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Approved Minutes from the February BOE Meeting

The West Kingman County Board of Education meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, February 8, 2023, by President Brent Miller.

President, Brent Miller; Vice-President, Bjorn Halderson, Members, Scott DeWeese, Brent Hansen, Travis Thimesch, Vicki Oldham, and Megan Green; Superintendent, Robert Reed; Principal, Cody Dunlap; Clerk, Stacy Webster and Guests, Andrew Kostner, Cindy Houtwed, Amanda Prim, Sebastian Huelskamp, Karla Westerman, Kayla Fiegel, Debbie Sulenes, Ariel Haskin, Ashley Nix, Ingrid Ricke, Kelsey Beat, Bailey Osborn, Emily Meireis, Nicole Kerschen, and Roberta Kobbe.

Motion made by Scott DeWeese, seconded by Travis Thimesch, to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried 7-0.

President Miller welcomed the guests to the meeting.

Motion made by Brent Hansen, seconded by Vicki Oldham, to approve the minutes of the January 11, 2023 regular meeting. Motion carried 7-0.

Motion made by Scott DeWeese, seconded by Megan Green, to approve the payment of bills in the amount of \$322,584.66 and the financial reports as presented. Motion carried 7-0.

President Miller turned the meeting over to guest Andrew Kostner. Andrew presented a request to the board that they consider allowing Junior High Cross Country, giving his reasons why it would benefit the students.

Next President Miller turned the meeting over to guests Amanda Prim & Kayla Fiegel who represented attending teachers in a request to change the 23-24 calendar. They asked to be given input in future calendar decisions.

Motion made by Scott DeWeese, seconded by Bjorn Halderson, to amend the district calendar for 23-24 with the teacher recommended changes. Motion carried 7-0.

Guest Andrew Kostner left the meeting at 7:39 p.m.

Superintendent Reed discussed with the board current legislation being considered and the recent Accountability reports for the district.

Guests Kelsey Beat, Nicole Kerschen, Ingrid Ricke, Ashley Nix, Amanda Prim and Ariel Haskin left the meeting at 7:42 p.m. during the Superintendent report.

Principal Dunlap discussed the chronic absenteeism reports, CTE pathway advisory information, and recognized the students of the month. He also shared that teachers are looking at Social Studies curriculum samples and upcoming events including parent meetings, act testing, and sports

schedules. Lastly he mentioned that Pretty Prairie has reached out to re-open Softball/Baseball Co-op discussions.

Guests Ingrid Ricke, Ashley Nix, and Ariel Haskin returned to the meeting at 7:52 p.m. during the Principal's report.

Member Scott DeWeese reported that Audit process continues and the Co-op is working to align their professional development days with the school districts served.

Superintendent Reed shared that plans are under way for McCown Gordon to mobilize in March. Also the gym will not be accessible to anyone during spring break for Asbestos removal in preparation for the remodel. With the beginning of the project, track shot put and discus pits are being moved.

Guest Ashley Nix left the meeting at 8:20 p.m.

Motion made by Vicki Oldham, seconded by Travis Thimesch, to go into executive session with Superintendent Reed and Principal Dunlap at 8:30 p.m. to discuss contract negotiations under the exception for employer-employee negotiations under KOMA and return to open session in the board room at 8:45 p.m.. Motion carried 7-0.

Guests Cindy Houtwed, Sebastian Huelskamp, Kayla Fiegel, Debbie Sulenes, Ariel Haskin, Ingrid Ricke, Bailey Osborn, and Emily Meireis left

the meeting at 8:30 p.m. during the executive session.

President Miller declared the meeting in open session at 8:45 p.m.

Motion made by Scott DeWeese, seconded by Travis Thimesch, to go into executive session with Superintendent Reed and Principal Dunlap at 8:45p.m. to discuss personnel matters under the KOMA non-elected personnel Motion carried 7-0.

President Miller declared the meeting in open session at 9:10 p.m.

The School Board Retreat was discussed.

Motion made by Brent Hansen, seconded by Vicki Oldham, to move the April regular meeting to Wednesday April 12th at 4:30 p.m. and set the Board of Education Retreat for the same evening at 7 p.m. in the Board of Education Office. Motion carried 7-0.

Motion made by Travis Thimesch, seconded by Bjorn Halderson, to adjourn the meeting at 9:18 p.m. Motion carried 7-0.

President Miller declared the meeting a "Jump Ball"

The next regular meeting of the West Kingman County Unified School District No. 332 Board of Education will be at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday March 1, 2023, in the Board of Education Office at 104 W 4th, Cunningham, Kansas.

Zenda Citizens Gather with Concerns

About 50 folks from Zenda and the surrounding area turned out for the meeting held at the Zenda Community Center on Saturday morning.

The folks listened politely while Jim Turner, a Derby resident, gave them a short bio of himself and then talked about his thoughts and ideas for the old school in the community. His nephew, Tab Turner, of Norwich, recently purchased the building and Mr. Turner was there to tell the community he wants to renovate the old school building (about 26,000 square feet) "from a learning center to a living and learning center." He envisions it as a Christian-based, non-profit boys' home

He said it would be licensed by the state, and it would not be a barracks-type facility, but one in which each individual youth (ages 12 to 18) would have their own room, and rooms would be set aside for the resident overseers. Most likely a married couple. There would be other adults involved as well: cook, maintenance, case worker, etc. The young people would be supervised 24/7.

It would start out housing 4 or 5 young people, but could grow to 30.

He was asking for the community's "involvement, input and financial as-

sistance"; their "approval and support". He asked them to come and voluntarily help with the renovation, maybe hanging drywall or scraping paint. Financial assistance could be donating boxes of nails or the drywall or gift cards to Lowe's, Home Depot, etc.

He figured the renovation would cost about \$1000 per room.

When the first question was asked, the crowd was done listening and were ready to voice their opinions.

A handful came with open minds, but those were quickly changed.

Citizens were concerned about the lack of nearby emergency services. They don't feel their community would be as safe. They live in Zenda because it is a quiet retirement community, and they don't see the need for a boys' home there. An assisted living center, yes, but not a home for troubled youth.

Edwina Whitmer told him he 'was shady' because he'd already tried to hire the cook at the senior center. What would that accomplish? The senior center would lose their cook so he could have one? He said he didn't try to hire the cook. She asked the cook and Jennifer verified that he did indeed ask if she'd come and work for the home.

Others questioned what the youth would do all day when they weren't in school or during school breaks. Jim

Turner suggested they go and work on the farms or at the restaurant. Karla Westerman pointed out the liability that comes with hiring kids to work on farms. There are laws governing the hiring of youth to work in the agriculture business.

Others pointed out that if those boys were hired, then local youth would not be hired. Why would they want to take jobs from their own kids for kids they don't know?

One citizen just asked, "What can we do to stop this?"

Julie Goetz Lyon, an economic development coordinator, said they really couldn't do anything as it would be discrimination, and The lack of zoning and regulations in the town did not provide an out either. She did offer to buy the building.

Turner was asked about his funding sources. He was pretty vague on that.

He had a house in Wichita he was fixing up to sell and the proceeds would go toward the renovation of the school. He knew there was government assistance available. He would raise money privately.

Dave Dyer pointed out that it would take over 4 million dollars to renovate the entire building, and he said Turner "sounded like a car salesman trying to sell them a Cadillac but we end up with a Pinto."

The citizens made it plain they were not interested in having a youth home in their town, Mr. Turner seemed determined it was his calling and he wanted to see it happen.

The meeting was over about 12:40. Several folks stayed around and discussed the issues brought up. Mr. Turner did not stay to answer further questions from individuals.



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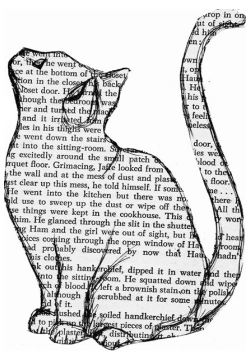
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Meanderings

It was determined today that this little end table I keep by my desk for kitties to lay on so they don't have to lay on my desk in front of my computer or in the drawer or on the scanner or.... Is not big enough for three 15-to-18 pound kitties and one 45 pound dog. Nope. One fat kitty too many.

Ned was last on the table, and he just draped himself over his dog. Quin didn't seem to mind as he was resting against Lucky Day. Ol' Peter was just hunkered down in the corner of the table trying

to ignore the other three beasts.

Later we learned that if there are only two fat cats and one skinny-as-a-rail cat and one dog on the table, they fit tight, but not heaped on top of each other.

I've been learning about Everett Ruess. You could say he was a meanderer. He is the basis of the book I am currently reading, and I did a bit of research on him through Wikipedia.

Everett Ruess was born in 1914 to an Unitarian minister and his wife. His father traveled across the United States, living in towns from Massachusetts to California. Ruess began creating artwork at a very early age - sculpting, sketching, woodcarving, etc. When he was 12 he was writing essays and poetry. He kept a journal of his everyday meander-

ings and life.

He never wrote a book, but his diaries and journals were extensive as were the hundreds of letters he wrote to his family and friends.

He loved animals and frequently traveled with his dog, Curly.

He attended Los Angeles High School (also attended schools in Chicago and Indiana) and served as an officers in a literary club and a civic club.

In 1931, at the age of 17, he began exploring the desert areas of the west and southwest on horse and donkey. He traveled throughout Arizona, New Mexico, Colorado, and Utah. He rode broncos, branded calves, and explored cliff dwellings. Everett Ruess explored Sequoia and Yosemite National Parks, as well as the High Sierra in the summers of 1930 and 1933. In 1934, he

worked with University of California archaeologists near Kayenta, took part in a Hopi religious ceremony, and learned to speak Navajo.

Ruess was known for making linoleum prints of landscapes and nature, mostly from the Monterey Bay coast, Tomales Bay (California), the Sierra Nevadas, and Arizona deserts. Ansel Adams and Dorothea Lange were among his mentors.

His artwork included woodcuts, oils, watercolors, and clay.

In November of 1934, he took his two donkeys and left Escalante, Utah to explore the Utah desert and was never seen again. No one knows what happened to him. Where he disappeared or exactly when he ceased to exist.

His parents contacted the post office in Escalante in February of 1935, and a search was

made for the young man. His donkeys were found in a corral he had made in a canyon on the Escalante River. And inscription was also found: "NEMO 1934". Searches were ended when no sign of him was found. An aerial search of the area was performed in May and June of 1935, but still he was not found.

Even though he never actually wrote a book, two books were published posthumously from his diaries and journals. They are illustrated with the woodcuts he made in his very short lifetime.

Everett's last letter to his brother, Waldo, said:

"... as to when I revisit civilization, it will not be soon. I have not tired of the wilderness... It is enough that I am surrounded with beauty... This had been a full, rich year. I have left no strange or delightful

thing undone I wanted to do."

As I'm reading this book, I have to think "What could this young man have accomplished had he lived more than his 20 short years?"

He was declared dead in 1964.

You can learn more at everettruess.net



Always reading, and currently reading, "Sandstone Sunsets: In Search of Everett Ruess", Roberta

Tallgrass and Tumbleweeds by Gaille Pike

Dear Readers, Finding the PERFECT calendar is my "white whale." Unlike Captain Ahab who pursues his obsession relentlessly, I only chase mine in my nonexistent free time. I like to think it IS out there. But most my hours are spent keeping all my schedules moving forward the only I way I can, which is using a variety of paper and electronic

calendars. So when it's time to turn the page when one month ends and another begins, I am filled with equal measures of confidence and dread. My confidence is fueled by relief that I've sailed through another month. And my dread is powered by what might sink my ship, the screwups I may find when I REALLY look at my schedules for the new month. And

when March arrives, I feel both emotions with greater intensity.

Even if you only use one calendar, the second and third months are TRICKSTER TWINS with identical dates and dates for the first four weeks. It is not a question of diligence or a matter of being distracted. When it comes to scheduling in February or March, it's simply too easy to be viewing the WRONG month. Wrong month mix-ups can wreak havoc so I do TRY to spot those rough seas before March arrives. But sometimes my blunders only surface when I "turn the

page." Often when I sort it all out, whomever I'm rescheduling with confesses they were looking at the wrong month too. That tends to make me feel better, gives us common ground and helps get things back on track.

It's tempting to think that maybe scheduling was easier when March led off the year, way back in the Middle Ages before January and February were added to our calendar. It's true that back then there was twin days and dates for feudal lords to mix up. As for the serfs and peasants, from what I've read about the Dark Ages, they were plagued

with far greater worries than scheduling screw ups. I suppose it might have been nice to kick the year off in Spring. But I ask myself, what was Winter like when it was one long December AND a December without Christmas? I'm glad we use twelve months instead of ten.

Our calendar might puzzle Middle Agers but it's likely they'd recognize our February and March weather folklore because ways to predict the weather have been passed down for centuries. It may not amount to a hill of beans whether the ground hog sees

his shadow or if March comes in like a lion or a lamb. I don't know if these customs helps any of us keep our lives on an even keel. But it does feel like we're all in the same boat hoping that these traditions will tell us what the weather's gonna do. But like any folklore, we know it's got at best a fifty-fifty chance of being right. Wish me luck. That's the same odds I'm up against when I change over all my calendars.

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



Heavenly Views on the Farm

Kim Baldwin, McPherson County farmer and rancher

As spring slowly approaches, my two children and I have spent a considerable amount of time in vehicles as of late getting to or from practices well into the evenings.

While in town, light poles illuminate our Main Street, a flashing red light brightens the main intersection, light streams from the windows of local businesses, and porch lights brighten otherwise dark sidewalks.

But as we get further from town and closer to our farm, the warmth of those lights fade. With

every mile, the surrounding countryside becomes blacker and blacker until it is engulfed in darkness. Aside from some tiny glows coming from either front porches or distant yard lights, the blacktop leading my family home many nights is only visible because of the blazing headlights of our vehicle.

In the daytime, it feels as if there's more blue sky in the country compared to that same sky seen in town. At night, the sky seems infinitely larger than the one viewed in town perhaps because there are no obstructions. There are no buildings or houses or billboards blocking our views of the night's yonder as we drive home out in the country. It's just wide-open sky.

Driving myself and my two children home

recently, while I kept my eyes on the road and remained vigilant with regard to deer crossing my path, my two back-seat passengers noticed two bright objects in the night sky. None of us had noticed these lights even 10 minutes before as we had driven through town; but the presence of these gleaming objects before us once within the darkness of the country kept their attention and called them to keep looking.

At first, my son thought they were satellites while my daughter suggested they were mysterious balloons. As we drove further from town and got closer to home, we decided that the two lights they'd been watching throughout the duration of our drive were not

blinking and were not moving. Helicopters, airplanes, drones, balloons were quickly removed from our list of potential sources of the lights. I questioned out loud whether these orbs in the sky might be planets.

After getting home and doing a little internet searching, we discovered that it was in fact Jupiter and Venus showing off in the night sky. The kids and I gazed at the lights above and talked about how far these planets were from us and how impressive it was to be seen by us so clearly and vividly within the heavens.

A few days later, people on social media began either commenting or started inquiring about these strange lights in the

evening sky. The news began mentioning the newly observed celestial glows and more and more people learned about the two planets catching everyone's attention.

While listening to the morning news as the kids were readying themselves for school, my daughter pointed out that we had seen those lights days ago, and it was nothing new.

I had to remind her that nights are a lot darker out on the farm than in town, which was perhaps why we spotted them sooner.

In the wisdom that only a 7-year-old can articulate, my daughter decided that while the dark in the country might be bigger (and maybe scarier at times) than it is in town, it lets us see

things a little earlier than others, and that's pretty cool.

Yes, my little one, that is pretty cool. Here's to those many dark nights out in the country and all the heavenly wonders that especially appear throughout the year from our view on the farm.

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Community Bulletin Board

<p>Thursday, March 9 Skyland Ag Safety Day at CHS *** HS BB Boys State quarter finals at Great Bend *** 6:00 p.m. Planning and Zoning meeting</p> <p>Friday, March 10 NO School Spring Break Begins</p> <p>March 13 - 17 School Spring Break</p>	<p>Monday, March 27th JH Scholars Bowl at HOME</p> <p>Thursday, March 30th JH Track Meet at Skyline</p> <p>Friday, March 31st Enrollment Orientation</p> <p>Monday, April 3rd Blood Drive</p>
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KINGMAN'S ANNUAL

St. Patrick's Day Dinner

Sunday, March 12th ~ 3:00-6:30 p.m.
(Daylight Savings Time)
St. Patrick School Gymnasium

Serving Fried Chicken, Country Sausage, Potatoes/Gravy, Cole Slaw, Green Beans, Homemade Bread & Pies

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Lisa Sowers Becomes Cheney Postmaster

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Connie Oak called The Courier last week to tell us that Lisa has been transferred to Cheney, and is now the postmaster at the Cheney Post Office. If you are in the Cheney area, stop in and see her. She would love to see her customers from Cunningham.


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Kingman Conservation District

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1928

March 9 – Miss Leona McMichael, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. F. McMichael of Cunningham, and Mr. Oliver DeWeese, son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred DeWeese of Cunningham, were united in marriage last Thursday in a ceremony performed by the Probate Judge in Kingman.

Elmer Carter, 39, passed away last Saturday afternoon following a heart attack. Mr. Carter was manager of the Beatrice Cream Station in Cunningham.

The Lakin Implement Company observed their first anniversary of business in Cunningham this week. Mr. Charles Lakin, owner of the establishment, states that during the past year his firm has sold fifty-two John Deere tractors and three car-loads of John Deere machinery to farmers of this community.

1933

March 10 – Emergency certificates – scrip, other words – was put into use here Wednesday as a medium of exchange. The certificates, in \$1 and \$5 denominations, were issued and signed on Tuesday and were ready for business Wednesday morning. Issued against their deposits, eight banks placed the new medium of exchange in circulation. The scrip will be accepted as par by any member of this group and repayable in scrip except in the opening of new accounts.

Banks issuing the emergency certificates are the Peoples Bank and the First National Bank in Pratt, the First National Bank in Cunningham, the Iuka State Bank in Iuka, the Coats State Bank in Coats, the Sawyer State Bank in Sawyer, the Cullison State Bank in Cullison, and the First National Bank of Haviland.

LATER – (Thursday) Since the above was in type, we understand that the government has interceded in the issuance of scrip and they banks are recalling all the scrip that has been distributed. Probably a new plan will be advanced by the Government on Thursday or Friday of this week.

1938

March 11- After more than 35 years of continuous service of grocery and mercantile business in Cunningham, Wetherall Bros. Store has been sold.

A deal was completed late Wednesday afternoon whereby Mr. Voss and son, Alphons, of the city, became the new owners of the store.

For the past two years Mason Wehterall has been in sole charge of the store, his brother Charley and son, Roy having severed relationship with the business, and due to declining years and long continued service in the business, Mason has long felt the desire for retirement.

Wetherall Bros. Store has long been a land mark of Cunningham and we are sorry to lose Mason from the list of active business men of the city for the store's policy of "Yours for Fair Dealing" has meant much to his many friends and customers.

To Mr. Voss and his son, we extend a welcome to the business men of Cunningham and wish for them much success in their new undertaking.

1943

March 12- Impressive memorial services were held Sunday afternoon at the Methodist church for Corporal Richard N. Cozens, son of Mrs. Lulu Cozens, who lost his life November 3rd by drowning in the Panama Canal Zone.

Rumors of a helium plant for Cunningham have been rife the past week or more. A government representative and surveyors have been here the past two weeks surveying ground near the Skelly gasoline plant.

Latest reports are that the plant, if okayed by the government, will be erected on the Steffen land west of town.

A similar plant is being installed in the Otis oil and gas field at Olmnitz.

Cunningham advanced to the second round of the Medicine Lodge Class B Regional Tournament by defeating Hazelton, 43 to 30, Thursday afternoon. Cunningham clashes with Pretty Prairie tonight at 6:30 for the final's spot.

1948

March 12 – The Cunningham schools this week are closed because the gas supply will not permit sufficient heat in the buildings. This situation is not confined to this community or to this area. Many others

throughout the state have been forced to close schools and industries. In Kansas City, Mo., at this time, even home owners are feeling the pinch.

After defeating Sawyer in the first round of the Preston Class B District Basketball Tournament, Cunningham moved into the semi-finals against Isabel last Thursday night and avenged an earlier defeat by beating them decisively, 65 to 43.

Dean Dyche with 25 points and Verlin Urban with 22 points paced the Cunningham scoring.

The Cunningham Wildcats were defeated by the Preston Wildcats, 36 to 33, in the finals of the Class B District Tournament held at Preston Friday night. Isabel defeated Turon 42-40 in the third place game.

1953

March 13 – Dr. Charles Magee, 69, a native of Cunningham and Kingman County, and a practicing physician for 44 years, passed away last Saturday at the Memorial Hospital in Kingman. He served the Goddard community as third country doctor for 22 years. He moved his family to Pretty Prairie in 1930 where he continued his practice.

Ed Maxedon, 80, a resident of this community for the greater part of his life, passed away at the Devine Bros. Clinic in Kansas City, Mo., Wednesday afternoon.

Off the Record – Plastic surgeons can do almost anything with a human nose, except keep it out of other people's business.

As has been said before, there are plenty of five-cent cigars on the market – all of them selling for a dime.

1958

March 13 – With the signing of four new teachers, the Cunningham Grade School has completed their teaching personnel for next year.

The returning teachers are Miss Viola Mitchell, First Grade; Fred Garten, Fifth Grade and Physical Education; Mrs. Rhoda O'Rourke, Sixth Grade Sponsor and Upper Departmental Work; Miss Cozette Taylor, Seventh Grade Sponsor and Upper Departmental Work; and Principal Merle Cales.

Teachers hired to fill the four vacancies include Mrs. Maxine Millsap, Second Grade; Mrs. Mary Eichorn, Third Grade; Mrs. Ruby Cusenbary, Fourth Grade; and Mrs. Della Hedrick, vocal and instrumental music.

1963

March 14 – Donkey basketball will appear in its hilarious form at the high school auditorium in Cunningham next Monday evening. Admission prices are adults 75c, high school students 50c, and grade school students 25c.

145 mothers and daughters attended the annual Mother and Daughter Banquet, sponsored by the Community YWCA, in the Sacred Heart School Auditorium, Monday evening.

The Red Cross Bloodmobile will be at St. Leo, Wednesday, April 1. Their visit is sponsored by the five churches of Cunningham and St. Leo, with Mrs. Albert Sterneker serving as chairman.

Fr. John White, who has recently retired as an Army chaplain in Texas, has been appointed to serve the Cunningham and Turon parishes.

1968

March 14 – Twelve hundred and sixty-two feeder pigs sold for a total of \$29,233.00 at the annual Kingman County Feeder Pig Association Spring Sale in Kingman, Tuesday, March 5. This total averages out to \$23.15 per pig.

The highest price paid was \$27.75 for 21 pigs consigned by Elmer Adelhardt of Zenda.

Consigning the largest number of head was Charles Bitner of Nickerson, who brought 121 head. The next largest seller was Delbert Fischer of Cunningham, with 106 head.

The association has about 60 members in Kingman and Reno counties. Mr. Fischer is the president.

The Cunningham Volunteer Fire Department was called to the rear of Baber's Sundries last Friday afternoon to help extinguish a grass fire that singed the storeroom of the store.

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The Cunningham Clipper

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1978

March 16 -- Hilltop Happenings
This week our activities were provided by Wava McGovney, Linda Lill, Etta Frampton, Dorothy Smith, and Martha Albers.

Wednesday, the Speech Therapist came and played word bingo. Her name is Karen Lacio and she is from Kingman.

Thursday we had our weekly films. One movie was called "The Pigeon Who Worked a Miracle."

The Turon Bible Baptist Church didn't get to come on Sunday as they are getting a new minister, who will be here next month with the group.

The Cunningham YWCA considered the matter of TV viewing at their meeting Monday night, March 13, at the Christian Church. Twelve members and two guests answered roll call stating their favorite TV program. Jane Meyers, President, conducted the business meeting in which plans were announced for the Mother-Daughter banquet on April 10, details of which will be given later.

Rubie Cusenbary had "Food for Thought" in which she pointed out of local YWCA is completing its fortieth year as an active organization in Cunningham, having been chartered in 1938.

The program consisted of panel discussion with Ellen Larson as moderator, Rev. Jack Davis, Lois Witt, Barbara Thiessen, and Pat Rosenbaum served on the panel. Mr. Davis had a poster showing that TV is the thri most important activity – time wise—in the life of the average child, exceeded only by sleeping and going to school With this in mind, the group felt that families should be selective in what is viewed.

It was discussed how excessive watching of TV an disrupt family life even when there are no children in the home. It was pointed out that people do have a control, not only by turning off undesirable programs, but by writing protesting letters to sponsors. After the program delicious refreshments were served.

A special thanks to all for the cards, visits, plants, prayers, food, gifts, and calls during my stay in the hospital and since returning home. And to Delmar and Harold for their great help and all others who helped in locating Bob. Joan Thimesch

Wildcat Varsity Wrapup

The Cunningham Wildcats ended the season 14-9. We finished third in the Ligue Trounament and in a tie for third in the League race. The Cats earned a right of the Sub-State with a second place finish in the Regional Trounament.

Joe Strohl led the Cats in scoring for the season with a 16.25 average. Bob Holcomb followed with a 14.5 average; Will Schnittker – 11.9; Bob Renner – 8.5; Richard Cain – 6' and Scott Fischer 4.5 a game. Will Schnittker averaged 9 rebound per game; Scott Fischer 6.5; Bob Holcomb 6.2; Bob Renner 5.3; Joe Strohl 5.

We hope you enjoyed the articles this year, written especially for those who could not attend the ball games. – Coach Dale Magnett

1983

March 10 – Five area high school students have been awarded scholarships by the Pratt Community College Endowment Association including three students from this area.

David Thornhill, son of Mr. and Mrs. Dallas Thornhill, Cunningham, is a senior at Cunnigha High School. He is active in athletics, music, speech and drama and is student council president. He plans to major in business administration at PCC.

Two Nashville-Zenda High School seniors have also been awarded scholarships . Tom Thimesch is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Thimesch of rural Cunningham.

Tim Klausmeyer is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Klausmeyer of rural Cunningham.

Outstanding high school seniors from Barber, Harper, Kingman and Pratt counties will be honored Monday, March 28, at a program sponsored by the University of Kansas Alumni Association and the Kansas University Endowment Association.

Those being honored from Cunningham include Brenda Crick, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Crick, Cunningham and Lisa Spade, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Spade, Cunnigham. From the Nashville-Zenda area are Jon Brummer, son of Vernon and Wauneta Brummer, Zenda and Kevin Fisher, son of Neil and Ella Fisher of Zenda

Cunningham U.M.W. held an evening meeting at the country home of Elizabeth Sheldon March 3, with Judy Almond serving as co-hostess.

The following reports were presented. Judy Petz read a letter from Marvin Cox thanking all of us for the memorial that was given by our group in memory of "Hap" Skusa, a friend known to so many of us.

Elizabeth Sheldon read a letter from Senator Kerr urging all of su to write our senators on Paramutual betting in Kansas.

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Consider this...

by Mike Johnson

Full Circle
Mike Ludke was a great guy to knock around with.

He was also my first boss. As paperboys for the Minneapolis Star & Tribune, best-friend Dave Dobbelmann and I had the pleasure of delivering under his regime in the early 70's.

As District Sales Manager, Mr. Ludke's life revolved around supervising paperboy's deliveries. As 14-year-olds, our lives revolved around earning cash for Sol's Supperette.

Mr. Ludke used this knowledge to motivate us to help him deliver "down-routes" - paper routes other kids had

stuck him with by quitting without notice.

On normal mornings, Dobbs and I would each do our routes individually, starting at 4 a.m.. After rolling the papers with rubber bands and stuffing our canvas paperbags to the brim, we'd gallantly throw the strap over our shoulder and ride off into the darkness, struggling to keep our bikes upright as the load dangled off our right sides.

Our favorite mornings were those when Mr. Ludke pulled up looking for help with a down-route. It meant he'd first drive us around our own routes in record time so we could assist with the other. To speed the process, we'd hop onto the hood of his car and ready ourselves for his commands.

"Johnson! Do three,

skip one, do two! Dobbelmann! Do two, skip one, do three!"

We'd then leap off the moving car, race to the houses, flip papers on doorsteps and dive headlong back on the still-moving car. Mr. Ludke would laugh like crazy while playfully accelerating sharply into curves as we sprawled across his hood feigning death grips on his windshield wipers.

It was the perfect trade. Mr. Ludke got his routes done fast and we got driven around ours in return. More often than not he'd treat us to a fresh cinnamon roll at the local bakery or slide us a few "points" which could be redeemed for neat merchandise from the newspaper company. The fact that he was fun - and our boss - made a good job even better.

Thanks to our paper routes, we had huge advantages. For one, we were rich. Relative to other eighth graders that is. We could go to Twin's games. The State Fair. The Dairy Queen. And of course, Sol's Supperette. Money earned ourselves ALWAYS spent better than money begged from a parent.

We also learned responsibility and self-esteem. It felt good to be important to the boss. It felt good to know that in the world of paperboys, we were two of the best. When Mr. Ludke threw us a compliment, it had all the impact of a ten dollar tip.

Looking back, it was really my first lesson in learning that we reap what we sow. The years since have proven again and again that it's one of

the most valuable lessons I ever learned. Without those six years of paper routes and Mike Ludke's guidance, well... I don't want to think about it.

Two and a half decades later, I learned that life has a wonderful way of coming around full circle.

Twenty years ago, my wife and I started our own newspaper in our local community - a stint that lasted three years. To help get the paper delivered, I hired 11 kids to work as paperboys and papergirls. One day early in that first year, I'd finishing my own deliveries, and decided to cruise into the kid's neighborhoods to see how they were doing. I wheeled the car onto Alcorn Road and there was Mike Mings, a 12-year-old paperboy, peddling his bike, canvas

paperbag thrown over his shoulder, stuffed to the brim with rolled newspapers. OUR newspapers.

Time froze.

As we pulled closer, the enormity of this full circle hit me. Here was a fresh-faced kid -- just like Dobbs and I had been -- seizing the opportunity to earn some cash -- just like we had.

We drove next to him, asking how it was going. Suddenly, the road fell away and I was back to 1971. I no longer saw Mike Ming's face but Dave Dobbelmann's. He was grinning ear-to-ear. Looking closer, I caught my own reflection in that vision.

For one magical moment, one sweet instant of fulfillment, the me I saw, looked just like Mike Ludke.

Bring On the Long-Johns

By Dale Buchanan

It still gives me the chills and shivers to think about those long-ago winters on the farm in North Wisconsin. As I remember from many decades ago, our coldest month was January. Talk about Brrr. It was extremely brrrrrrrrrrrr! It was not unusual for the temperatures to be twenty below in the daytime, then descend to forty below at night.

On these cold winter days, we would get up early. We would try to check the weather by looking through the window "if it wasn't too frosted to see through.

Then as we shivered from the cold, we had to get dressed.

First, there were the long johns " 2 piece leggings and a top made of flannel or wool with a square-weave waffle fabric. They were the vital insulation between us and the frigid air. Then a pair of jeans and a flannel shirt. On top of this would go a thick, warm jacket and a cap with earflaps. Then came the overshoes or boots, and to complete the garb, some well-insulated gloves. We had to work in the cold, so we wanted to be warm and comfortable. By the way, this was before the insulated snowmobile suits.

After putting all this

'armor' on, we would step outside. It felt frosty! Sometimes your nose would immediately start to run. The cold was tolerable if it wasn't windy. But if the wind blew, you could freeze or get frost-bite quickly. At these low temperatures, if you spit, your spit would freeze before landing on the snow.

On these arctic-like nights, our dogs would sleep in the house basement at night. The cows and the horse stayed in their stalls in the barn. We covered rabbit hutches with a heavy protective covering of canvas, and the chicken coop was made as warm as possible. For the hog pens, we used a lot of straw to

help them keep warm.

Despite taking precautions, sometimes the frigid air would kill some of our rabbits, chickens, and cats.

My dad had made extensive preparation for a farm in this climate.

We grew up on a small six-acre farm where everything was manual for us. Back in the 1940s and 50s, there were some modern tools and machines (such as milk machines) to make work easier. But our farm was too small to afford automation. We just grew produce, milk, and meat for ourselves.

Dad built the lower level of our barn with a concrete floor and eighteen-inch stone and concrete walls. He made the second story with wood studs and rafters covered by corrugated steel. The second level served as the haymow through the winter months and for miscellaneous storage in the summer.

We expected this cold

weather.

Even though our water pipelines to the barn were buried six feet under, they would still freeze. We carried water in buckets from the house to the barn. Frost about an inch thick would form on the inside of the walls. Ice and frost covered the one large multi-paned window so dense that very little light shone through. We hung a sturdy, hefty canvas inside the wooden barn door to further block the cold air from entering.

After we finished carrying the water, there were animals to feed and a cow to milk. Then I would take the milk quickly in a pail to the house.

We would delay cleaning the barn and transporting waste to the manure pile. That process would make it too cold for the animals in the barn.

Then, if it had snowed, my dad and I shoveled snow. We had a long, steep driveway with a

sharp curve near the top. Even the smallest coating of snow could make it impossible to make it up the hill. So, we shoveled the snow to ensure we could get up and down the slope.

After finishing all the chores, it was time for breakfast and going to school. In Wisconsin at that time, there were no snow days. School administrators never canceled a day at school because of snow. The only event that would shut the schools down was if the furnace failed. The 'furnace out' chill factor quickly overcame all other plans for the day.

These were the 'good ol' days' in January in north Wisconsin.

Although there is much nostalgia in looking back at those days, there has never been enough nostalgia to make me want to leave Texas and move back to Wisconsin.



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Wildcats Advance to Finals in Sub-State

The Cunningham Wildcats earned a place in the finals of the Kiowa Sub-State tournament by defeating the Caldwell Bluejays, 73 to 63, on March 3, 2023.

Caldwell shot lights out in the first quarter creating a lead until the end when the Cats were able to run after a few missed Bluejay shots and tied the game at 17 to end the quarter. Lane Halderson led the Cats with 11 points. Luke Albers made four points and Will Wegerer scored a basket.

Cunningham turned the tables in the middle quarters, scoring 18 and 19 points, respectively in the second and third quarters while holding Caldwell to 10 and 12 points. Albers took over the scoring load in the second quarter with 12 points. Halderson and Dagim Reed each scored three points. The

half ended with a score of 35 to 27 in favor of Cunningham.

The Cats extended the lead in the third quarter with a more balanced attack. Albers and Halderson scored eight and seven points, respectively. Luke McGuire made a free throw and Will Wegerer hit a long range three point shot at the buzzer to end the quarter. The Cats took a 15-point lead into the fourth quarter, 54 to 39.

Caldwell would not go down easily as they forced some turnovers that led to quick baskets. Cunningham went 9 for 13 from the line and scored 19 points to offset the 24 points recorded by the Bluejays to record their 14th win of the season and a date with Coldwater-South Central in the finals. Halderson had seven points. McGuire, Albers, and Wegerer scored five, four, and three points, respectively. The final score was Cunningham 73 and Caldwell 63.

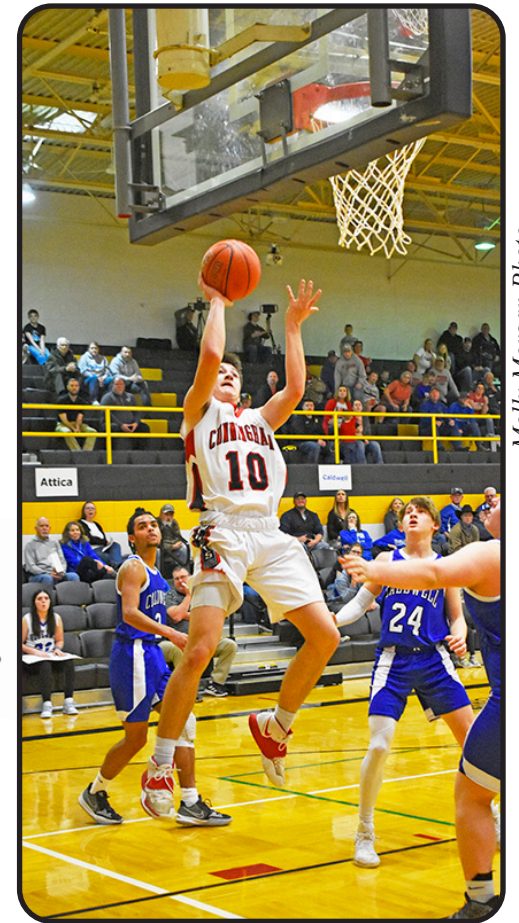
-by Coach Stackhouse

Name	2pt. made	3pt. made	FTM/FTA	TP	Reb.	Asst.	Stl.	Chg.
McGuire	1		4/6	6	5	5	2	
L. Halderson	11		6/8	28	11	1		
Wegerer	2	1	1/2	8	3	5	2	
Albers	8	3	3/5	28	7	3	1	
Reed		1		3	2	3	3	

	1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th	Final
Cunningham	17	18	19	19	73
Caldwell	17	10	12	24	63



Luke McGuire



Luke Albers

Molly Morgan Photo

Wildcats Closeout Season in Sub-State Final

The Cunningham Wildcats finished their season with a heartbreaking loss to Coldwater-South Central in the Class 1A Division II Sub-State final by a score of 49 to 50 on March 4, 2023.

The game was tight most of the way with South Central leading after one quarter, 15 to 11. Lane Halderson scored six points to lead the Cats. Will Wegerer and Luke Albers each scored two points and Dagim Reed made a free throw.

Nothing changed in the second quarter as each team scored 10 points to make the halftime score 21 to 25 in favor of the Timberwolves. Albers added four more points to his total with Wegerer and Halderson each scoring three points.

With the Timberwolves' big man sitting on the bench in foul trouble in the third quarter, it gave the Cats an opportunity to bite into

the South Central lead. The shots did not cooperate and Cunningham could only manage eight points while the Wolves extended their lead to seven points at the end of three quarters of play, 29 to 36. Halderson scored half the points with four and Luke McGuire and Albers each made two points.

As they have done throughout the season, the Cats did not fold. Applying pressure defense and making clutch shots, the Cats cut the lead to one point several times but could not get the stops that they needed to take the lead. With 25 seconds, the Cats had the ball trailing 49 to 50 after a traveling call on one of the South Central players. After advancing the ball to half court, Cunningham called their last time out. Will Wegerer took the ball at the top of the key and attempted to drive left when contact caused him to fall and lose the ball. No whistle on the play and a scramble for the ball was won by the Wolves and

the clock ran out on the clock and season for the Cats. Cunningham scored 20 points in the fourth quarter and was led by Wegerer with 10 points. Albers had six points with McGuire and Halderson each scoring two points.

The Wildcats finished the season with a 14-9 record, Runner-up finishes in the Falcon Classic and Sub-state, and a third place finish in the 54 Classic.

by Coach Stackhouse

Name	2pt. made	3pt. made	FTM/FTA	TP	Reb.	Asst.	Stl.	Chg.
McGuire	2			4	4	2	1	
L. Halderson	6		3/6	15	10		1	1
Wegerer	1	3	4/4	15		2	1	
Albers	4	1	3/4	14	5	5	6	
Reed			1/2	1	3	1	2	

	1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th	Final
Cunningham	11	10	8	20	49
South Central	15	10	11	14	50

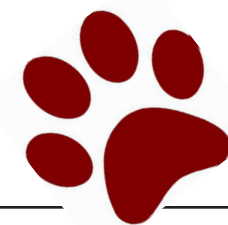


Lane Halderson



Will Wegerer

Molly Morgan photo



CHS Students Attend Academic Olympics

On Monday, February 27th, select CHS students participated in the Academic Olympics hosted by Pratt Community College. There were 52 total competitions and many schools from the local area, including Buhler and Pratt. Each student could participate in at most 3 events. Cunningham had 23 participants; 6 placed in the top 3 of their respective events.

- Zach Strohl 1st Agronomy
- Alice Huelskamp 3rd English IV
- Hannah Ellis 2nd Popsicle Bridge (Team)
- Matilyn Jump 2nd Popsicle Bridge (Team)
- Alice Huelskamp 2nd Psychology
- Ava Bock 3rd Spanish II
- Caleb Panek Wildlife Management 2nd

Congratulations to all participants and especially to those 6 students competing at such a high level.

-- Lance McGuire



Cunningham High School -- Sub-State Basketball -- Wildcat Pride!



*Back row: Leo Hageman, manager; Assistant Coach Bart Ricke,
Luke McGuire, Lane Halderson, Coach Bob Stackhouse
Middle Row: Andrew Schultz, Trey DeWeese, Luke Albers, Kendall Rogers, Nate Sterneker, Kory Morgan
Front row: Blake Swope, Skyler Thimesch, Dagim Reed, Dylan Halderson, Will Wegerer
Not pictured: Logan Kinsler*



Marcy Allbritten
Janet DeWeese
Leroy Panek
Janet Sterneker
Mary Oller

Mary Ann Ruckle
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Louise Armstrong
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Kristin & Kevin Wegerer
Amy & Lance McGuire
Kathy & Alan Albers
Mary & Bob Stackhouse
Kathy & Doug Griffis
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Superheroes: With Great Power Comes Ordinary Responsibility

written by Ian McWethy; directed by Mrs. Huelskamp



The Junior High play this week was 'super-power'ful. The junior high thespians knew their lines and their characters. They performed well, spoke clearly, and obviously had a good time. The plays at CHS under the direction of Rebecca Huelskamp are not to be missed. (And the new sound system helps tremendously in hearing the young people.)

A bit about this comedy:

For superheroes, saving the world is tough, but the time spent away from work is tougher. The Hulk has to do taxes, a crime-fighting sidekick joins a support group, and Batman goes stir-crazy without enough criminals to take down. SUPERHEROES is a funny, fast-paced series of vignettes that explores how the caped crusaders deal with life in street clothes.

It's not everyday one gets to see Batman pick up his dry cleaning or Superman (Clark Kent) get fired from The Planet Newspaper. Well done, kiddos! Well done!

Cast: Harlee Barber, Zaxon Bell, Will Halderson, Jack Harden, Nora Huff, Maelyn Jump, Andrew Kerschen, Stephen Kerschen, Liam McGuire, Katie Ogg, Keyonna Raney, Kane Reid, Weston Rogers, Janessa Schnittker, Sage Thimesch
Crew: Gunner Glenn, Jeremiah Slayden, Adam Sterneker, Caden Johnson
Set Crew: Alice Huelskamp, Hannah Ellis, Brianna Dittmer, Sean Kostner, Isabella Thimesch, Emma Harden, Bethany Daniels, Caleb Panek, Sy Romine, Anthony Swope, Payton King, Emily Huelskamp, Sebastian Huelskamp



Agricultural Producers Have Until March 15 to Enroll in USDA's Key Commodity Safety Net Programs

Manhattan, Kansas, March 3, 2023 – Agricultural producers who have not yet enrolled in the Agriculture Risk Coverage (ARC) or Price Loss Coverage (PLC) programs for the 2023 crop year have until March 15, 2023, to elect and enroll a contract. The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) offers these two safety net programs to provide vital income support to farmers experiencing substantial declines in crop prices or revenues.

“The Agriculture Risk Coverage and Price Loss Coverage programs provide critical protection to many American farmers. As producers across the country deal with market volatility and natural disasters, these programs offer much-needed stability,” said Dennis McKinney, State Executive Director for FSA in Kansas. “I am encouraging producers to reach out to their county offices to learn about program eligibility and election options today, so that they can begin the enrollment process as soon as possible.”

Producers can elect coverage and enroll in ARC-County or PLC, which are both commodity-by-commodity, or ARC-Individual, which covers the entire farm. Although election changes for 2023 are optional, producers must enroll

through a signed contract each year. Additionally, if a producer has a multi-year contract on their farm and makes an election change for 2023, they will need to sign a new contract.

If producers do not submit an election by the March 15, 2023, deadline, the election remains the same as the 2022 election for commodities on the farm. Farm owners cannot enroll in either program unless they have a share interest in the commodity.

In Kansas, producers have completed 74,828 contracts to date, representing 72% of the more than 104,000 expected contracts.

Producers who do not complete enrollment by the deadline will not be enrolled in ARC or PLC for the 2023 year and will not receive a payment if triggered.

Producers are eligible to enroll farms with base acres for the following commodities: barley, canola, large and small chickpeas, corn, cramble, flaxseed, grain sorghum, lentils, mustard seed, oats, peanuts, dry peas, rapeseed, long grain rice, medium and short grain rice, safflower seed, seed cotton, sesame, soybeans, sunflower seed

and wheat.

Decision Tools

In partnership with USDA, two web-based decision tools are available to assist producers in making informed, educated decisions using crop data specific to their respective farming operations:

- Gardner-farmdoc Payment Calculator, a tool available through the University of Illinois allows producers to estimate payments for farms and counties for ARC-CO and PLC.

- ARC and PLC Decision Tool, a tool available through Texas A&M University that allows producers to estimate payments and yield updates and expected payments for 2023.

Crop Insurance Considerations and Decision Deadline

ARC and PLC are part of a broader safety net provided by USDA, which also includes crop insurance and marketing assistance loans.

Producers are reminded that ARC and PLC elections and enrollments can impact eligibility for some crop insurance products.

Producers on farms with a PLC election have the option of purchasing

Supplemental Coverage Option (SCO) through their Approved Insurance Provider. However, producers on farms where ARC is the election are ineligible for SCO on their planted acres for that crop on that farm.

Unlike SCO, the Enhanced Coverage Option (ECO) is unaffected by an ARC election. Producers may add ECO regardless of the farm program election.

Upland cotton farmers who choose to enroll seed cotton base acres in ARC or PLC are ineligible for the stacked income protection plan (STAX) on their planted cotton acres for that farm.

Producers should contact their crop insurance agent to make certain that the election and enrollment made at FSA follows their intention to participate in STAX or SCO coverage. Producers have until March 15, 2023, to make the appropriate changes or cancel their ARC or PLC contract.

More Information

For more information on ARC and PLC, producers can visit the ARC and PLC webpage or contact their local USDA Service Center.

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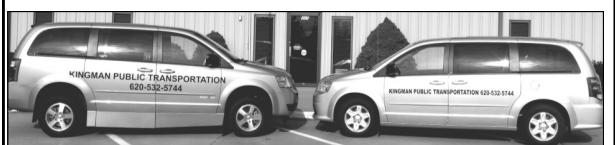
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Minutes from the Pratt County Commission February 27

The Pratt County commissioners met in regular session Monday, February 27, 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 reported that the ARPA re-

porting deadline is coming up in April and there has been some changes. She will take care of the reporting and let the board know when it is done. She also mentioned that KDOT had awarded the Pratt airport a large grant for hanger and apron repairs which will help the airport stay up to date.

Finally, just mentioned numerous bills which passed the legislature before turnaround next week. Those include SB 169 which would change the current three tier income tax structure to a single rate of 4.75% starting in tax year 2024; senate bill 33 which would exempt all social security and all retirement plan income

benefits from income tax starting in tax year 2023; SB 30 which increase the individual income tax standard deduction by a federal cost of living adjustment starting in tax year 2023; SB 40 which would allow taxpayers who carried forward federal net operating losses in tax years 2018-2020 to subtract those amounts from their Kansas adjusted gross income and file those amended returns by April 15, 2025; and SB 80 which excludes social security payments from household income for seniors and disabled veterans when calculating eligibility for the property tax homestead claims and increasing the assessed valuation of homes eligible to homes

with a value as high as \$595,000. She also mentioned the SB 248 would eliminate both the state and local sales tax on food effective January 1, 2024. This impacts local units of governments sales tax receipts. She reported that the legislature was aware of this and indicated they would be working on a solution to make local units of government whole but that there was not a solution for this issue in the bill as it passed the senate.

SB 252 was also mentioned as it protects businesses from competition from government in terms of government not paying property taxes and operating a similar business to a business who does pay property

tax payments. She also mentioned that a bill was passed which would limit the local board of health's emergency powers, that two election bills were passed which would eliminate the three-day grace period to receive advanced ballots in the county clerk's office, and a bill passed which would disallow ballot drop boxes. One bill which did fail to advance was a bill which would have allowed local elected officials to list their political party when their name appears on the ballot. All of these bills still have to go through the other house and must be signed by the governor before becoming law but many of them would impact the business environment in

the county as well as potentially county finances in the case of some of the bills.

Fiona Bagwell, developer for NextEra energy, gave a short explanation on the potential of a solar farm in Pratt County. They have leased a considerable amount of land at this time. It will take a couple of years to get the project in production. She stated nothing formal is being presented at this time. She asked about the other solar farms in the county. Both are within the city limits. This will be the first solar farm in Pratt County. They have more than half of their acreage already leased at a per acre lease. It will

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We think we saw a leprechaun... ...but he disappeared in a wink! Kids: color stuff in!

Newspaper Fun!

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Happy St. Patrick's Day!

A pony called the Connemara pony is the only one that came from Ireland originally. We live in Ireland too, but were brought here from an area of Scotland. We are **S e l n a d h t** ponies!

Ireland is a large island in the Atlantic Ocean. It is west of England, separated from it by the Irish Sea. Ireland is often called the Emerald Isle because people find it so fair and green.

The Irish are proud of their homeland and heritage. People of Irish descent in our country show their pride through pageants, parades, prayer and ceremonies. They invite everyone to be "Irish" during their celebration on St. Patrick's Day.

Hmm...four-leaf clovers seem to be falling from the sky today...I'm one lucky leprechaun!

Can you fill in this crossword faster than a leprechaun can disappear?

1. talk with a strong accent
2. reason many Irish came to America: Great _____
3. nickname for the island so fair and green: _____ Isle
4. bishop who brought Christianity to Ireland: Saint _____
5. piece of land surrounded by water
6. first American of Irish-Catholic descent to become President of the United States: John F. _____
7. month in which we celebrate St. Patrick's Day
8. capital and largest city of Ireland
9. flag of Ireland is green, white, and orange; the white stands for _____
10. "The Luck of the Irish" means someone is very _____

A Bit O'Fun!

Everyone can join in the fun. Read the clues to fill in this crossword:

1. Attend a _____ festival: singers, fiddlers, bodhran drummers, harpists.
2. Watch or march in a _____.
3. Help to make a festive Irish _____ for your family to enjoy.
4. Learn a few steps of Irish _____.
5. Borrow a book of Irish _____ from your favorite library.
6. Watch a _____ based on an Irish folktale - *The Secret of the Kells*.

A Delicious Surprise!

Even if you are not Irish, celebrating on St. Patrick's Day can be fun. I've always liked stories about Irish Fairies, especially the leprechauns. It is said that leprechauns, little knee-high fairies, try to stay away from people. If you see one, don't take your eyes off of him or he will disappear. In your sight, he may have to lead you to his secret wealth. **To find out what that is, do these two puzzles!**

1. C _ r n _ d B _ _ f and C _ b b _ g _
e e o a e e a

2. S _ d _ Br _ _ d
e a o a

3. _ p p l _ Mince P _ _
e A e i

★ Hint: He used Granny Smith ones in the pie.

Find and circle all the words spelled using the letter "l" as in the word "lucky".

Follow the dot-to-dot to see what this leprechaun has hidden!

Proudly Singing!

On Saint Patrick's Day, Irish-Americans will be singing. **What message will they be sharing with everyone? Use the alphabet key to fill in the blanks to find out:**

" _____ 23 8 5 14 _____ 9 18 9 19 8 _____ !"

_____ 1 18 5 _____ 19 13 9 12 9 14 7 _____

Music to this song was written by Ernest R. Ball. The words (lyrics) are by Chauncey Olcott and George Graff, Jr.

Alphabet key for secret message:

A	B	C	D	E	F	G
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
H	I	J	K	L	M	N
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
O	P	Q	R	S	T	
15	16	17	18	19	20	
U	V	W	X	Y	Z	
21	22	23	24	25	26	

(Answers on page 10)

Governor Announces February Total Tax Collections Exceed Estimates

TOPEKA – Governor Laura Kelly today announced that total tax-only collections for February were \$549.8 million. That is \$36.8 million, or 7.2%, more than the monthly estimate. Those collections were also \$47.3 million, or 9.4%, more than in

February 2022. “Revenues have exceeded estimates for 30 out of the last 31 months – a clear sign that our efforts to make Kansas a place where businesses and families want to call home is paying off,” Governor Laura Kelly said. “These revenues will continue to grow our historic budget surplus, making it possible for our legislature to pass responsible tax cuts that help every Kansan, like my ‘Axing Your Taxes’ plan.” Consistently strong

revenues were one of the reasons S&P Global improved Kansas’ credit outlook, which the firm announced yesterday. In its report, S&P cited Governor Kelly’s recommended budgets for fiscal years 2023 and 2024 as indicators of continued fiscal responsibility that could lead to a credit rating upgrade and warned against irresponsible tax plans that could lead to a credit rating downgrade. Individual income tax collections were \$211.3 million in February. That is \$6.3 million, or 3.1%,

above the estimate and \$27.9 million, or 15.2%, more than February 2022. “The positive trend in tax receipts continues with all of the major tax types, individual income tax, corporate income tax, retailer’s sales tax, and compensating use tax, performing well,” Secretary of Revenue Mark Burghart said. Corporate income tax collections were \$15.3 million, which is \$324,000, or 2.2%, more than the February 2023 estimate. Those collections are \$8.1 million,

or 34.5%, less than in February 2022. It should be noted that February 2022 corporate income tax receipts were greater than February 2023 because of the higher-than-expected collection of nonrecurring corporate audit assessments that occurred that month. Retail sales tax collections were \$203.8 million, which is \$13.8 million, or 7.3%, more than the estimate. Those collections are also \$8.5 million, or 4.4%, greater than February 2022. Compensating

use tax collections were \$64.2 million, which is \$849,000, or 1.3%, less than the estimate. Those collections were \$4.7 million, or 8.0%, more than in February 2022. You can view the February 2023 revenue numbers at https://governor.kansas.gov/wp-content/uploads/2023/03/08_February_Revenue_FY2023_03-01-2023_Final.pdf



Wheat Scoop: Kansas Wheat Launches “Wheat’s on Your Mind” Podcast

Just in time for spring fieldwork season in the tractor, Kansas Wheat is proud to announce the launch of the newest broadcast in town - the “Wheat’s on Your Mind” podcast.

Hosted by Aaron Harries, Kansas Wheat vice president of research and operations, the bi-weekly broadcast will discuss wheat research

projects, the latest in the domestic and global wheat markets, policy news like tracking the coming Farm Bill, wheat crop conditions, management decisions and more. “Wheat’s on Your Mind is meant to be both educational and entertaining, showcasing the stories and people in the wheat world,” Harries said. “We’re excited for the wide array of audiences it will reach from millers to consumers and everyone in between.” Harries kicked off the first episode with a two-part discussion with Romulo Lollato, a wheat production specialist with K-State Research and Extension. Lollato is a well-known voice

in the Kansas wheat industry, sharing the latest in his ongoing research into wheat management strategies and the meteorological limits to winter wheat productivity in the southern Great Plains. He currently oversees 20 different research projects related to wheat production or applied wheat physiology. “If you’ve been to a wheat meeting in Kansas, you’ll definitely recognize Romulo’s voice,” Harries said. “We sit down to chat about Romulo growing up in Brazil, how his passion for extension work really took hold, how he ended up at Oklahoma State University and what eventually brought him

here to K-State.” Part one of the podcast focuses less on Lollato’s agronomic expertise and more on giving listeners a deeper glimpse into where he grew up in Brazil and how his father’s work in research shaped his views on disseminating research directly to the farmers that can put that research into practice. “We have research institutions that do research and my dad was in one of those,” Lollato shared. “By his nature, he was an extension guy and he was just telling things in a way that it was fun for growers to learn. But he was an outlier in that sense that he was doing a lot more extension than

he was getting credit for because in Brazil that was done by a completely separate person than the one doing the research.” Following part two of Harries’ chat with Lollato will be a conversation with Rollie Sears, retired K-State and AgriPro wheat breeder and current president of Prairie View Genetics. The pair will be discussing the development of Jagger, one of the most widely planted and best parent varieties of hard red winter wheat. Sears made the initial cross for Jagger at K-State and has tracked the variety’s pedigree into popular varieties planted today, including Everest, Joe and Tatanka.

Tune in to learn more about how this Jagger came to be and the importance of investing grower dollars into wheat breeding programs. Kansas Wheat will be promoting individual episodes on the organization’s social media channel, but listeners should subscribe so they don’t miss any of the excitement. Listeners can tune in wherever they listen to podcasts, including Apple or Spotify. Or check out the podcast’s website at wheatsonyourmind.com.
Written by Julia Debes for Kansas Wheat



Kingman County Humane Society Pets Ready for Adoption

Reese

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Female Shepherd, Australian / Retriever, Black Labrador
15 pounds
3 months
Adoption fee: \$250.00
Intake date: February 23, 2023
Reese is just a little shyder than anyone else.

Smokey

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Male Domestic Shorthair
8 pounds
Almost 5 years old
Adoption Fee: \$40.00
Intake date: January 12, 2023

Jelly Bean

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Female Rex
3 months old
Intake Date February 18, 2023

KCHS Donation Wish List

- The pets at Kingman County Humane Society are in need of the following items:
- 13-gal. kitchen trash bags
- dry cat and kitten food
- clumping cat litter
- canned dog food
- Purina Puppy Chow
- long-lasting chews
- stainless steel flat-sided water buckets
- paper towels

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



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Happy St. Patrick's Day!

Shetland ponies!

A Bit O'Fun!

Everyone can join in the fun.

A Delicious Surprise!

The leprechaun was cooking up a great meal of:

- Corned Beef and Cabbage
- Soda Bread
- Apple Mince Pie

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Proudly Singing!

“W h e n I r i s h A r e S m i l i n g !”

23 8 5 14 9 18 9 19 8 19 13 9 12 9 14 7

Borrow a book of Irish tales from the library.

Music to this song was written by Ernest R. Ball. The words (lyrics) are by Chauncey Olcott and George Graff, Jr.

Minutes from Kingman County Commission for February 27

Chairman Henning called the Board of County Commissioners meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. February 27, 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 Online Visitors: Heather Kinsler; Larry Staff: Sheriff Brent Wood; Stan Goetz, HR/Planning/Zoning/Wastewater Director; Steve Bachenberg, County Engineer 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. Carol Noblit, County Clerk submitted the minutes for the February 21st, 2023, Commission meeting to be approved. MOTION: Commissioner Elpers moved to approve the February 21st, 2023, Commission meeting minutes. Commissioner Thimesch seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners. Chairman Henning opened correspondence from the Silver Haired Legislature. Commissioners signed the Road & Bridge vouchers in the amount of \$75,998.54. Commissioners approved abatements. Chairman Henning discussed the EMS with the board. Sheriff Brent Wood brought in the monthly budget report for the Commissioners to review. Sheriff Wood discussed the vehicles that will be replaced with the purchase of the new Dodge Durangos with the Commissioners. Sheriff Wood discussed purchasing a time clock from Lathem like what the other county offices use. MOTION: Commissioner

Thimesch moved to approve the purchase of Lathem time clock and adjusting the county annual account by \$100.00 for the added clock and cards. Commissioner Elpers seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners. Sheriff Wood presented quotes from Kanza Bank and Citizens Bank for the Lease-Purchase of the 4-2023 Dodge Durangos. Kanza Bank percentage rate was 4.88% and Citizens Bank percentage rate was 4.69%. MOTION: Commissioner Elpers moved to go with Citizens Bank for the Lease-Purchase of 4-2023 Dodge Durangos with a fixed interest rate of 4.69%. Commissioner Thimesch seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners. Commissioners discussed property in Murdock and what happens after the individual finishes his time in the jail. Mr. Ritcha, County Counselor let them know that the process starts all over once the individual is out of jail. Sheriff Wood left the

meeting at 9:30 a.m. Chairman Henning discussed with the board about the concrete that is ready for the Expo Center shute. Stan Goetz, HR/Planning/Zoning/Wastewater Director was in with the following building permits: Steffen Family Natural Resources, Ranch/Home headquarters in Section 17, Township 30, Range 07W. Jared & Jordyn McMillian for a house in Section 14, Township 29, Range 05W. Eric Meyers for a storage shed in Section 5, Township 28, Range 10W. Clayton Horsch for a Family Room. Ronald Bingham for a deck in Section 14, Township 28, Range 05W. Max Dye for an animal shelter in Section 12, Township 28, Range 08W. Patrick & Sheryl Gallagher for an Ag shop in Section 3, Township 29, Range 05W. Jackie Ruckle for a shed in Section 5, Township 28, Range 10W. Mr. Goetz let the Commissioners know that he has a planning/zoning meeting tonight

for a change in residential rezoning. Mr. Goetz submitted a breakdown of the Kingman County Sanitarian permits for 2022 that he issued. EXECUTIVE SESSION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to go into executive session with Carol Noblit, County Clerk and Brandon Ritcha, County Counselor at 10:03 a.m. to discuss and individual employee's evaluation pursuant to the exception under the Kansas Open Meetings Act, and they will return to open session in the Board meeting room at 10:13 a.m. Commissioner Elpers seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners. Commissioners returned to regular session at 10:13 a.m. with no decision made. Charles Arensdorf, Public Works director was in to discuss fencing on construction projects with the Commissioners. Mr. Arensdorf submitted the following permit for approval: SC Telcom-Service cable to resident between Section 15 & 22, Township 29, Range 07 (Richland). Steve Bachenberg,

Engineer presented a KDOT form 14-02 for the Commissioners to sign to change the bridge to be repaired. Mr. Bachenberg submitted an agreement from Kirkham Michael for engineering services for the Off-system Bridge FF.7-6.0 is located 3.4 miles north and 2.4 miles east of Murdock on NE 10 Street. The bridge spans an unnamed tributary to Smoots Creek and will be constructed with minimal approach pavement. Replace Bridge No. 000480759706220. MOTION: Commissioner Elpers moved to approve the engineering agreement with Kirkham-Michael for the Off-System Bridge FF.7-6.0 in the amount of \$42,000.00. Commissioner Thimesch seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners. MOTION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to adjourn the regular board meeting at 10:57 a.m. Commissioner Elpers seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners. Motion carried 3-0. Commissioner Adams made a motion to return from executive session at 3:12 p.m. with no action taken. Commissioner Shriver seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. Commissioner Shriver made a motion to approve the contract to spray for KDOT at \$80.00 per truck and \$30.00 for the operator. Commissioner Adams seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. Commissioner Adams made a motion to approve the minutes of February 21, 2023. Commissioner Shriver seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. Commissioner Adams made a motion to accept the termination of the land lease contract with Gary Barker and Trey Langford located at E/2 SE/4 of 35-27-13. Commissioner Shriver seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. Commissioner Shriver made a motion to adjourn

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be no earlier than late 2024 or early 2025. They would like to review agreements this summer and get started. BJ Hayes, zoning director, is developing a permit package for solar farms in Pratt County. Tyson asked, as they get closer, to come back in with developments. She said they were planning to do that. Jason Winkel, landfill/recycling supervisor presented a new hire form. Commissioner Shriver made a motion to hire Nicole Tatro for recycling operator at \$15.00 per hour. Commissioner Adams seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. Reported the loader that caught fire has been taken

apart and being repaired. Jon Roach, noxious weed, reported they got the roof done at his shop. He asked if they still wanted to spray for KDOT. Commissioner Shriver made a motion to approve the contract to spray for KDOT at \$80.00 per truck and \$30.00 for the operator. Commissioner Adams seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. Commissioner Adams made a motion to approve the minutes of February 21, 2023. Commissioner Shriver seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. Commissioner Adams made a motion to accept the termination of the land lease contract with Gary Barker and Trey Langford located at E/2 SE/4 of 35-27-13. Commissioner Shriver seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. Commissioner Shriver made a motion to adjourn

into executive session for fifteen minutes at 2:30 p.m. for an attorney/client matter concerning sales tax and exemptions. Commissioner Adams seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. Chairman Adams made a Motion to return from executive session at 2:45 p.m. with no action taken. Commissioner Shriver seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. Darcie Vander Vyver, health director, presented her grant applications for signatures. She reported the 2004 van has had some issues. It has been in the shop and being repaired. She stated she would like to have the light fixtures changed out in two of her offices. She will get quotes and come back in. Mark Graber, update on phones, the SC Telcom tech will meet him at the new building

Wednesday. Commissioner Shriver made a motion to adjourn into executive session at 2:50 p.m. for ten minutes for an attorney/client matter concerning exemptions. Commissioner Adams seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. Commissioner Shriver made a motion to return from executive session at 2:57 pm. Commissioner Shriver seconded. Motion carried 3-0. Commissioner Adams made a motion to approve the board of tax appeals for the state of Kansas exemption for the public safety building. Commissioner Shriver seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. Commissioner Adams stated that Fred Newby wanted it known that Brad Swisher and Doug Freund are doing a good job on the roads in his area. Commissioner

Shriver reported after the rain last night, there were a couple of leaks at the public safety building. He has been in contact with the contractor. There is also a problem with the heating/cooling in the large meeting room. The contractor will come out to check them out. He also questioned the bond for the public safety building, can we pay it off early and when can we start paying off earlier. Tyson stated that the interest rate for the bonds is a very good rate. Commissioner Adams asked about the increase in health insurance, it was stated the increase will be around \$800,000. Commissioner Adams made a motion to adjourn into executive session at 3:05 p.m. for ten minutes to discuss non-elected personnel concerning evaluations. Commissioner Shriver seconded the motion.

Motion carried 3-0. Commissioner Adams made a motion to return from executive session at 3:12 p.m. with no action taken. Commissioner Shriver seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. Commissioner Shriver made a motion to approve .50 raises for Diana Orona and Cheryl Slupski in the appraiser office. Commissioner Adams seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. Commissioner Adams made a motion to approve the payment vouchers for February 27, 2023. Commissioner Shriver seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. Commissioner Adams made a motion to adjourn at 3:18 pm. Commissioner Shriver seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Kingman County Sheriff's Report

Sunday, February 26	
Traffic Stop	1
Weather Watch	445 E Leiter Ave, Cunningham
Monday, February 27	
Traffic Stop	5
Civil Paper Service	4
Non-Injury Accident	NE 20 St & NE 10 Ave, Kingman
Agency Assist	NE 10 St & NE 170 Ave, Cheney
Follow Up	209 S Parkway St, Norwich
Follow Up	703 E A Ave, Kingman
Transport Prisoner to Appt	401 N Main St, Kingman
Disturbance	313 E D Ave, Kingman
Fire / Brush	2208 NW 50 Ave, Kingman
Disturbance	340 E Washington, Kingman
Tuesday, February 28	
Traffic Stop	3
Civil Paper Service	3
Traffic Complaint	16000 E Hwy 54, Cheney
Transport Prisoner to Court	130 N Spruce St, Kingman
Trespassing	5644 N Hwy 11, Kingman
Miscellaneous Call	120 N Spruce, Kingman
Theft	445 E Leiter Ave, Cunningham
Fire In Alley	230 W A Ave, Kingman
Suspicious Vehicle	NE 10 Ave & NE 20 St, Kingman
Wednesday, March 1	
Traffic Complaint	4431 NE 50 Ave, Kingman
Transport Prisoner	5500 N Hwy 14, Murdock
Follow Up	607 N Spruce, Kingman
Follow Up	260 W Kansas Ave, Kingman
Miscellaneous Call	NE 20 St & N Berry Ave, Kingman

Miscellaneous Call	100 East 3rd St, Cunningham
Fraud	2467 SW 170 Ave, Cunningham
Medical Call	Kingman
Thursday, March 2	
Traffic Complaint	W Hwy 54 & NW 90 Ave, Kingman
Traffic Complaint	14000 S Hwy 14, Rago
Traffic Complaint	6000 W Hwy 54, Kingman
Agency Assist	300 N Main St, Kingman
Damage to property	SE 10 St & SE 150 Ave, Cheney
Fraud	120 North Spruce, Kingman
Disturbance	15981 NE Lakeview Dr, Cheney
Suspicious Person	120 North Spruce, Kingman
Transport Prisoner	141 W Elm St, Wichita
Transport Prisoner	445 E Leiter Ave, Cunningham
Friday, March 3	
Traffic Stop	4
Traffic Complaint	11000 E Hwy 54, Cheney
Burglary	302 E D Ave, Kingman
Follow Up	700 N Main St, Kingman
Follow Up	439 N Lincoln St, Kingman
Suspicious Person	100 N Main St, Cunningham
Warrant Service	120 N Spruce, Kingman
Saturday, March 4	
Non-Injury Accident	NE 10 St & E Hwy 54, Kingman
Fire / Structure	1810 N Sidney, Kingman
Follow Up	313 E D ave, Kingman
Follow Up	E D Ave & N Main St, Kingman
Disturbance	322 E A Ave, Kingman
Warrant Service	120 N Spruce, Kingman
Theft	3947 NE 30 Ave, Kingman
Mental Health Call	Kingman

Public Notice

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF: JOHN W. DALTON, Deceased.

CASE NO. KM-2023-PR-000009 (Pursuant to K.S.A. Chapter 59)

NOTICE TO CREDITORS THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:

You are hereby notified that on February 15, 2023, a Petition

for Issuance of Letters of Administration was filed in this Court by Michelle D. Dalton.

All creditors of the decedent are notified to exhibit their demands against the Estate within the latter of four months from the date of first publication of notice under K.S.A. 59-2236 and amendments thereto, or if the identity of the creditor is known or reasonably ascertainable, 30 days after actual notice was given as provided by law, and if their demands are not thus exhibited, they shall be forever barred.

Michelle D. Dalton Administrator
MATTHEW W. RICKE 349 N. Main, P.O. Box 113 Kingman, KS 67068 (620) 532-3103 Attorney for Administrator

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF: LARRY S. PIEPLOW, Deceased.

Case No. 2022 PR 47 (Petition Pursuant to K.S.A. Chapter 59)

NOTICE OF HEARING AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:

You are hereby notified that on February 14th, 2023, a Petition was filed in this Court by Matthew W. Ricke, duly appointed, qualified and acting Executor of the Estate of Larry S. Pieplow, deceased, praying Petitioners 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 Executor of the Estate of Larry S. Pieplow, deceased, and the Petitioner be released from further liability.

You are required to file your written defenses thereto on or before March 14, 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.

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- *One-___-___ rule
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- One behind the other
- *Like crowd of fans?
- "___ the crowd goes wild!"
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Al Rohr

South Hutchinson, KS - Alvin J. Rohr, 93, passed away Sunday, March 5, 2023 at Mennonite Friendship Community in South Hutchinson, Kansas.

He was born in Bison, Kansas on March 19, 1929 to Wendelen and Margaret (Herrman) Rohr. He graduated from Ness City High School in 1947, followed by a four-year term in the United States Navy stationed on the aircraft carrier, USS Kearsarge CV-33, during the Korean War.

Following his military service, he received his degree from Fort Hays State University in 1957. After college, he taught school at Chase and Lucas High School before he moved to Cunningham in 1968 to finish out his teaching career. Alvin taught Chemistry, Physics, Math and Computer classes. He retired from Cunningham High School in 1993.

He was always available to help at football and basketball games, Junior Class prom, fixing the PA systems and scoreboards, Christmas parade, swim meets, and anything else the city or school needed.

He was active in the Cunningham community by participating in Cunningham Lions Club, Knights of Columbus, American Legion and served on City Council. He was very faithful to the Cunningham Sacred Heart Church by serving on the parish council, acting as Eucharistic minister plus many years of being the parish grounds keeper which included mowing, trimming, plumbing and electrical problems. He enjoyed gardening, piddling in the garage working on motors, taking his dog, Molly, for walks, attending his grandchildren activities and enjoying coffee with his friends.

Al and Sylvia (Shafer) Rohr were married in La Crosse on September 24, 1952. They were married for 51 years until Sylvia's death in 2003.

He is survived by his sisters, Ida Belle Gassman and Vera Mae Schmidt; 15 children, Alan (Beverly) Rohr, Candice (Mike) Quillin, Kevin (Judy) Rohr, Karla Fross, Kendal (Dawn) Rohr, Janel (Brad) Hollinger, Lori (Tommy) Hogan, Troy Rohr, Shawn (Kathi) Rohr, Mari (Paul) Mesh, Kristin (Matt) Ellis, Todd (Tresa) Rohr, Christopher (significant other, Darla) Rohr, Rebecca (David) Necessary and Timothy (Amanda) Rohr; 39 grandchildren; and 36 great-grandchildren.

Al is preceded in death by his parents; wife, Sylvia; brother, LeVane Rohr; sisters, Esther Herrman and Martina Holmes; daughter-in-law, Cathy Rohr and son in-law, Steve Fross;

Visitation will be Monday, March 13, 2023 from 9:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m. with family receiving friends from 5-7, with Vigil and Rosary service starting at 7:00 p.m., all at Larrison Mortuary, 300 Country Club Road, Pratt. Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 10:00 a.m., Tuesday, March 14, 2023 at Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Cunningham with Father Roger Lumbré presiding. Burial with military honors will follow at Sacred Heart Catholic Cemetery, Cunningham.

Memorials may be made to Cunningham Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Mennonite Friendship Community or Hospice and HomeCare of Reno County in care of Larrison Mortuary. Online condolences may be made at www.larrisonmortuary.com.

Clayton Shelton

Clayton Shelton, 62 died at his home in Dodge City on February 16, 2023. He was born October 10, 1960 in Syracuse Kansas. He served in the US Army in the 1980's. He worked as a rough neck, welder and recently he could be seen in Down Town Dodge City washing windows.

He is survived by his Stepmom Betty Shelton, Cunningham. Brothers Kevin Shelton, Salina, Quinton Pearson (Sam) Huntsville AL, Gayler Pearson (Wendy) Lakin, Charles Shelton II (Tina) Hutchinson and Craig Shelton of Hutchinson. Sisters Lana Wolfgang (Steve) Cunningham, Robin Shelton Rumsey Salina. Chris Coleman (Jim) Pratt, and Karen Shelton Bailey (Brad) Lehigh, KS. and many friends, neices and nephews. He was preceded in Death by His Father, Charles "Chick" Shelton Sr., Mother, Joyce Gayler Pearson, Stepdad Art Pearson, Brother, Jody Shelton, Nephew Trevor Heuson and Niece Amber Dimitt.

Cremation was chosen, there will be no services at this time.



Ludean Prim

Lilly Ludean (Mashburn) Prim, 79 years of age. Born January 26, 1944 went to be with the Lord on March 1, 2023. Ludean, as she was known, was married to Thomas William Prim on March 31, 1962. Ludean was a wife, mother, grandmother, and great

grandmother. She worked from home as a babysitter of many children over her 50+ years. She was a faithful member of The Gospel Tabernacle of Bethel Heights and served her Lord and Savior for many years.

She is preceded in death by her parents, 5 brothers, 3 sisters, her husband Thomas and son Donald William Prim.

Ludean is survived by one son Bobby Ray Prim (wife Linda) of the home, 2 granddaughters Natasha Campbell (husband Robert) of Springdale, AR and Elizabeth Prim of Bella Vista, AR, 2 grandsons Montana Prim (wife Amanda) of Cunningham, KS, David Prim of Siloam Springs, AR and 4 great granddaughters Evelyn Grace, Amara Rose, and Gwen Sophia Prim of Cunningham, KS and Eliana Ludean Campbell of Springdale, AR and many nieces, nephews, friends and family.

Funeral services were Saturday, March 4, 2023 at The Gospel Tabernacle of Bethel Heights with Bro. Bobby Main, Ray Main, Michael Wood, Carl Daniels and David Day officiating. Burial followed in Phillips Cemetery in Lowell.

Online condolences may be left at www.siscofuneral.com



Donald Belden

Wichita - Donald Eugene Belden, 90, passed away Tuesday, February 28, 2023 in Wichita. He was born on October 5, 1932 in Hutchinson to Hollie H and Osee A. (Davis) Belden. Donald married Merry Lou (Mitchell) Belden on June 6, 1954 in Iola, Kansas. She preceded him in death on March 11, 2017.

Donald graduated from Dighton High School in 1950. He went on to earn his Bachelor of Science from Kansas University. He worked as an accountant for Pratt Feeders. He was a member of Pratt Presbyterian Church where he served as an Elder, Deacon and in the Choir. He was also a President and Member of Pratt Rotary Club and Green Valley Golf Course. He enjoyed golfing, fishing, hunting, dancing, playing games, studying weather, KU Sports and spending time with his grandchildren and great-grandchildren. He also enjoyed flying and had his private pilot license.

He is survived by his children, Gregory Belden of Columbia, South Carolina and Nancy (Tracy) Drosselmeyer of Wichita; sister, Bettey (Rodney) Baeta of Cupertino, California; sisters in-law, Jorita Belden of Wichita and Susan Belden of Houston, Texas; granddaughters, Erin K. (fiance, Tramaine Thompson) Drosselmeyer of Jenks, Oklahoma and Alyssa M. (Braden) Louia of Wytheville, Virginia; and great-granddaughters, Aria Jade Thompson, Austyn Avery Thompson and Leighton Rivie Louia.

Donald is preceded in death by his parents; wife, Merry Lou Belden; and brothers, Ronald Belden and Guy "Neil" Belden.

Cremation has taken place. A memorial service was held on Monday, March 6, 2023 at Pratt Presbyterian Church with John Hamm presiding. Inurnment with military honors followed at Greenlawn Cemetery, Pratt.

Memorials may be made to Pratt Presbyterian Church or Pratt Rotary Club in care of Larrison Mortuary, 300 Country Club Road, Pratt.



Darrel Trickel



Darrel Lee Trickel, 82, died Feb. 28, 2023 at his home.

He was born Dec. 24, 1940, at Kingman the son of Clarence and Dorothy Werner Trickel.

A longtime resident of Kingman, he was a retired machinist for Cessna-Eaton Hydrolics, Hutchinson. He was a veteran of the U.S. Army.

Survivors include two sons, Justin and Robert, both of Kingman; 7 grandchildren; and 3 great-grandchildren.

Family services will be held at a later date.

Elbert Roderick

Elbert Eugene Roderick, 96, died March 5, 2023 at Derby Health and Rehabilitation. He was born Sept. 13, 1926, in Anthony, the son of Boyd and Julia Roderick. A Kingman resident since 1973, previously of Attica, he worked at KPL and was a farmer.

He was a member of the Methodist Church in Kingman.

On Sept. 29, 1944, he married Gwendolyn Moore in Anthony. They enjoyed 67 years of marriage before she died in 2011.

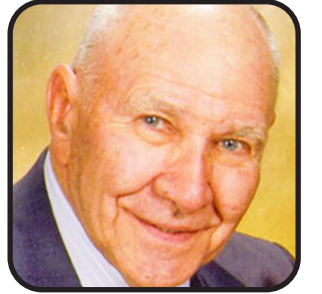
Elbert is survived by children Clifford (Carol) Roderick of Mulvane, Clair (Leigh Ann) Roderick of Westcliffe, Colo.; and Carolyn Laws of Derby; his grandchildren Mike (Michelle) Roderick of Colorado Springs, Colo.; Matt (Tressa) Roderick of Mulvane; Chris (Mandy) Roderick of Mulvane; Jeremy (Marissa) Roderick of Buena Vista, Colo.; Jennifer (Adam) Herring of Derby; Kristen Birket of Maize; and 13 great grandchildren.

He is also survived by his sister Margaret Nelson of Stillwater, Okla.; and sister-in-laws Jo Ann Roderick of Stillwater, Okla.; and June Kastens of Anthony.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Gwendolyn; parents Boyd and Julia Roderick; son-in-law Gregory Laws; brothers Bryce (Laverne) Roderick and Myron Roderick; sister Phyllis (Jim) Bailey; and brother-in-law Darrell Nelson.

Family visitation is 10 a.m. Saturday, March 11 followed by the funeral at 11 a.m. at Livingston Funeral Home in Kingman. Graveside services will follow at 2 p.m. Saturday, March 11, at Attica Cemetery.

In Lieu of flowers, memorials are suggested to Kingman Methodist Church, in care of Livingston Funeral Home.



JR Ewing

Pratt - Junior "JR" Ewing, 86, passed away Thursday, March 2, 2023 at his home. He was born on October 16, 1936 in Council Grove to Guy and Fern (Rees) Ewing. JR married Donna (Brunner) Ewing on August 31, 1958 in Herington. She survives.

JR graduated from Herington High School in 1954. He worked as a conductor and brakeman for Rock Island Railroad for 48 years. He was a member of St. Paul Lutheran Church, Lions Club, Pilot Club Train and Meals on Wheels aiding a handicap friend as well as Rock Island Organization (BTF). He enjoyed doing yard work, playing with the dogs and spending time with his grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

He is survived by his children, Shawn (Tina) Ewing of Bartlesville, Oklahoma, Shelley Ewing of Fort Worth, Texas and Shannon (Mark) Wichman of Hutchinson, KS; grandchildren, Anthony (fiance', Erica) Wichman of Kansas City, Missouri, Joshua (Michaela) Wichman of Wamego, Molly (Matthew) Fortier of Kansas City, Missouri, Whitney Ewing of Tulsa, Oklahoma, Derrick (Victoria) Ewing of Bixby, Oklahoma and John Brennan, Joseph Brennan and James Brennan of Fort Worth, Texas; and great-grandchildren, Mason and Connor Fortier, Colt Wichman and Dawson Ewing.

JR is preceded in death by his parents; sisters, Phyllis Contois and Judy Walsh; brother, Earle Ewing; and infant sister, Wilma Ewing.

Visitation will be Sunday, March 5, 2023 from 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. at Larrison Mortuary, 300 Country Club Road, Pratt. Funeral service will be held at 2:00 p.m., Monday, March 6, 2023 at St. Paul Lutheran Church with Pastor Michael Schotte presiding. Burial will follow at St. Paul Lutheran Church Cemetery, Natrona.

Memorials may be made to St. Paul Lutheran Church or Barks and Bubbles Grooming Service in care of Larrison Mortuary.

Tommy Bough

Tommy E. Bough, Sr., 71, died March 4, 2023, at Kingman.

He was born Feb. 7, 1952, at Kingman the son of Charlie and Iva Karnes Bough. A longtime resident of Kingman, he was a retired auto mechanic.

Tommy was formerly of the Kansas National Guard.

On January 29, 1974, he married Verna Foster. Other survivors include sons Tommy, Jr., Ben, Jason and Daniel; daughters Angela Bough and Andrea Wiebe; sisters Juanita Bosley, Sherry Upton, Evelyn Kackley, Sharon Gonzales, Margaret Merz, Alice Eagerton and Kathy Ewald; and numerous grand and great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by a son Jonathon; brothers Jr. Bough and Larry Bough; a Elsie Bosley; and a grandson Bannon.

Family services will be held at a later date.

Memorials may be made with Rivercross Hospice in care of Livingston Funeral Home.

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