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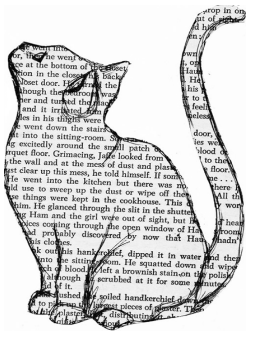
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Meanderings

Did you see what I learned this week? Shaped photos! Oh... boy, I'm going to town with this new skill! What an interesting look it can give our paper, hmm? Yep! We are coming up in this world! (I just need to remember HOW I did it!)

And you what we need? A bigger paper! There were so many basketball games this week it's difficult to get them all in. Then there are all those cool parade photos. Many more letters to Santa, which I'll have to try and squeeze in next week.

There was a photo on the district's Facebook page of the work crew removing the stone work

from the top of the High School, I'll include it in the paper next week when I have photos of the school demolition. They were removing 1917 stone and the school's name. Those will be preserved and incorporated into the new school somehow. I just didn't have room in the paper this week.

The crew will also be looking for the 'tin box' that was put in the cornerstone of the old school. I am not certain what condition anything in it will be in, but it should be interesting.

I am sorry that the old school will be gone. It was a glorious gem in the top of the crown that is Cunningham, Kansas. The end of Main Street will be rather sad-looking for a while...until we get accustomed to the new look.

The new science lab is a thing of beauty. It really is. Very impressive. I hope students appreciate it for years to come.

I am probably most

looking forward to seeing the new library/media center.

I am not sure whose idea it was to move the current library to the dark and depressing basement of the school, but it was a very ridiculous and dumb idea. The library should be the focal point of the school. Kids can't learn if they can't read. Putting the library in the midst of a school building sends the message that reading and learning and research are the most important skills one can develop.

And, yes, I missed the parade on Saturday. I still have a cough, and the way the wind was blowing, just wasn't sure it was a good idea to be out in the elements while STILL battling this whatever-it-is-crap I (and several other folks) have had.

Uncle Brian's corn: Brian and Diana Hankins have this business. They live over on Wilmot Street.

Andes Mints are really best straight from the freezer. I do love that candy.

I am feeling better. Much better. I still have a tickle in my throat that causes some coughing, but I figure come summer, it will be gone for sure.

Unfortunately, this illness I've had has put me behind in my housework and reading. Especially my housework! I am not a good housekeeper to begin with, and now I suspect if anyone came in and really looked around, they'd be calling social services to report an older crazy cat lady in need of care. I am going to take some time away from my card-making for a couple of weeks around Christmas time and catch up on some much-needed housework AND some reading.

You know I am pretty ill if I don't keep up with

my reading. I read a couple of hours every night (no matter what time I hit the sack, and frequently I read throughout the day, but there were nights I could barely make it to bed, much less spend any time reading. And during the day, I was too tired to read or even care about reading. That is ill, for sure.

Remember that the price of the newspaper goes up by \$3.00 after the first of the year. And let's hope the cost of printing doesn't go up anytime soon. I'm anticipating an increase in postage in July.... Because that is what the postal system is wont to do.

Did you see that story that the USPS lost 6.5 million dollars last year?!?! Goodness gracious! We need an overhaul of this system - probably we need a woman in charge! I do my part to support it... Between my newspaper, and my card-making and my book swapping, I spend a great deal

of money financing the postal service. How can they lose 6.5 billion? I'll never understand.

Always reading, And currently trying to decide what to read next, Roberta

'They say in every library there is a single book that can answer the question that burns like a fire in the mind.'

- Lemony Snicket, Who Could That Be at This Hour?

'As a result of a 2007 partnership with the USPS, NYC's Saks Fifth Avenue flagship store's 8,500 sq. ft. shoe department has its own zip code: 10022-SHOE.'

- Charles Klotz, 1,077 Fun Facts: To Leave You In Disbelief

I probably should have proofread this column a bit better. But it's late and I'm tired. Goodnight!

Tallgrass and Tumbleweeds by Gaille Pike

Dear Readers, The first time I recall seeing fog I was seven miles outside Arkansas City, KS attending a United Methodist High School Youth gathering. And when I asked what it was, my peers stared at me so strangely and for so long that I feared I'd put my clothes on inside out. It did not help that I'd already established

my fresh-off-the-bumpkin-cart status the day before by questioning why our retreat location was called "Camp Horizon" when it was surrounded by so many trees (more than I'd EVER seen before) that I could barely see the sky, let alone glimpse where the heavens met the earth.

Decades later, I'm less flummoxed by landscapes or weather conditions which provide different viewpoints than the Western KS vistas that molded my perceptions. But I remain fascinated by trees and enchanted

by fog, so long as I'm not driving in the thick of it for hours. Flint Hills daybreak fog is common this time of year with white filament stretching across the dips of gravel roads. But it's infrequent for it to linger or for the mushroom soupy haze over the yard and pond to last much past dawn, which was why it was so extraordinary this week when fog surprised even the meteorologists by hanging around all day.

That morning as I sipped my coffee, I'd been bewitched, as I always am, when the house

is mummy-wrapped in sheaths so thick the fog appears to be pressing on the windowpanes but it never occurred to me it would stay that way for hours. Though I would have preferred to take an otherworldly walk, I dove into work. And I kept my head down until noon because I wanted to get a few things done before a meeting I was scheduled to attend that afternoon in Emporia.

It seemed slightly less charming when I finally bothered to look outside again hours later and saw the same nothingness.

I considered cancelling but hated to do so "last minute." And driving ten miles in the fog was not the issue that gave me pause. It was driving in fog with another common seasonal hazard that concerned me...and that's DEER.

I am pleased to report that I made it to town and back without hitting one or one hitting me. Nor did I have any near-misses which (to use a sibling I won't name's indelicate phrase) required me to "change my underwear." I saw no deer at all. Of course visibility was so

low they may have been lining the ditches on both sides and I would have never known.

Everywhere I looked, I saw solid white walls that weren't solid at all. I am most comfortable when I can see the horizon yet I felt no fear. It was as if I were treading the edge of this world. I crawled along the line where sky meets ground, filled with wonder, all the way home.

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



Cozy Up for a Christmas Movie Marathon

If you are looking for a stress-free tradition to add to your holiday celebrations this year, let me offer one suggestion. Make some hot chocolate, gather your favorite people, and enjoy a Christmas movie marathon. For those inclined to take my advice, here is a list of Christmas movies to view with your family.

Beginning with

the classics, I would put White Christmas (1954) at the top of my list. This is one of our family favorites, and I must say that I never get tired of watching it. Starring Bing Crosby, Danny Kaye, Rosemary Clooney, and Vera Ellen, this film is a masterpiece from the golden age of Hollywood. With lots of music and incredible dancing, you are sure to enjoy it. If you see no other movie with your family this season, watch White Christmas.

Another must see classic is It's a Wonderful Life (1946). Considered one of the greatest films of all time, Frank Capra's timeless gem stars Jimmy Stewart and Donna Reed. In the movie, George Bailey, played by Stewart, has given up his personal dreams to serve his community.

Discouraged to the point of suicide on Christmas eve, his guardian angel Clarence intercedes. In the end, George realizes that he has a wonderful life.

Miracle on 34th Street (1947) is another Christmas classic, featuring a very young Natalie Wood who does not believe in Santa Claus. She and her mother meet an elderly gentleman named Kris Kringle and come to believe otherwise. This story has a very happy ending.

Rounding out the category of recommended vintage movies, I would add the following. Meet Me in St. Louis (1942) is a wonderful film featuring Judy Garland. Holiday Inn (1942) stars Bing Crosby and Fred Astaire and features a wonderful musical score by Irving Berlin. And the often-overlooked Christmas in Connecticut (1945) is a hilarious romantic comedy starring Barbara Stanwyck and Dennis Morgan.

One of my absolute favorites on our Christmas movie list is the 1983 comedy A Christmas Story. This movie is now considered a classic, and in 2012 was selected for preservation in the United States Film Registry by

the Library of Congress for being "culturally, historically, and aesthetically significant." In the movie, set in 1940, Peter Billingsley plays nine-year-old Ralphie, whose one desire is to receive a Red Ryder lever-action BB gun for Christmas. The writing in this movie is superb, and the story is filled with humorous vignettes, including Ralphie's father's continuing fight with the household furnace. His profanity "is still hanging in space over Lake Michigan."

A Christmas movie list would be incomplete without the family favorite Home Alone (1990). Macauley Culkin's portrayal of Kevin McCallister, the eight-year-old boy left alone by his family and forced to defend his suburban home from a pair of bungling burglars is beyond funny.

Another family favorite in our house is Elf (2003). Will Ferrell's antics as Buddy the Elf, growing up with Santa at the North Pole, and then traveling to New York City to find his human family are hysterical.

For those who prefer a little more action, I will include the following. Die Hard (1988) starring Bruce Willis has often sparked

debate about whether or not it is a Christmas movie. I would say that it is. Bruce Willis is invited to a Christmas party, and the resulting action ensures that the bad guys involved get what's coming to them. This is a very satisfying holiday film.

Another shoot-em-up movie that I will add to this list is Lethal Weapon (1987). Here Mel Gibson is paired with Danny Glover, and the action begins in a Christmas tree lot. You will definitely enjoy this movie.

If you like romantic comedies, I will include the wonderful Nora Ephron film Sleepless in Seattle. Starring Tom Hanks and Meg Ryan, this is a great Christmas movie. The story begins on Christmas eve and plays out until Valentine's Day. The movie highlights Ephron's talent for comedy and romance, and the on-screen chemistry between Hanks and Ryan makes this movie really work. Watching it makes you appreciate those you love.

More Christmas worthy romantic comedies include these movies. You've Got Mail (1998), is another Tom Hanks and Meg Ryan film to make you feel warm and cozy. While You

Were Sleeping (1995), is a funny comedy starring Sandra Bullock that is fun to watch. Serendipity (2001) is a John Cusack film often overlooked as a Christmas movie. Another romantic Christmas movie that is worth watching is Love Actually (2003). This star-studded British comedy addresses the different aspects of love and features a great soundtrack. I love movies with good music!

If you prefer pure and potent humor, I recommend National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation (1989) starring Chevy Chase, along with Planes, Trains, and Automobiles (1987), with Steve Martin and John Candy. Both of these movies are wet your pants funny, and I guarantee you will enjoy them.

One movie that I would add to our list is A Charlie Brown Christmas (1965). This is another holiday classic, and a good reminder of the true meaning of Christmas. Linus, on stage and holding his blanket, recites the Christmas story from Luke chapter 2. That says it all. Merry Christmas!

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## Community Bulletin Board

<b>Thursday, December 14</b> JH BB vs. Argonia at HOME	<b>Wednesday, December 20</b> 7:00 p.m. Book Club at Rogene's
<b>Friday, December 15</b> Open House at the Bank *** HS BB at Wichita Classical	<b>Monday, December 25</b> Merry Christmas!
<b>Saturday, December 16</b> FFA Christmas Party	<b>Monday, January 1</b> Happy New Year!
<b>Monday December 18</b> PK - 12 Christmas Program	<b>Tuesday, January 2</b> NO School - Teacher In-service Day ** Lions Club
<b>Tuesday, December 19</b> 2nd quarter ends *** School early release *** HS BB vs Macksville at HOME	<b>Thursday, January 4</b> JH BB at South Barber  <b>Friday, January 5</b> HS BB at Kinsley
	<b>Saturday, January 6</b> HS BB B-Team Tournament at HOME

### Christmas Worship Service

We have another special community church service coming up during this advent and Christmas season. This is something we have never done before and I would like to invite everyone to this service of prayer, lessons and carols. Host to this service is the Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Cunningham on December 17th at 3:00pm. The service will take about 45-60mins. This is a special time that we can gather together as a community of faith, a family of Christians to worship together with scripture and music. Please take some time this holiday season to share with us your presence at this gathering of faith. May God bless you and bring you peace.

-Eric Kerschen

### Blue Christmas Service December 20th

The Cunningham United Methodist Church will host a Blue Christmas service on Wednesday, December 20th, at 6:00 p.m. The purpose of the worship experience is to recognize that the season is not all merry and bright for everyone all the time. Perhaps there is an empty place at your table due to death, divorce, or distance. Perhaps you are needing a "silent night." Perhaps you are stressed by all the items on your to-do list. For example, the service is traditionally held on the longest night, usually December 21st. Well, that date is full on the calendar, so it will be a day early. All are welcome. Come as you are.

## Bob Sterneker Chosen to Light Dafforn Park Christmas Tree



Please help me welcome today's parade honoree and lighter of the 4th annual Dafforn Park tree, Mr. Bob Sterneker. Bob was born and raised in Cunningham, Ks and currently lives at the homeplace where he and his wife, Marge, raised their 3 sons, Rob, Marty & Rick. Throughout the years he has spent many hours farming in Kingman County, as well as serving on multiple boards, including President of

the Cunningham Saddle Club, President of the St. Leo Polka Club, over 25 years of service on the township board, 2 terms as County commissioner and has served in the Kansas National Guard during the late 50's, early 60's. As you can see, Bob was very involved not just in this city but in the county as well. Several of you may know of the "significant" role he held for many years in the Cunningham

and Kingman Christmas Parades! We have enjoyed the many entries Bob has had in our parades and you may have a memory of him cruising through in one of his antique cars or tractors. He is known for having one of the biggest pedal tractor collections around! In addition to his interest in trapping, hunting and Sunday motorcycle rides, one of his biggest loves is for baseball which started from a young age

when his father built a baseball field on their farm ground and hosted hometown games. He carried this love over to future generations and has been a big supporter of the Cunningham baseball teams and later, watching and supporting his grandchildren play. Thank you, Bob, for the many years and contributions to our county and to Cunningham community!

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1928

December 21 – Another city is about to be transferred from a town in Kingman county. Penalosa, with a population of 131 inhabitants, has decided that it has lived long enough as a village or town and now desires to become a city with a mayor and council.

1933

December 15 – Ford Motor Company’s new 1934 model automobile is on display at the Dafforn Motor Company.

The framework of the new Sacred Heart Church has been erected and work is progressing rapidly on the structure. Martin Pelzl is the contractor and most of the work is being done by men members of the Cunningham parish.

1938

December 16 – Mr. George Miles of Wichita, eldest brother of Mr. Frank Miles of Cunningham, passed away last Saturday. Forty years ago Mr. Miles lived thirteen miles east of Kingman and helped build the little Baptist Church that still stands by Highway 54.

Miss Rubie Sheldon, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Sheldon of Cunningham, and a senior at Southwestern College in Winfield, won first prize with her poem, “Desert Song,” in the 1938 Southwest Poetry Contest.

1943

December Publication is suspended for the duration of the war.

1948

December 17 – For the second time last week, the Lighthouse station at Cairo was the victim of robbers.

Thursday evening the station, owned by W. S. (Pat) Grier, was broken into and five tires and a quantity of candy stolen. Thieves entered by breaking the glass in a door, then reaching in and unbolting it.

A week ago Monday night, the station was entered and merchandise to the value of approximately \$50.00 was taken.

A passerby reported a green Plymouth with an out-of-state license tag on it standing near the station about the time of the Monday night robbery.

The high school basketball team lost both games to Isabel High School last Friday night. The first team dropped their game by a 29-27 score, and the second team lost by a 27-22 score.

1953

December 18 – The Cunningham Wildcats pulled the game out of the lost column in the last two minutes of their game with Hazelton High School last Friday night in the local gymnasium, winning by a score of 69 to 65. The Wildcats were behind 65-60 with about two minutes to play, but came up with four field goals and one free shot in the final 120 seconds while holding Hazelton scoreless.

Victor Becker scored 25 points to lead the Wildcat scoring attack. Ronnie Adelhardt made 21, Billy DeWeese made 13, and Wally Becker counted 10 points to complete the Cunningham scoring.

The Santa Claus Day Committee ordered a nice day, a large crowd, Santa Claus, and a big parade, and they got what they wanted last Saturday as the people of Cunningham and the surrounding community enjoyed one of the best Santa Claus Day celebrations. After watching one of the largest parades in the town’s history, Santa Claus and his helpers distributed about nine hundred treat to children and then the kids were treated to a free show at the Cunningham Theatre. The success of this year’s Santa Claus Day belongs to the Cunningham business men, the Community Men’s Club, the churches, the schools, and the many individuals who gave their time that the day might be an enjoyable one – which indeed it was.

1958

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December 18 – Santa Claus will make his annual visit to Cunningham, Saturday, December 20.

Last week-end’s snow caused postponement of St. Nick’s visit here until this coming on Saturday.

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

Although no special celebration was planned, Mr. and Mrs. Allbritten were honored with a family dinner at the home of their daughter, Mrs. Rufus Leiter, and family, Sunday. All their children and grandchildren were present.

They are Dr. and Mrs. Frank Allbritten Jr. and family, Nancy, Cynthia, Margie, Frank III, and Martha, of Kansas City, Dr. and Mrs. Nicholas Pronko of Wichita, and Mr. and Mrs. Leiter and family, Mary and Robert.

1963

December 19 – Christmas Greetings from the following businesses were included in the Clipper: Cunningham IGA, The First National Bank, The West Café, Baber’s Sundries, Jones Café and Confectionery, Taylor’s Barber Shop, Cairo Co-op Equity Exchange, Reno Telephone Association, Rob’s Repair Shop, DeWeese Variety and Hardware, Virginia’s Café, Creamer’s TV and Radio, Rose Garage, Ellis Derby Service, Mary’s Fantasy Salon, B&H Electric, Knotty Pine Motel, Hauser’s AG Market, McCool Radio and TV, Vern’s Mobil Service, Santa Fe Railway, Raney’s Truck Service, Dafforn Appliances, Twin Gables, Bob’s Ditching and Plumbing, Gano Grain, Hilltop House and staff, Patton’s Service Station, Kincheloe Implement Co., Kingman Savings and Loan, Cozy Café, Dan’s Standard Service, Scripsick Oil Company, Ace Cleaners, Em’s Beauty Shop, Cunningham Repair Shop.

1968

December 19 – Notice – Effective January 1, 1969, our banking business hours will be 9:00 to 12:00 and 1:00 to 3:00 on week days, and 9:00 to 12:00 on Saturdays. – The First National Bank of Cunningham, Kansas.

The Cunningham Wildcats defeated the Norwich Eagles here last Friday night, 42 to 36. The victory ended the season at 2-2 for the Wildcats.

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

1968

December 26 – Harold DeWeese won his third straight horseshoe pitching championship in the tournament held annually on Santa Claus Day. Dewey Cooley was second in the tournament; Eugene Kitson won third place, and Merle McCune was fourth.

Sixteen lucky treat holders were awarded Bibles on Cunningham’s Santa Claus Day, Saturday, Dec. 14, according to Mrs. Harry DeArmond, Bibles Chairman.

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1978

December 21 – On Sunday, December 10, the Kay Club held a ping pong tournament. Twenty-nine people participated in the event. The four semi-finalists were Rich Cain, John Royston, Dale Magnett, and Warren Meireis. Mr. Royston and Mr. Meireis won their matches to advance into the finals. Mr. Meireis then went on to become the tournament champion.

Beverly Zrubek is now taking appointments on Friday and Saturday at Diana’s Beauty Shoppe.

Wanted: 3 1/2 or 5 horsepower gasoline engine. Rob Sterneker

Hilltop Manor: Bess Hauser donated some beads and jewelry for our bingo games. Thank you very much.

We would like to thank the women of the Lutheran Church in Nashville for donating some gifts for some

of our residents.

The Kayettes have donated some mixed fruit to our residents. Thank you, girls.

Mrs. Arlene Bradley and Mr. and Mrs. Don Will left Christmas Day for Centerville, Iowa, and on to Champlin, Minn. where Mrs. Bradley will spend the remainder of the week at the Will home.

Bob and Sue Dondlinger of Wichita and Don and Martha Hellar were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Alva Hellar Tuesday evening for a pre-Christmas dinner.

Harriet Bainum has been in Kingman for the past ten days helping care for her granddaughter and her daughter, Mrs. Linda Bayer and baby.

If Sears Christmas Wishbook 20 years ago were any indication of what was under the American Christmas tre that year, you would have found an HO Model Train set, a kit for making sock toys, a paint-by-number set, an electric fry pan. a vibrating hair brush, a folding pool table, two speed blender, or a leather desk set.

Sis would have gotten an autography hound, a Cinderella watch, a record by Eddie Fisher or Perry Como and certainly a matched twin sweater set. For younger brother, there was an authentic Roy Rogers Western Style dress up suit, Little Slugger flannel P.J.’s, Mickey Mouse slipper sox and Zorro leather gloves with a matching ring.

This year’s seasonal catalog from Sears, long acclaimed to be a national barometer of the times and the stuff of dreams of millions of American children, may again be an indication of Christmas Americana. Early receipts from the catalog show strong trends in popular merchandise for this year’s holiday gift-giving.

This year, the nation’s children will be getting Star Wars toys and pajamas, nylon ski wear, bean bag chairs, and electronic games.

Sis can look forward to Shaun Cassidy jeans and matching T-shirt, a snug sack that doubles as a comforter for late night reading, a funky disco lamp or maybe a velour sweater.

Young men in the family will probably find a disco shirt and matching snug fitting slacks, and NFL shirt, wool blend CPO jacket, electronic chess or video arcade game or a new stereo.

For Dad there a floor-length velour robe with matching slippers under the tree, along with a Western motif wallet, leather-looking jacket, portable color TV, a quilt-lined flannel shirt or a jogging machine for early morning exercise.

This year’s 618 page catalog has ben circulated to more than 15 million American households.

1983

December 15, – The fifth grade class at Cunningham wrote Christmas similes about the holiday season. A simile is a figure of speech, introduced by like or as, that compares two unlike things. Mrs. Miller gave the class the beginnings of the sentences and each student created their own endings. Some member of the class would like to share their ‘Seasonal Similes’ with you.

The child is as excited about the gift as the Mother Mary was about Jesus’ birth.

The sugarplums are as sweet as the little baby Jesus. Flames on the menorah dance like leprechauns on St. Patrick’s Day. – Julie Theis

Carolers’ voices ring out like a church’s chime. The elves work is as neat as a bow on a Christmas gift.

The ornaments on the tree swing like the pendulum on a clock. -John Patton

The window lights twinkle like glistening icicles. Peace is like Christmas Day with the family. The carolers’ voices ring out like bells. -Susan Ward

Santa comes down the chimney like a bouncing red ball.

The ornaments on the tree swing like lively square dancers.

Each poinsettia looks like Rudolph’s red nose. – Kathy Rosenbaum

Jim Harbert and Ed Albers placed third and fifth, respectively at the Kingman County Voice of Democracy scholarship contest this year, sponsored by the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

The nine Cunningham High School students who participated in this contest were Ed Albers, Michele Albers, Kathy Beat, Deanna FitzSimmons, Greg Hageman, Jim Harbert, Rod Holcomb, and Treva Westerman.

Delcie Ratcliff, Dorothy Redwine, and Helen rose joined Velma Thomas of Pratt and they attended the 1983 Christmas Home Tour Sunday afternoon.

Museum Hours contact Angie Mertens at 620-532-4354 or Alan Albers at 620-298-2725 or Mike McGovney at 620-770-9503

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## Bulletproof Bible Reading – Easy Like Sunday Morning

“The Bible is worth all other books which have ever been printed.” Patrick Henry

If I could offer one piece of advice to all of humanity, it would be this. Read the Bible. Read the entire Bible. If you are a believer, then this is an obvious consideration. If you are convinced that the God of the universe is real, and we have a book, accepted now for centuries as revelation of His existence and work, then you might want to read it. Few Christians do this. If you are a non-believer (atheist or agnostic, or perhaps have a different belief system), then I would challenge you to read the Bible anyway. You might want to know more just in case this God and Jesus stuff is real.

At this time of year, with many contemplating New Year’s resolutions, I would encourage you to read through the Bible. Reading through the entire Bible might be considered a daunting task, but it doesn’t need to be. It can be easy – easy like Sunday morning.

What follows is the Bulletproof Bible

Reading method. If you apply these suggestions, you will easily read through the Bible in one year, or less, guaranteed!

Read the New Testament first. Begin reading in the New Testament. When finished with the New Testament, go on to the Old Testament. This will allow you to get off to a solid start and gain momentum. If you begin in the Old Testament, you may stall out in the harder books, like Leviticus or Numbers, and quit before Groundhog’s Day. If time allows, after finishing the Old Testament, you might consider reading the New Testament again, for a full lap through the Bible and a heavy dose of the scripture.

Read Monday through Friday. Do your regular reading Monday–Friday and use weekends to catch up or read ahead. This will give you some flexibility, without the stress of a rigid schedule.

Count your pages. Commit to reading a certain number of pages most days. Decide when you want to finish your read-through and count the total number of pages you need to read. Then do the math and determine how many pages you need to read each day to meet your goal (adjust this as needed). Most people can easily get through the entire Bible in one year reading about 4 to 6 pages a day (approx. 20 minutes), five days a week.

Make a habit of reading at a set time. It will be easier to stay disciplined if you read at a

designated time each day (e.g. – read before bed each night, or first thing when you wake up, or during your lunch break). You might also read at other times to make faster progress but keep your daily scheduled time.

Don’t stop reading. When reading, if you have questions or want to better understand something, make a note, and come back to it later. Don’t interrupt your regular reading. Think of your reading as a foundation for all other Bible learning and do in-depth study at another time.

Accountability is important. To complete your reading successfully, you will need to be held accountable. One easy way to do this is to email or text one or more of your slew foot friends on a regular basis to keep them posted on your progress. Give them permission to hold you accountable.

To make your reading more meaningful, learn something about the specific book you will be reading. For example, before beginning the book of Matthew, read a commentary introduction or study outline of Matthew. You can also watch YouTube videos that offer brief interesting Bible commentaries. Taking a few minutes to learn more about the book you will be reading will greatly enhance your experience and help you better ingest, digest, and enjoy scripture.

Use a TEXT Bible for your daily reading. Do not use a study Bible for your read-through. It will be easier to read

pages without the extra notes found in a study Bible (text Bibles have no added notes or references). These extras can be a distraction and slow your reading. Also, a text Bible is thinner and much less intimidating to read through than a thick study Bible. And do not read using a smart phone or other electronic device. Using a real Bible (one that you can feel and hold in your hands) gives you a visual and tactile advantage, allowing you to see and feel your progress. You can watch your bookmark move each day. You lose that in an electronic format. A text Bible with large print and standard two-column format will enable you to read at a faster pace, helping maintain momentum.

Here’s another tip. Do not write in your reading Bible. Clean pages without markings or underlining will foster faster reading. Use a clean Bible for your read-through and write in your study Bible.

The Bulletproof Bible Reading method is not a plan. It is a simple way to read through your Bible. With most Bible reading plans, you have a schedule that plots your course. If you miss a day or more and fall behind schedule (and you will), you then have to go back and make up your reading when you begin again. This can be very discouraging (and when discouraged, many people quit). With the BBR method, you never really fall behind because you do not have a schedule. You simply keep moving forward every day that you read, without the guilt of falling behind. Keep in mind that you will need to spend approx. 1 ½ hours a week reading your Bible in order to finish within a year.

You are essentially reading your Bible as you would a novel, from beginning to end. Enjoy the Bible as you would any other fine literary work. Easy like Sunday morning.  
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## His Father here on Earth

By Ellen Carr  
The heads would have turned and the tongues have wagged as she walked the dusty lanes. Whispered voices would have followed her; There would be disbelief at her claim.

So I, for love and honor, took her as my wife. I believed the angels’ whispered words that set my path for life.

We married, as within her grew the tiny Son Divine, in our village, Nazareth.

It was a joyous time.

A simple man, a carpenter,

I wondered more and more, that God had entrusted her to me, and the little child she bore.

We didn’t want to travel as time for the birth drew near, but we had to follow orders of the Romans we all feared.

And so was born in Bethlehem, in the stable of an inn, the Son of God, to my dear wife.

And angels welcomed him.

I knelt before this baby, so tiny at his birth,

And whispered, “Lord please help me, be his father here on earth.”



### Catholic Churches

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

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

**St. Leo**  
Sundays 10:00 a.m.

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

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



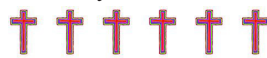
### Lutheran Churches

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

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

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

Pastor vacancy until further notice.



### Church of Christ

**Penalosa**  
Sunday 11:00 a.m.



### First Christian Church

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

Pastor Mike McGovney 620-298-3201



### United Methodist Church

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

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

## Giving Opportunities in our Community

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

**West Kingman County Education Foundation**  
Use your Dillon's Card! (to donte contact Janet DeWeese 620-298-2717)

**Hands of Hope** (contact any church)

**Cunningham Alumni Scholarship Fund**  
(send checks to the West Kingman County Education Foundation)

**Cunningham Community Center** (leave donation at the bank)

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

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

**Cunningham Public Library** (to donate, contact Kerri Steffen)

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

## Cunningham Hands of Hope, Inc.

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

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

**What:** Food

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

**Where:** 117 N Main (Old School Board Office)

**Why:** To provide food assistance to those in need.

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

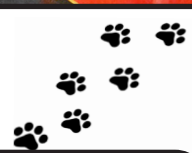
Do you need assistance outside distribution hours?

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

Wildcats Place First in Falcon Classic



Lady Wildcats Place Third in Falcon Classic



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Clockwise from upper left:  
Ellie McGuire  
Ryee Miller  
Maranda Lohrke  
Kyra Morgan  
Grace Hageman  
Emily Ogg

### Cats Advance in Falcon Classic

The Cunningham Wildcats traveled to Fairfield High School on December 5, 2023, to participate in the first-round game of the Fairfield Falcon Classic. Cunningham made their way into the winner's bracket with a 100-13 win over Chase High School.

The game was never in doubt as the Chase Kats were outmatched by the Cunningham team.

Cunningham scored 30 1<sup>st</sup> quarter points to take a 30-3 lead. Luke Albers scored 14 points to lead the Cats. Will Wegerer made seven points with Dylan Halderson adding four points. Logan Kinsler and Dagim Reed added three and two points, respectively.

Cunningham continued its command of the game in the second quarter. Dagim Reed scored 10 points. Wegerer added five points with Luke McGuire, Albers, Halderson, Kinsler, and

Kendall Rogers each scoring two points. Chase scored eight points to make the halftime score 55 to 11 in favor of the Cats.

The ball was shared in the third quarter as seven players scored for Cunningham. Wegerer had seven points and Reed and Nate Sterneker each added six points. McGuire, Halderson, and Kinsler each had two points. Cunningham led 84 to 13 entering the fourth quarter.

The fourth quarter

was played with a running clock. The JV squad played the entire fourth quarter and scored 16 unanswered points to make the final score 100-13. Kinsler scored seven points and Sterneker added four points. Layne Green added three points and Halderson put in two points.

-by Coach Stackhouse



Photos by Molly Morgan

Above: Kory Morgan

Left: Logan Kinsler

Name	2pt. made	3pt. made	FTM/FTA	TP	Reb.	Asst.	Stl.	Chg.
McGuire	2			4	1	5	5	
Halderson	5			10	5	1	1	
Wegerer	4	3	2/2	19	3	6	3	
Albers	9		2/2	20	11	6	5	
Reed	9			18	4	1	5	
Morgan					1	2	1	
Rogers	1			2	5	3	1	
Kinsler	5	1	1/2	14	4	2	6	
Sterneker	5			10	8	0	1	
Green	1		1/2	3	3	0	4	
		1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>	4 <sup>th</sup>	Final		
Cunningham		30	25	29	16	100		
Chase		3	8	2	0	13		

### Cats Move on to Championship Game

The Cunningham Wildcats advanced to the Championship game of the 2023 Fairfield Falcon Classic basketball tournament with a 74 to 42 win over league rival Pretty Prairie.

Cunningham entered

the game with chip on their shoulder from a two point loss to the Bulldogs last season. The Cats came out and set the tone for the game with some disruptive defense that forced Pretty Prairie to put up shots that they didn't necessarily want but managed to bank some in to stay within five points at the end of the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter.

Cunningham scored 17 points with Will Wegerer and Luke McGuire each scoring five points. Luke Albers made two baskets and Kendall Rogers drained a three point shot coming off the bench. The first quarter ended with a score of 17 to 12.

Cunningham turned up the heat in the second quarter and scored 25 points and holding the

Bulldogs to 11 points. Albers and Dagim Reed did the heavy lifting scoring 11 and 10 points, respectively. Wegerer and Dylan Halderson added two points each. The half ended with the Cats up 42 to 23.

Cunningham cooled off a bit in the third quarter but managed 14 points as Albers continued his

scoring pace with eight points. McGuire went three for four from the line and Nate Sterneker added a free throw as well. Reed scored a two point basket. 56 to 35 was the score after three quarters.

Cunningham lengthened their lead in the fourth quarter as the Bulldogs ran out of gas. The 30 point mercy

rule went into effect a few minutes in the quarter. Albers added ten points to his 33 point total Wegerer made a three point basket and Reed added five points to conclude the 18 point quarter. The final score was Cunningham 74, Pretty Prairie 42.

-by Coach Stackhouse

Name	2pt. made	3pt. made	FTM/FTA	TP	Reb.	Asst.	Stl.	Chg.
McGuire		1	5/6	8	4	4	0	
Halderson	1			2	1	0	1	
Wegerer	1	2	2/2	10	8	6	8	
Albers	12	2	3/5	33	8	0	4	
Reed	4	3		17	3	1	1	
Morgan					1	0	0	
Rogers		1		3			2	
Kinsler					2	1	2	
Sterneker			1/4	1	6		1	
		1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>	4 <sup>th</sup>	Final		
Cunningham		17	25	14	18	74		
Pretty Prairie		12	11	12	7	42		

Right: Dagim Reed  
Far right: Nate Sterneker

### Cunningham Wins Falcon Classic

The Cunningham Wildcats defeated the Stafford Trojans in the Championship game of the 2023 Fairfield Falcon Classic basketball tournament by a score of 57 to 34.

Both teams were a little cold from the field shooting in the first quarter but Cunningham was able to put up more shots and led 11 to 7 after one quarter. Luke Albers and Will Wegerer led the way with five and four points respectively. Dylan Halderson added two points.

The Wildcat defense kept up the swarming pressure in the second quarter and held the Trojans to just one point while tallying 15 of their own. Wegerer and

Albers again shouldered the load with five points each. Kendall Rogers hit a three-pointer after coming off the bench and Luke McGuire went two for two from the free throw line. The halftime score was Cunningham 26, Stafford 8.

Stafford's offense came alive in the third quarter as they were able to score 13 points. Cunningham didn't concede and scored 17 points of their own. Albers added seven points to his total with Wegerer and Dagim Reed adding four points each. Nate Sterneker pitched in two points for the Cats. The end of the quarter was fun to watch as the Wildcats were able to score six points in the last 15 seconds of the quarter by stealing the ball and making precision passes for easy buckets.

Cunningham extended the lead by one point in the fourth quarter with 14 points to 13 for Stafford. Wegerer, Albers, and Halderson scored six, four, and four points, respectively. The final was Cunningham 57 and Stafford 34.

Although two players are scoring the majority of the Cats' points, it has been a total team effort to achieve the championship plaque and secure an undefeated 4-0 record thus far this year. We will continue to need all team members to contribute to the teams' success whether it is in practice, rebounding, playing tough defense, distributing the ball, or not committing turnovers. This is a true team and we are developing the chemistry needed to continue to succeed.

-by Coach Stackhouse



Photos by Molly Morgan



Name	2pt. made	3pt. made	FTM/FTA	TP	Reb.	Asst.	Stl.	Chg.
McGuire			2/2	2	2	2	2	2
Halderson	3			6			1	
Wegerer	5	2	3/5	19	7	4	3	
Albers	9		3/6	21	9	1	5	
Reed	2			4	1	1	3	1
Rogers		1		3				
Sterneker	1			2	1	1	1	
		1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>	4 <sup>th</sup>	Final		
Cunningham		11	15	17	14	57		
Stafford		7	1	13	13	34		



Photos by Molly Morgan



Right: Luke McGuire  
Far right: Dylan Halderson

**Wildcats Named to Falcon Classic's All-Tournament Teams**



Molly Morgan photos

*Luke Albers, Maranda Lohrke, Luke McGuire, Ellie McGuire*



**JH Girls Defeat Norwich, Lose to Stafford and Central Christian**

The HOPL JH basketball schedule got underway on November 30, 2023 when the Cunningham JH girls traveled to Norwich to take on the Eagles. The Lady Wildcats jumped out to an 11-4 lead after the first quarter and never trailed as they would go on to a 26-18 victory to open the league schedule with a win, their first win over Norwich since the 2017 season. With a 1-0 record in league the JH girls would host Stafford on December 7, 2023. Things didn't go quite as well against Stafford as the Lady Wildcats would fall to the Trojans 20-27, turnovers and toughness would be two things that the girls

would need to work on after the loss. With a quick turn-around and another home game on Monday, December 11, 2023 against the defending HOPL tournament champions, Central Christian, the Lady Cats would need to make adjustments quickly. After a slow start offensively, the Lady Cats were able to only trail by two at halftime, 12-14. In the second half the Cougars would score the first seven points to stretch their lead to nine, but the Wildcats did show some toughness and clawed back to within four before falling 22-28. After three games in league the Wildcats record stands at 1-2, (2-4 overall.)

**Scoring vs. Norwich:** Katie Ogg 2, Morgan Oldham 4, Keyonna Huffman 14, Andi Young 2, Kourtnei Fischer 4.

**Scoring vs. Stafford:** Morgan Oldham 3, Alyssa Osner 3, Keyonna Huffman 8, Andi Young 6

**Scoring vs. Central Christian:** Katie Ogg 2, Sage Thimesch 3, Morgan Oldham 1, Keyonna Huffman 15, Andi Young 1.

In the same stretch, the B-team girls went 1-2 with losses against Norwich (7-26) and Stafford (4-10) and a win against Central Christian (30-2)

**B-team scoring vs. Norwich:** Carly McGuire 7

**B-team scoring vs. Stafford:** Katie Ogg 2, Carly McGuire 2

**B-team scoring vs. Central Christian:** Katie Ogg 6, Lux Thimesch 8, Carly McGuire 2, Sage Thimesch 4, Mackley Glenn 2, Alyssa Osner 8.

**CJH Wildcats Conquer Trojans**

Dec 7, 2023 The Junior High Wildcats hosted the Stafford Trojans for the second league game of the year. Both teams won their 1st league game a week ago. Shooting was slow again for the Cats with lots of missed opportunities to score easy buckets. The Cats clawed their way to a one-point lead going into the second quarter and finished the half with a poor shooting percentage. To add insult to injury, we got in some foul trouble and turned the ball over multiple times. A four-point lead didn't feel all that successful going into half, but these Wildcats are a resilient group. They came out with a vengeance in the 3rd quarter, outscoring the Trojans 16-0. Everything clicked. Finally. The defense got better, the shot percentage went up, and everything smoothed out. We played more like we can,

and it was fun. The Cats finished strong and were able to win the game with some momentum and a 2-0 (league) 4-0 (overall) record.

Nathan led the team in rebounds with 8 followed by Brody with 5. Brody and Liam tied in the theft department with 4 steals apiece. Adam tacked on a couple of assists.

- by Coach McGuire

Score	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Final
Cunningham	6	12	16	11	45
Stafford	5	9	0	4	18

**Wildcat Scorers**

Nathan Ndambuki	12
Brody Bock	10
Liam McGuire	8
Adam Sterneker	7
Tyler Osner	6
John Paul Kerschen	2



*Liam McGuire*



*Brody Bock*



*Nathan Ndambuki*

Molly Morgan photos



**“Sunset is a wonderful opportunity for us to appreciate all the great things the sun gives us!”**

**— Mehmet Murat ildan**

photo by Cheri Theis



## Heart of the Plains 2023 Football All League

### 1<sup>ST</sup> TEAM

#### Offense

Quarterback - Kyle Murphy, Norwich; Briggs Jewell, South Barber;

**Luke McGuire, Cunningham**

Running back - Brayden Berens, Pratt-Skyline; Bryson Rathgeber, South Barber; **Jack Ruckle, Cunningham**; Gage Bowers, Pretty Prairie

Receiver - Justus Huff, Hutchinson Central Christian; Justus Novotny, Pratt-Skyline; Jimi Oleson, Stafford; Oakley Duvall, South Barber; **Luke Albers, Cunningham**

Line - Chase Combs, Fairfield; Max Wineiger,

Norwich; Griffin Wallace, Pratt-Skyline; Stephen Kerschen, Cunningham

#### Defense

Line - Garrett Lanning, Fairfield; Max Wineinger, Norwich;

**Jack Ruckle, Cunningham**; Trent Schnittker, Cunningham

Linebacker - Justus Huff, Hutchinson Central Christian; Brayden Berens, Pratt-Skyline; Bryson Rathgeber, South Barber; **Luke Albers, Cunningham**

Secondary - Ryland Kooiman, Hutchinson Central Christian; Jayden Bengel, Norwich; Piercen Huff, Hutchinson Central Christian; Ismael Carrasco, Pratt-Skyline; Lukas Dunham, South Barber; **Luke McGuire, Cunningham**

Special teams- Conner Fowler, Fairfield; Zane

Woglemuth, Norwich Kicker - Braydan Berans, Pratt-Skyline; Xander Myers, South Barber; **Dagim Reed, Cunningham**; Brody Bernsten, Attica

Punter - Brayden Berans, Pratt-Skyline; Samuel Lowther, Stafford

Returner - Ismael Carrasco, Pratt-Skyline; Lukas Dunham, South Barber; **Luke McGuire, Cunningham**

2<sup>nd</sup> Team

#### Offense

Quarterback - Nate Reed, Hutchinson Central Christian;

Running back - Receiver - Jace Bengel, Norwich; Brayden Pauly, Norwich; Piercen Huff, Hutchinson Central Christian; Lukas Dunham, South

Barber; **Dagim Reed, Cunningham**;

Thomas Deviney, Attica Line - Keaton Miller, Hutchinson Central Christian; Payton Becker, Pratt-Skyline; Axel Ortiz, Stafford; Camron Dorsey, South Barber

#### Defense

Line - Keaton Miller, Hutchinson Central Christian; Calen Wente, Fairfield; Kruce Liddeke, Norwich; Payton Becker, Pratt-Skyline; Brody Kerschenske, Stafford; Andrew Bennett, Attica; Carter Swingle, Attica

Linebacker - Jace Bengel, Norwich; Oakley Duvall, South Barber;

**Dylan Halderson, Cunningham**

Secondary - Conner Fowler, Fairfield; Owen Flora, Pratt-Skyline; Briggs Jewell, South Barber

Special teams - Rex Zongker, Fairfield; Calen

Wente, Fairfield

#### Honorable Mention

#### Offense

Quarterback - Conner Fowler, Fairfield

Running back - Ry Kooiman, Hutchinson Central Christian; Jake Hittle, Pratt-Skyline; Cody Knoche, Stafford; Jude Barnes, Burrton

Receiver - Drayton Denning, Norwich; Ismael Carrasco, Pratt-Skyline; Xander Myers, South Barber; Carter Swingle, Attica

Line - Kruce Liddeke, Norwich; Garrett Lanning, Fairfield; Bryce Duvall, South Barber; Mathew Rogers Pretty Prairie; Brogan Stucky, Pretty Prairie; CT Fahring, Attica; Andrew Bennett, Attica

#### Defense

Line - Braxton Poe, Norwich; Isaac House, Pratt-Skyline; Griffin Wallace, Pratt-Skyline; Axel Ortiz, Stafford;

Camron Dorsey, South Barber; Bryce Duvall, South Barber; Blaine Rogers, Pretty Prairie

Linebacker - Nate Reed, Hutchinson Central Christian; Lucas Hilger, Norwich; Justus Novotny, Pratt-Skyline; Dylan Brozek, Stafford; Jude Barnes, Burrton; Noble Philips, Burrton; **Dagim Reed, Cunningham**;

Christian Chandler, Pretty Prairie; Gage Bowers, Pretty Prairie

Secondary - Mac Harnden, Attica

Special teams

Kicker - Samuel Lowther, Stafford

Punter -

Returner -

**Athlete - Will Wegerer, Cunningham**



## Add the 2023 Kansas Wheat Recipe Book to Your Stockings This Holiday Season

Looking for the perfect stocking stuffer for your favorite baker or need a new offering for the holiday spread? Don't forget to order your copy of the 2023 Kansas Wheat Commission Recipe Book. This year's recipe book features the winning entries from the 2023 National Festival of Breads (NFOB), making

it a must-have for recipe collectors and home bakers alike.

"The 2023 Kansas Wheat Commission Recipe book is filled with original and tasty recipes for both basic bakers and skilled dough shapers," said Cindy Falk, Kansas Wheat nutrition educator and co-director of the National Festival of Breads. "Developing and distributing our recipe book is an annual tradition with a long history of providing inspiring, well-tested recipes from the heart of America's breadbasket."

This recipe book's cover features Cheese Lover's Barbecue Bread Twists, developed by Gloria Piantek of West Lafayette, Indiana. The

combination of three types of cheese, sweet and smoky seasoning rub and crunchy smoked almonds — all twisted around a center of melted cheese — earned the "Best of Breads" champion for the 2023 NFOB, the nation's only amateur bread-baking competition.

The eighth NFOB, conducted virtually in June 2023, was sponsored by King Arthur Baking Company® and Kansas Wheat, carrying on a proud tradition of celebrating the creativity of home baking. Additional contributions were made by Stafford County Flour Mills Company, Kansas Soybean Commission, Kansas

Corn Commission, Texas Wheat, HyVee of Manhattan, and Manhattan Convention & Visitors Bureau.

Also included in the recipe book are other top recipes from the NFOB, including winners in the Go Nuts category — Mocha Coffee Pecan Babka, the Quick & Easy category — Nutty Pumpkin Cranberry Dinner Rolls and the Wholesome & Healthy category — Knotty 7 Grain Rolls. The book also features recipes receiving honorable mentions at the contest, including Bleu Berry Thyme English Muffin Bread, Brown Butter Baklava Sticky Buns, Everything Gouda Rolls, Go Nuts Sticky

Cinnamon Rolls, Marble Rye and Swiss Cheese Bombs, Nutty Peanut Butter Cinnamon Braids, Twisted Double Cheese and Zucchini Loaf and Two Way Pineapple Sweet Potato Bread.

"We love hearing how bakers use these recipes throughout the year — whether they become your family's new favorite or the next ribbon-winning entry at your county fair," Falk said. "You can count on these recipes to work, and the creative ingredient combinations, shapes and undeniable taste make these recipes perfect for your holiday gatherings."

Recipes for each year's book are hand-selected by teams of judges and tested by Falk at

the Syngenta Speak for Wheat Test Kitchen at the Kansas Wheat Innovation Center in Manhattan. Linda Beech, K-State Research and Extension agent, emeritus, also helped test this year's recipes and distributed books in mid-October at the annual conference for K-State Research and Extension county agents.

Snag this year's recipe book to stuff your stockings or add something new to your holiday baking. Request a free copy of the recipe book [kswheat.com/recipebook](https://kswheat.com/recipebook) or check out this year's recipes online at <https://nationalfestivalofbreads.com/recipes>.

Written by Julia Debes for Kansas Wheat

## 2023 South Central Community Foundation Grant Recipient

The Kingman County Extension Office is excited to announce that the Extension Program was awarded a grant from the South Central Community Foundation. The use of this grant will be to bring robotics and coding programming

to area youth. In the summer of 2023 Melissa Thimesch, 4-H Youth Development Agent, and Janelle Belt, STEM Programming Intern, brought robotics and coding programming to area youth at the four libraries in Kingman County and to members of the 4-H Robotics project. "These funds will allow us to purchase additional robotics and needed equipment to expand where we can get out and teach kids about robotics and coding,"

said Thimesch. "With the growing and changing world, this learning opportunity will allow youth to learn skills that will lead to career exploration and readiness," included Thimesch. The South Central Community Foundation has served Barber, Comanche, Kingman, Kiowa, Pratt, Rice and Stafford Counties since 1994.



"In the old days, it was not called the Holiday Season; the Christians called it 'Christmas' and went to church; the Jews called it 'Hanukkah' and went to synagogue; the atheists went to parties and drank. People passing each other on the street would say 'Merry Christmas!' or 'Happy Hanukkah!' or (to the atheists) 'Look out for the wall!'"

— Dave Barry tags: christmas, hanukkah, holidays.358 likesLike

## Kingman County Sheriff's Report

### Sunday, December 3

Traffic Stop	8
Suspicious Vehicle	120 N Spruce, Kingman
Sign Down	SW 70 St & S Berry Ave, Spivey
Suspicious Vehicle	400 Blk S Morningside St, Norwich
Abandoned Vehicle	N Hwy 14 & E Hwy 54, Kingman
Traffic Complaint	4000 S Hwy 14, Kingman
Theft	1600 Blk E Hwy 54, Kingman
Suspicious Activity	11000 Blk SE 50 Ave, Rago
Disabled Vehicle	NE 35 St & NE 40 Ave, Kingman
Medical	15000 Blk SE 20 Ave, Harper
Miscellaneous	120 N Spruce, Kingman
Traffic Complaint	200 N Main St, Kingman
Follow Up	120 N Spruce, Kingman

### Monday, December 4

Traffic Stop	3
Unlock Vehicle	130 N Spruce, Kingman
Disabled Vehicle	3000 W Hwy 54, Kingman
Miscellaneous	100 Blk W 4th St, Cunningham
Check Tag	1000 Blk W D Ave, Kingman
Suspicious Vehicle	400 Blk E Leiter Ave, Cunningham
Miscellaneous	120 N Spruce, Kingman
Non-Injury Accident	S Hwy 14 & SE 110 Ave, Kingman

### Tuesday, December 5

Traffic Stop	6
Civil Paper Service	6
Fire / Structure	200 Block E B Ave, Kingman

Debris In Roadway Agency Assist Injury Accident

### Wednesday, December 6

Suspicious Vehicle	NE 100 Ave & E Hwy 54, Murdock
Transport Prisoner	12000 W Hwy 54, Cunningham
Miscellaneous	N Main St & NE 20 St, Kingman

### Thursday, December 7

Check Out Gas Odor	SE 40 St & SE 60 Ave, Murdock
Animal Complaint	120 N Spruce, Kingman

### Friday, December 8

Medical	120 N Spruce, Kingman
Check Welfare	E 5th Ave & S Main St, Norwich
Fire / Grass	5000 Blk NW 10 Ave, Kingman
Traffic Complaint	6000 N Hwy 14, Pretty Prairie
Traffic Complaint	18000 W Hwy 54, Cunningham
Traffic Complaint	4000 W Hwy 54, Kingman

### Saturday, December 9

Traffic Stop	5
Medical	120 N Spruce, Kingman
Traffic Complaint	800 Blk E D Ave, Kingman
Non-Injury Accident	SE 160 St & E Hwy 2, Norwich
Disabled Vehicle	11000 E Hwy 54, Cheney
Miscellaneous	120 N Spruce, Kingman
Non-Injury Accident	1900 Blk NW 170 Ave, Cunningham
Medical	700 Blk W D Ave, Kingman
Miscellaneous	120 N Spruce, Kingman
Disabled Vehicle	SE 70 St & S Hwy 14, Kingman



Dear Santa, Please  
Bring  
the Second-  
Graders.....



Dear Santa,

Hello Santa! Who is your favorite reindeer? Santa, I got a new puppy last year on Christmas day and I was six. May I have a football for Christmas and a drone and Pokemon cards for my family. I wish you a Merry Christmas Santa.

Love, Rhett Albers



Dear Santa,

Hello there Santa. What is your favorite cookie? I moved to a new house/ Please bring me a go cart, a drone, and please bring me a RC car. I hope you have a Merry Christmas.

Love, Carson Burch



Dear Santa,

Hi Santa. What is your elf made of? Mrs. Ricke got a new KU cup. May I have a batman building, PS4, and an Xbox. I wish you a Merry Christmas Santa.

Love, Dausin Dent



Dear Santa,

Hi Santa! What is your favorite type of sprinkles? This year I got seven new kittens and I named on Haybale. Please bring me a friend's lego set, elf on the shelf, and a Snoopy movie. I hope you have a Merry Christmas.

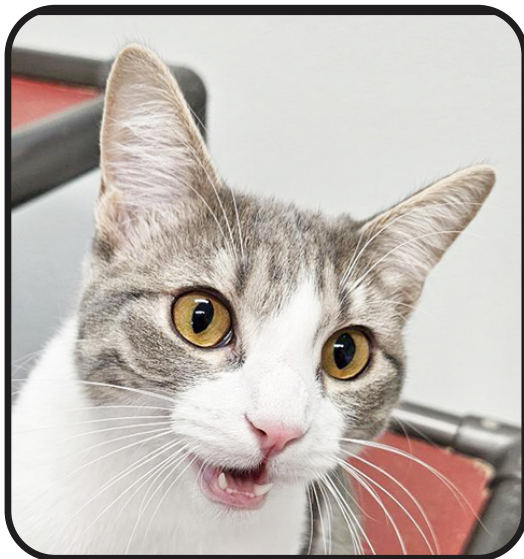
Love, Oakley Panek



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Pets Ready for Adoption

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Female Domestic Shorthair  
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Greetings Santa. How is Rudolph doing? Our cat had some kittens and I named one Jesus. I'd love to see Rudolph and the other reindeer. I wish you a Merry Christmas.

Love, Christopher Hartley



Dear Santa,

Hello there Santa. Have I been a good boy? My dog has a new bone. May I have a farm set and a drone. Merry Christmas.

Love, Konner Fischer



Dear Santa,

Greetings Santa! Is Rudolph even real? I have a new puppy named Cooper. Please bring me an elf. Have a Merry Christmas.

Love, Hadlie Tyler



Dear Santa,

Hello there Santa. How did you become Santa Claus? My dog died and her name was Molly. She was five years old. I would like to have markers and a notebook. I wish you a Merry Christmas.

Love, Sloan Thimesch



Dear Santa,

Hi Santa. How do you fly in the sky all night? For vacation we went to an indoor water park. Please bring me a cat. We wish you a Merry Christmas Santa.

Love, Jade Preisser



Dear Santa,

Hello there Santa! Is Rudolph even real? Last year my dog died. His name was Deus. May I have a dog, a foody, and aquabeads. Merry Christmas to you.

Love, Miles Becker

Dear Santa,

Hello there Santa. What color do you like? We built an igloo. I'd love to have an xbox controller and a PS5. I wish you a Merry Christmas.

Love, Nachon Ndambuki



Dear Santa,

Hi Santa. Who is your favorite reindeer? I went to Arkansas with my family. Please can I have a drone with a camera. Have a Merry Christmas!

Love, Grant Dunn



Dear Santa,

Hello there Santa. Where do your elves work? When I was seven I went to my grandma's house with my family. May I have an ornament, purple camera, and a bracelet? I hope you have a Merry Christmas Santa.

Love, Gracelyn Becker



Hi Santa. How do you have magic? I went to Florida and I got a toy helicopter. Please bring me a drone and a new RC big boat. Have a Merry Christmas.

Love,

Everett Ruckle



Dear Santa,

Hello Santa. How do you fly around the world in one night? My favorite cookie is gingersnap! May I have a drone please. I wish you a Merry Christmas.

Love, Orval Riggs

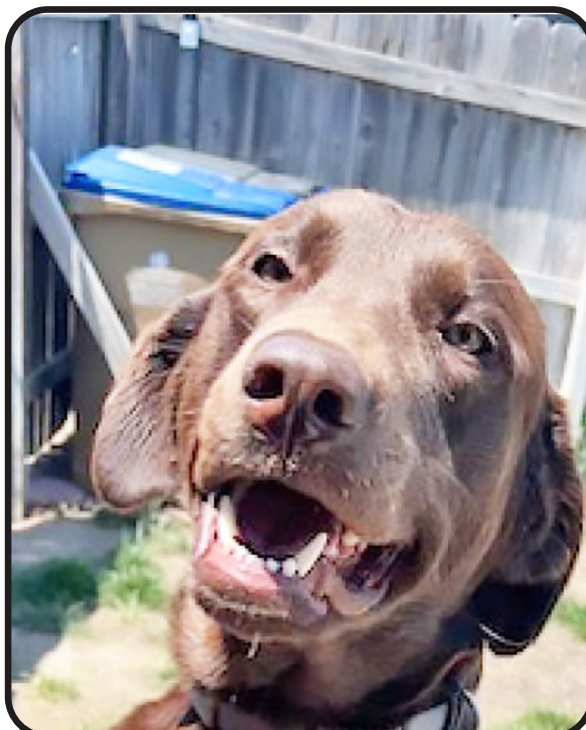


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Male Retriever, Labrador  
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\$180.00  
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### Minutes from the Kingman County Commission

Chairman Henning called the Board of County Commissioners meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. December 4, 2023, in the County Commissioners room at the Kingman County Courthouse. Present were Jerry Henning, Chairman; Pat Elpers, Commissioner; Jack Thimesch, Commissioner; Carol Noblit, County Clerk; Brandon Ritcha, County Counselor

Visitors: Bob Morris, Kingman Leader Courier; Larry Landwehr; Dale Enyart; Lanny Hower, Norwich City Council and Chrissy Bartel, Norwich EMS.

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

Staff: Jamie Smith, County Treasurer; Tonja Stamm, Courthouse Maintenance; Mary Schwartz, Health Nurse;

LaDawn Stegman, Financial Officer; Ron Leroux, Noxious Weed Director; Stan Goetz, HR/Planning/Zoning/Wastewater Director; Susan Hubbell, Register of Deeds and Charles Arensdorf, Public Works Director.

Chairman Henning asked if there were any additions to the agenda. MOTION: Commissioner 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. No comments were made.

Jamie Smith, County Treasurer was in with updates for the County Commissioners. Ms. Smith asked for overtime for her staff to be able to process tax statements. The Commissioners approved the request.

Carol Noblit, County Clerk submitted the

November 27<sup>th</sup>, 2023, Commission meeting minutes for approval. MOTION: Commissioner Elpers moved to approve the November 27<sup>th</sup>, 2023, Commission meeting minutes. Commissioner Thimesch seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Commissioners discussed the ceiling being replaced in the Commission room.

Commissioners discussed that he had a conversation with Mark Steffen about renaming of an open township road. Commissioners decided that changing names of roads is something they don't want to do.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Commissioner Elpers moved to go into executive session with Tonja Stamm, Courthouse Maintenance at 9:03 a.m. to discuss employee's performance pursuant to the exception under the Kansas Open Meetings Act and will return to open session in the Board meeting room at 9:15 a.m. Commissioner Thimesch seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Commissioners returned to regular session at 9:15 a.m. with no decision made.

Mary Schwartz, Health Nurse was in to discuss purchasing a new Motorola APX 6500 to replace the current Motorola XTL 1500. MOTION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to approve the purchase of a used Motorola APX 6500 for \$1900.00. Commissioner Elpers seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Commissioners signed abatements, additions and escaped taxes: EXECUTIVE SESSION: Commissioner Elpers moved to go into executive session with LaDawn Stegman, Financial Officer and Brandon Ritcha, County Counselor at 9:20 a.m. to discuss employee's performance pursuant to the exception under the Kansas Open Meetings Act and will return to open session in the Board meeting room at 9:35 a.m. Commissioner Thimesch seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Commissioners returned to regular session at 9:35 a.m.

Ron Leroux, Noxious Weed Director was in with chemical quotes for the County Commissioners to approve.

MOTION: Commissioner Elpers moved to approve the quotes received from Sims \$3,470.70, Nutrien \$6,915.00 and Van Diest \$13,079.44. Commissioner Thimesch seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Stan Goetz, HR/Planning/Zoning/Wastewater Director was in for his performance review.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Commissioner Elpers moved to go into executive session with Stan Goetz, HR/Planning/Zoning/Wastewater Director and Brandon Ritcha, County Counselor at 9:45a.m. to discuss employee's performance pursuant to the exception under the Kansas Open Meetings Act and will return to open session in the Board meeting room at 10:05 a.m. Commissioner Thimesch

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

Commissioners returned to regular session at 10:05 a.m. with no decision made.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Commissioner Elpers moved to go into executive session with Stan Goetz, HR/Planning/Zoning/Wastewater Director and Brandon Ritcha, County Counselor at 10:05a.m. to discuss employee's performance pursuant to the exception under the Kansas Open Meetings Act and will return to open session in the Board meeting room at 10:15 a.m. Commissioner Thimesch seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Commissioners returned to regular session at 10:15 a.m. with no decision made.

Mr. Goetz submitted the Planning/Zoning meeting minutes to the County Commissioners.

Susan Hubbell, Register of Deeds was in with monthly financials for her department.

Charles Arensdorf, Public Works Director was in with October financial reports for his department.

Mr. Arensdorf reviewed the Federal Response to the FLAP project liquidated damages.

Mr. Arensdorf submitted a letter received from the 2023 KDOT Cost Share Program for FAS 607 Hot Mix Overlay not being awarded to Kingman County.

Mr. Arensdorf discussed with the County Commissioners if a township board meeting on Kingman Wind Farm Reconstruction Project.

Commissioners suggested sending a letter to the townships affected by the Reconstruction Project.

Mr. Arensdorf reviewed information received from Tanner Yost, Kirkham Michael on the Flat Ridge 4 & 5 haul route bridges with the County Commissioners.

Chrissy Bartel, Norwich EMS Director was in to discuss why Norwich has three ambulances.

Ms. Bartel explained that they have a 10-year lease plan and how they handle calls.

The oldest truck they have is a 1995. There are two diesel trucks and one gas truck.

Commissioners discussed with Ms. Bartel about legislation being presented at the state that would allow a driver that would not be licensed as an EMT.

Commissioners discussed with Ms. Bartel that she does a great job in Norwich with one full-time, part-time and volunteers.

Ms. Bartel asked the Commissioners if they go to a County run EMS would Norwich still be separate.

The Commissioners told Ms. Bartel if they would have a county run EMS that they will not change Norwich EMS as it works great.

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



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  15. Alexandre Duma's "The Black \_\_\_\_\_"
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  17. Talking Heads' "And She \_\_\_\_\_"
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  19. \*2023 World Series winners
  21. \*Imploded submersible's destination
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  28. Winter window picture
  30. Imprisons
  35. Aphrodite's son
  37. Hindu serpent deity
  39. Toughness
  40. Angler's hope
  41. Stephen Curry, e.g.
  43. Opposed to
  44. Tastes like lemon
  46. Seven-year desire
  47. Turf alternative
  48. \*Highest-grossing 2023 movie to-date
  50. Chris Hemsworth's repeating role
  52. Auction batch
  53. Cheese on Peloponnese
  55. Kombucha, e.g.
  57. \*Retired media magnate
  61. \*King Charles III's Royal
- House**
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  66. \*Ryder Cup 2023 runner-up
  68. 1000 kilograms
  69. "Beat it!"
  70. Lake, in France
  71. Manila hemp
  72. Foot digits
  73. Freudian topic
  74. Runner
- DOWN**
1. Joust verbally
  2. Cat food flavor
  3. Word before sesame
  4. Gangly
  5. Type of shower
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  7. Nest egg, acr.
  8. Trattoria staple
  9. Sign of a saint
  10. Kin group
  11. South American monkey
  12. Design detail, for short
  15. Sacred objects on a pole
  20. Bitterly regretting
  22. Dwight D. Eisenhower
  24. Boat race
  25. Meat on a stick
  26. "Fear of Flying" author Jong
  27. Post-it user
  29. \*Site of tragic wildfires
  31. Objectivity preventer
  32. Declare invalid
  33. Like 1950s style, today
  34. \*\*"The Eras Tour" star
  36. Balkan native
  38. St. Louis attraction
  42. Hindu garment
  45. Combining two forms
  49. What kneecap and leech have in common
  51. Airbnb offering
  54. Northernmost land, to the ancients
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  57. Lion's share
  58. Beyond natural, in U.K.
  59. Steak preference
  60. Days, in Havana
  61. \*Showtime's "\_\_\_\_\_": The Aftermath"
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## Minutes from the Pratt County Commission

The Pratt County commissioners met in regular session Monday, December 4, 2023, at 2:00 p.m. in the commissioner room, 1st floor of the courthouse. The following members were present: Thomas W. Jones III, Rick Shriver, Dwight Adams, Tyson Eisenhauer, county counselor, Lori Voss, county clerk and Mark Graber, IT director.

Heather Morgan, economic development/covid consultant, reminded the commissioners

Representative Kyle Hoffman will be at the college next Monday at 10:30 a.m. She would like them to attend. The governor released recommendations from wildfire task force. She discussed policy bills with additional funding dealing with wildfires. Economic Development will meet December 13th to review two incentive applications and discuss a potential third retail wanting to locate to Pratt. She stated she had been working with the sheriff's department on a SAM's number, she recommended they use the counties SAM's number.

Commissioner Adams made a motion to ap-

prove the minutes from November 27, 2023. Commissioner Shriver seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Clerk Voss presented a pay slip for Amy Jones, treasurer, for a new hire. Commissioner Adams made a motion to approve the hiring of Tammy Pruettt for the treasurer office at \$15.00 per hour. Chairman Jones seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Craig Bates questioned the commissioners if they would consider putting a kayak launcher at the Pratt County Lake. The commissioners said they would visit with Doug about the possibility of purchasing one.

Chairman Jones opened the bids for the 2023 transport van for EMS. The bids were from Danko, Snyder, NE in the amount of \$117,566.00 for a 2024 Ford rear wheel drive and Osage Emergency Services Supply in the amount of \$144,550.00 for a 2024 Ford all wheel drive, includes \$6000 graphic. Chairman Jones made a motion to purchase the 2024 Ford from Osage Emergency Services Supply in the amount of \$144,550 to be paid out of ARPA funds. Commissioner Shriver seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Jon Roach, noxious weed, he reported he had

visited with Fairbanks, the truck should be ready in the near future. He stated the hot water tank at his office needs to be replaced. They told him to go ahead and get a new one.

Tara Pagenkopf, RSVP, presented an updated form for approval on change of address and email for the Council on Aging. Commissioner Shriver made a motion to recess into executive session for twenty minutes at 2:34 p.m. to discuss attorney/client matter concerning policies. Commissioner Adams seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Adams made a motion to return

from executive session at 2:54 p.m. with no action taken. Commissioner Shriver seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Shriver stated the sheriff's office is wanting to purchase a drone with ARPA funds. The sheriff's office will be in next week.

Commissioner Adams made a motion to approve the payment vouchers for December 4, 2023. Chairman Jones seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Adams made a motion to adjourn at 3:01 p.m. Commissioner Shriver seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

## Driving Into Winter

Greg Doering, Kansas Farm Bureau

The first significant snow arrived well before winter this year. Thankfully, it fell over Thanksgiving weekend, which meant I could savor the landscape's transition to white from the comfort of my living room. This was fortunate because I hadn't yet taken the proper precautions for cold, snowy weather.

My two-wheel drive truck didn't have any added weight in the back. There also was no extra coat, extra boots with wool socks and a pair of winter gloves stashed in the cab along with an emergency blanket that looks like a big piece of aluminum foil. I've added all of those and also topped up the tires with air. If I do end up in a ditch, I'd much rather

be warm and dry while waiting for help.

Despite all this preparation, I'd still rather not risk finding a ditch or worse during winter weather. The best course is to stay home. When that's not possible, however, it's best to be prepared with some extra clothes and a few essentials that should be in a vehicle regardless of the season. Items like a working flashlight, extra batteries, matches, candles and, if you regularly travel to areas with limited cell reception, some food.

Cold, wet weather makes the difference between a bad day and a catastrophic one razor thin. If you do run into trouble, help will take longer to arrive and your survival will depend on what you have in your vehicle. Topping off your gas tank before a trip can ensure a few extra

hours of heat if you get stranded.

Usually, your vehicle will offer the most protection from the elements and will be easier to spot in the elements than an individual. If it's safe, the best thing to do is stay inside the cab and keep warm. Being on the side of a slippery road with reduced visibility is a recipe for getting hit by oncoming traffic. And, in blizzard conditions, it's exceedingly easy to get lost just a few feet from your vehicle.

Common sense when driving also goes a long way. Check the weather on the route to your destination before leaving. You can even check road conditions at places like [www.kandrive.org](http://www.kandrive.org). Give yourself more time to account for driving slower and stopping more often if necessary. Do without the cruise control if it's snowing or icing out and

remember four-wheel drive doesn't do anything to increase your ability to stop on slick surfaces.

If conditions allow you to be outside the vehicle, proceed with caution. If you're attempting to dig out of a snowbank or performing other physical tasks, take plenty of breaks and stay warm. Slow and steady will help keep one accident from becoming another.

It's far better to arrive at your destination a little late rather than never arrive at all. Take the extra time to prepare as we drive into winter so we can all enjoy the longer, warmer days that lie ahead.

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## Public Notice

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IN THE THIRTIETH JUDICIAL DISTRICT DISTRICT COURT OF KINGMAN COUNTY, KANSAS  
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF:

DONALD G. AUMILLER,

Deceased.  
Case No. 2020 PR 42  
(Petition Pursuant to K.S.A. Chapter 59)

NOTICE OF HEARING

THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:

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

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

You are required to file your written defenses thereto on or before December 28, 2023, at 10:00 o'clock a.m. in the District Court, Kingman, Kingman County, Kansas, at which time and place the cause will be heard. Should you fail therein, judgment and decree will be entered in due course upon the Petition.

Sheryl K. Cheely, Petitioner  
Matthew W. Ricke, #20995  
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### Carolyn Keller

Sawyer - Carolyn Mae Keller, 91, passed away on December 8, 2023 at Pratt Regional Medical Center. She was born January 27, 1932 near Sawyer to Lucky and Delpha Pauline (Vanderwork) Kumberg. Carolyn married Jimmy Lee Keller April 7, 1951. He preceded her in death on August 2, 1994.



She was a farmer/rancher, a licensed cosmetologist, co-owned and operated Pleasant Valley Sporting Clays, was a member of the Elm Mills EHU, and she wrote and produced a cookbook.

She is survived by a son, David Keller of Medicine Lodge, KS; daughter, Nancy Rice of Maize, KS; sister, Layne Fisher of Sawyer, KS; four grandchildren, Corey (Brianna) Rice, Jenna (Anthony) Hendershot, Lucky Keller, Julie (Joe) Shartz; ten great-grandchildren, Callie Jo, Noah, Australia, Saber, Hudson, Cooper, Caiden, Taisen, Brextyn, and Kinsleigh.

Carolyn is preceded in death by her father, Lucky Kumberg; mother, Delpha Pauline Kumberg; husband, Jimmy Lee Keller; brother, Merlin Joe Kumberg.

There will be a private family service at a later date at Highland Cemetery, Medicine Lodge.

Memorials may be made to American Legion #98 in care of Larrison Mortuary. Online condolences may be made at [www.larrisonmortuary.com](http://www.larrisonmortuary.com).

### Susan Quint

Susan M. Quint, 72, of Pratt, KS, died Saturday, December 9, 2023 at Pratt Regional Medical Center.



She was born on July 25, 1951 in Ellsworth KS, the daughter of Martin John Quint and Betty Lou (Eagleton) Quint.

Susan was a 1970 graduate of Pratt High School. She was an upholstery worker for the Cessna Corporation in Wichita, KS from 1974 to 2019.

Surviving are three brothers, Mike (Karen) Quint, Tim (Kris) Quint, and Danny (Cindy) Quint, all of Pratt, KS; one sister, Barbara (Martin) Ibarra of Pratt, KS; Several nieces, nephews and great nieces and nephews.

Susan was preceded in death by her parents. Friends may sign the register book on Friday, December 15, 2023 from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at Larrison Mortuary, Pratt, KS.

Cremation has taken place. A graveside memorial service will be held at 1:00 p.m. on Saturday, December 16, 2023 at Greenlawn Cemetery, Pratt, KS with Pastor Mike McGovney officiating.

Memorials may be made to the Pratt Area Humane Society in care of Larrison Mortuary, 300 Country Club Road, Pratt 67124.. Online condolences may be made at [www.larrisonmortuary.com](http://www.larrisonmortuary.com).

### Ken Hamilton

Kenneth Ray Hamilton, 79, was born on July 31, 1944 in Pratt Kansas. He entered into eternal peace on December 4, 2023 in Wichita, Kansas.



Known for his fun and friendly personality, he always had a story or joke to share. He never met a stranger and made sure to talk to everyone he encountered. He served proudly in the United States Air Force, and after an Honorable Discharge he farmed the family land and owned an advertising agency. After he retired, he drove cars for a local dealership and Enterprise. Kenneth loved his family beyond measure.

He is preceded in death by his parents, Glenn and Dorothy Hamilton.

He is survived by his brother, Donald Hamilton, his love Connie Hamilton, and his sons Aaron Hamilton (Ronda), Anthony "Tony" Hamilton (Lindsay) and daughters Amy Hamilton, Anna Elliott (Jeremy). Additionally he is survived by his grandchildren Lauren Hamilton, Samuel "Sam" Hamilton, Elijah Hamilton (Courtney), Mikell Hamilton Thompson, Amiyah Hamilton Thompson, Jackson Trigg, Adrian Drees, Abraham Drees, Armstrong Drees, Atticus Drees, Lucy Hamilton and his great granddaughter, Remi Hamilton.

Ken requested that no large funeral service would be held; rather he wished for everyone to do something kind for others and to cherish the time we have together with our friends and loved ones.

There will be a graveside burial at St. Leo Cemetery in January 2024.

### Beatrice Ricke

Beatrice G. Ricke, 103, died Dec. 9, 2023 at Wheatlands Healthcare Center.



She was born March 24, 1920 the daughter of Lewis and Matilda Burns Dick. A resident of the Willowdale community, she was a farmwife and homemaker.

Beatrice was a member of the St. Peter Catholic Church, the Daughters of Isabella and Altar Society, all of Willowdale.

On Nov. 18, 1941, she married Seraphine J. Ricke at Zenda; he died June 21, 1992. Survivors include sons and their wives Fred and Pat, Melvin and Nina, Jerome and Susan, Clarence and Geneva, Glenn and Kay, Norman and Twyla, Kevin and Delores and Gayle; daughter Geralyn Prichard; brothers Ralph and Walter Dick; and sister Virginia Parker; and daughter-in-law Colleen Ricke; numerous grandchildren, great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren. She was also preceded in death by a son Leon; brothers Norbert, Harold, Delbert, Leo and Wayne; sisters Marcella, Rosellyn and Grace; and granddaughter Lisa Ricke.

Parish rosary will be 10:00 a.m., Thursday, Dec. 14, 2023 at the St. Peter Catholic Church followed by Mass of Christian Burial at 10:30 a.m. Friends may call from 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., Wednesday at the Livingston Funeral Home. Burial will be in the St. Peter Church Cemetery.

Memorials may be made with Rivercross Hospice and St. Peter Catholic Church both in care of Livingston Funeral Home.

### Mike Henning

Michael L. "Mike" Henning, 61, died Dec. 7, 2023 at his home.



He was born Nov. 27, 1962, at Kingman the son of Herman and Nancy Cheatum Henning. A resident of the Kingman community most of his life he was the retired and former owner of Henning Custom Swathing.

On Sept. 18, 1982, he married Carolyn E. Campbell; she died May 23, 2011. Survivors include son Alex Henning; daughter Roxy Schonlau and her husband Alex; mother Nancy Henning; brothers Bob Henning and Seth Henning; sisters Deb Renner, Pat Meyers, Teri Henning and Deanna Renner; and four grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his father Herman; and a brother John.

Funeral services was Wednesday, Dec. 13, 2023 at the Livingston Funeral Home. Family committal services will be held at the Hunt Cemetery at a later date.



*Thank you to each of you that in thought, word, deed, or prayer have been such an immense blessing to us this past year. We are so grateful to have you in our lives.*

*God bless you all!*

*Sean and Donna Crowley*

### A Note of Thanks



*Thank you to those who took the time to attend my birthday party, thanks to all for the the birthday wishes, cards, texts and Facebook posts.*

*A special thank you to my family for the birthday celebration.*

*Kevin Halderson*

### OOPS! I Need to Set the Record Straight!



*Alesha Arensdorf's puppy dog was mis-named in last week's paper. Her name is actually Daisy not Dixie. (She's a cutie.)*

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