenlawn Cemetery, Pratt.

Memorials may be made to PCC Basketball in care of Larrison Mortuary.



Gary Brack

Gary G Brack passed away in Hutchinson, KS, September 14, 2023. He was born October 2, 1942 to Ernest and Clara Brack in Wilson, KS. Gary leaves behind his wife of 42 years, Pam Brack.

Gary was a heavy equipment operator most of his life, working for Foy Construction, and lastly with Ricks Dozer out of Sterling.

He loved to hunt pheasant and quail, train his bird dogs and coon hunt. At one point he had as many as 27 dogs.

Gary had 6 children by previous marriage to Carole Brack, who preceded him in death, along with three children, Steve, Shelly and Terry.

Gary is survived by his wife, Pam, three children, Gene and Dana Brack of Turon, Kelly Brack of Turon, Corey and Kelsey Brack of Garden Plaines, many grandchildren and great grandchildren, and two step sons, Russ of Hays and Shaun of California.



Joan Smith

Joan C. Smith, 92, died Sept. 18, 2023 at the Mennonite Friendship Manor, South Hutchinson.

She was born July 20, 1931, near Willowdale the daughter of Fred and Elizabeth Arensdorf Miller. A resident of the Willowdale and Kingman communities most of her life, she was a retired beautician.

Joan was a member of the St. Patrick Catholic Church, Kingman.

On Aug. 3, 1953, she married Bob Smith at Willowdale; he died Jan. 12, 2001. Survivors include two daughters and their husbands Lisa and Jay Yoder and Mary Beth and Brad Koehn; brother Paul Miller; sisters Mary Miller and Jeanette Gaider; 5 grandchildren; and 2 great-grandchildren. She was also preceded in death by a son Jack Smith; brother Joseph "Sonny" Miller; and sister Adeline Green.

Parish rosary will be 10:00 a.m., Saturday, Sept. 23, 2023 at the St. Peter Catholic Church, Willowdale followed by the Mass of Christian Burial at 10:30 a.m. The family will receive friends from 9:00 a.m. until rosary time at the Church. Burial will be in the St. Peter Church Cemetery.

Memorials may be made with the Traditions Hospice or Kingman County Humane Society both in care of Livingston Funeral Home.



Dorothy Huffman

Dorothy Louise Huffman, 92, passed away Sunday, September 17, 2023 at her home. She was born on May 31, 1931 in rural Sherman Co, Kansas to Ernest Freeman and Lucy May (Butler) Hoyt. Dorothy married Herbert Eugene Huffman on May 17, 1959 at Pleasant Home Church in Edson, Kansas. He preceded her in death in 1990.

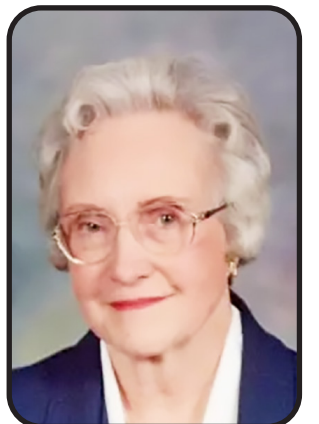
Dorothy received a Bachelor of Science in Home Economics from Kansas State University. She was a member of Iuka Methodist Church, Pratt County 4-H Foundation Board and Farm Bureau Board. She was very active in the 4-H program.

She is survived by her daughters, Dee Marie (Roger) Huffman Stewart of Valley Center, Laree (Doug) Hiser of Brandon, Mississippi and Lynnea (Troy) Johnson of Strong City; brother, Leon Hoyt of Colby; sister, Evelyn Ward of Goodland; grandchildren, Nathan Stewart of Manhattan, Savannah Stewart of Manhattan, Aaron (Brooke) Johnson of Hesston, Danica (Jake) Johansen of Solomon, Cory Johnson of Manhattan and Sierra Johnson of Strong City; and seven great-grandchildren.

Dorothy is preceded in death by her parents; husband, Herbert Huffman; and sister, Phyllis Masters.

Visitation will be Saturday from 9:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m. with family receiving friends from 5-7 at Larrison Mortuary, 300 Country Club Rd, Pratt. Funeral service will be held at 2:00 p.m., Sunday, October 1, 2023 at Iuka Methodist Church with Pastor Louis Keeling presiding. Burial will follow at Iuka Cemetery, Iuka.

Memorials may be made to Pratt County 4-H Foundation or Iuka Methodist Church in care of Larrison Mortuary.



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