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Minutes from the Kingman County Commission Meeting on December 27th

Chairman Foley called the Board of County Commissioners meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. January 20, 2023, in the County Commissioners room at the Kingman County Courthouse. Present were Jerry Henning, Chairman; Patrick Elpers, Commissioner; Jack Thimesch, Commissioner; Carol Noblit, County Clerk; Brandon Ritcha, County Counselor

Visitors: Bob Morris, Leader-Courier
Online Visitors:

Staff: Charles Arensdorf, Public Works Director

Chairman Henning asked if there were any additions to the agenda.

Commissioner Thimesch would like to add an attorney-client privilege executive session.

MOTION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to approve the agenda with the addition of an executive session for attorney-client privilege. Commissioner

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

Chairman Henning asked if there was any public comment.

No comments made.

County Clerk submitted the minutes of the January 9, 2023 Commission meeting for approval.

Commissioner Thimesch would like to go into executive session for Atty-Client privilege.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to go into executive session at 8:46 a.m. with Brandon Ritcha, County Counselor to discuss Atty-Client privilege pursuant to the exception under the Kansas Open Meetings Act for discussion of matters which would be deemed privileged under the attorney-client relationship, and they will return to open session in the Board meeting room at 8:51 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 8:51 a.m. with no decision made.

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Brandon Ritcha, County Counselor; Charles Arensdorf, Public Works Director and Stan Goetz, Planning/Zoning Director were in to discuss the agreements for Flat Ridge IV & V with the County Commissioners.

Mr. Arensdorf, Public Works Director submitted invoices for Kirkham Michael & Associates engineering services for the Commissioners to review.

Commissioners reviewed the summary of Transfers & Corrections for December 31, 2022 from the Financial Officer in the amount of \$1,752,527.49.

Chairman Henning discussed that he met Senator Moran during his visit to

Mize Wire last week.

Commissioner Elpers discussed with Mr. Arensdorf that he had a taxpayer that would like a ditch cleaned out to help drainage. Mr. Arensdorf let him know that he knows the area and he will look at it.

MOTION: Commissioner Elpers moved to approve the January 9, 2023 Commission meeting minutes.

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

Chairman Henning presented the Board with a check from Mr. Foley for the purchase of his old laptop and that the funds be deposited into the General Fund.

The County Clerk submitted letters for the Commissioners to review for late payments on NRP projects.

Commissioners approved abatements and one addition:

MOTION: Commissioner Elpers moved to adjourn the regular board meeting at 11:34 a.m. Commissioner Thimesch seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

City Council Will Meet January 30th

AGENDA

Meeting will be held at City Hall, 119 N. Main St.

6:30 p.m. – Call to Order

Approval of Agenda

Approval of Minutes of December 27, 2022 special meeting

Public comments, concerns, & communications

Fire Department – Chief's Report; Runs & Meetings Report

FAÇADE Application and Disbursement

Leslie Schrag – Kingman County Economic Development

Update on Round 2 of BASE Grant GAAP Resolution No. 2023-01

Consideration of Audit Agreements Executive Session – Consultation with Attorney under K.S.A. 75-4319(b)

(2)

Review City Code 15-107

Planning & Zoning Board Appointments

Consider Water Meter Purchase Reports

Property Officer

Planning & Zoning

Maintenance

Swimming Pool

Animal Control

Financial Report & payment of bills

Adjourn

All of Governor's 'Axing Your Taxes' Plan Introduced in Kansas House and Senate

TOPEKA – Governor Laura Kelly announced today that each part of her three-part 'Axing Your Taxes' package has been introduced in the Kansas House and Senate.

The Governor's 'Axing Your Taxes' package saves Kansans more than \$500 million over the next three years.

"Kansans need relief from rising grocery prices, the cost of school supplies, and the social security income tax cliff retirees currently experience," Governor Kelly said. "Because of the work we've done to balance our budget, fully fund schools, and attract business to the state, we can provide responsible tax cuts for Kansas families. Now that these bills are introduced, let's work together to get them passed."

"Under Governor Kelly's leadership, legislators from both sides of the aisle came together to reduce the food sales tax – and we can do it again this session, once and for all," Senate Minority Leader Dinah Sykes said. "We also have the opportunity to truly help Kansans at every life stage by reducing costs on essentials like diapers and feminine hygiene products, making

school supplies more affordable for families, and easing taxes on Social Security for our seniors. We have the means to make a living, raising a family, and retiring in Kansas more affordable while protecting our future economic security, and I'm proud to have introduced legislation that will provide this relief for Kansans."

"Over the last year, the legislature heard from hundreds - if not thousands - of Kansans from all corners of the state. Their demand was clear: Axe the food tax," Representative Tom Sawyer, District 95, who introduced the bills in the House, said. "Election year politicking prevented us from an immediate elimination of the tax in 2022. Hopefully, now that the election is complete, we can move forward at full speed and respond to the critical needs of our state."

Kansans can track the progress of the Governor's proposals at the following links:

SB 57 and HB 2111 – Elimination of State Sales Tax on Groceries, Diapers, and Feminine Hygiene Products

In 2022, Governor Kelly signed bipartisan legislation gradually eliminating the 6.5% state sales tax on groceries. With this plan, Governor Kelly again urges the legislature to provide immediate tax relief for Kansans. If passed, Kansans would see the imme-

mediate elimination of the state sales tax on groceries – as well as the state sales tax on other essentials like diapers and feminine hygiene products, which were not included in the 2022 bill.

SB 55 and HB 2108 – Back-to-School Sales Tax Holiday

This legislation creates a four-day sales tax holiday on school supplies, personal computers, instructional materials, and art supplies every August. The holiday would provide relief to families and teachers gearing up for back to school and keep Kansas retailers competitive with surrounding states.

SB 56 and HB 2107 – Social Security Income Tax Relief

Currently, Kansans earning less than \$75,000 annually do not pay state income tax on social security income. But once they earn a dollar more – including through investments and life insurance policies – the entirety of their social security income is subject to state income tax. This legislation would smooth out that cliff, so no Kansan making under \$100,000 pays full taxes on social security.

Kansans can advocate for these bills by calling their legislator at 800-432-3924.

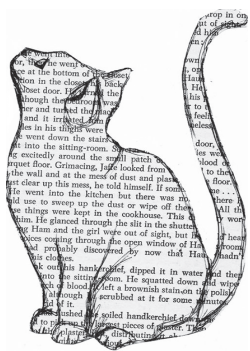
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Meanderings

I have my Lucky Day; named for the Steve Martin character in 'The Three Amigos'.

Lucky Day doesn't like the cold. He seldom ventures to the out of doors on these frosty winter days.

Yes, they do have water inside. Filled constantly. Changed a couple of times a week.

silly things would rather drink outside.

Sometimes the cats will sit in the sunshine. Sometimes they take a patrol around the yard.

Because Lucky Day doesn't like the cold, I've designated him our thermostat control officer.

it'd be sweater weather.

Lucky Day is a nice kitty. He doesn't mind people. He doesn't run and hide every time someone comes to the door.

This sweet orange tabby also doesn't have much of a voice or a loud purr. I don't know if there is something wrong with his vocal cords.

Right now he is curled up in his drawer here at my desk, snoozing away, oblivious to my typing away about him.

I think probably if he'd find some place he fit into better, he'd need not have to stretch and re-curl so often.

Be sure to check out that little cutie on page 10. Eve is her name.

And the puppy is super cute, too!

I put a crossword in the paper this week. I had some room and couldn't find anything that seemed quite interesting enough to put in that space.

clue rather odd. How many paddleboat experts are readers and know this clue?

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I just finished reading the book club book for this month. 'People of the Book' by Geraldine Brooks.

I know anti-Semitism still exists. That march/rally in Charlottesville. That was plain creepy.

which Jesus practiced? It's like not liking Jesus.

Always reading, and currently reading, 'Corrupted' by Lisa Scottoline, Roberta

'I'm afraid the popularity of the domestic cat would drop very quickly if little kitty could roar its displeasure.'

— Yann Martel, Life of Pi

'Well, from what you've told me, the book has survived the same human disaster over and over again. Think about it. You've got a society where people tolerate difference, like Spain in the Convivencia, and everything's humming along: creative, prosperous. Then somehow this fear, this hate, this need to demonize 'the other'—it just sort of rears up and smashes the whole society.'

— Geraldine Brooks, People of the Book

Tallgrass and Tumbleweeds by Gaille Pike

Dear Readers,

A friend of mine from college and I were reminiscing this week when he brought up a memory we share.

his mother from placing buckets under outlets to 'catch' any power that might drip out.

And I appreciate the skill required to model for us how to show a story rather than 'tell' one.

But at the time I believed our instructor regaled us with this tale because we often ignored his direction to 'write what you know.'

do that?

As my friend and I revisit this memory forty-odd years later, I see a teacher taking on a far greater challenge, that he was trying to SHOW budding authors that the cycle of life extends beyond adolescence.

ing us why. Electricity in her home was more than a profound change to her world, it was foreign. And terrifying.

My friend and I cringed at memories of how our teen selves snorted and laughed every time we heard this tale.

selves on the back a bit, so to speak, about how we've matured over the years. Then my friend, said 'You know, someday kids are gonna laugh at things WE do.'

Then it hit us—we're not any wiser. And now we're the ones putting buckets under outlets.

A COLUMN BY TOM PURCELL

Stove Debate a Real Gas

I love my gas stove—almost as much as I love my Weber gas grill.

So I became curious this past week when I heard that a commissioner in one of our ever-expanding federal-government agencies discussed a possible ban on natural gas stoves.

As the story goes, Richard Trumka Jr., a

U.S. Consumer Product Safety commissioner, told Bloomberg that gas stoves are a hidden health hazard and that 'products that can't be made safe can be banned.'

Bloomberg says that 40% of America's homes use gas stoves and that they 'emit air pollutants such as nitrogen dioxide, carbon monoxide and fine particulate matter at levels the EPA and World Health Organization have said are unsafe and linked to respiratory illness, cardiovascular problems, cancer and other health conditions....'

If that is the case, I consider myself a gas-stove survivor.

Growing up in a house with eight people, our gas stove was always cooking something.

My mother mastered the gastronomic wonders of Hamburger Helper most nights and we devoured her delicacies unaware that our little lungs, hearts and other parts of us were being put at incredible risk.

Almost daily, my dad made the best eggs, bacon, hash browns and pancakes this side of an upscale Manhattan restaurant in his trusty

cast-iron skillet—which posed its own health dangers.

Every Friday he used it to grill up the cheapest hamburger meat he could find and the exploding grease balls nearly took my eye out on more than one occasion.

God only knows the damage my parents caused us when we suffered a power outage on a cold winter day and they cranked up every burner on the stovetop to stay warm.

My dad loved to cook

with gas so much he ran a gas line from the house out to the back porch to a grill that we used every night, rain or shine, from spring until Thanksgiving, to grill up delicious, healthy and inexpensive chicken and pork.

We enjoyed hundreds of delightful meals on our back porch that way.

We had no idea that using natural gas to feed our large family was shortening our lives and contributing to the downfall of the global ecosystem.

Nowadays you must feel guilty about having a large family and even guiltier if you choose to cook with a wondrous blue flame that can be turned up or down at will rather than use a red electric coil that heats and cools on its own sluggish schedule.

In any event, in response to the great gas-stove backlash that swept the country, the Consumer Product Safety Commission says now that there are no federal plans to outlaw gas stoves anytime soon.

But state and local efforts to ban gas stoves are

gaining ground.

According to the Washington Examiner, nearly 100 cities and counties and 20 states have already adopted policies restricting the use of gas-powered stoves and heaters or have begun phasing them out for new construction.

Banning gas stoves isn't the way to go, though.

If there are health issues with their use, then let our creative minds in the private sector innovate gas-stove solutions—or make other cooking technologies, such as induction stoves, more affordable.

Now if you'll excuse me, I'm going to fire up my cast iron skillet and make a fried-egg breakfast that would make my father proud.

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Thursday, January 26th JH BB vs Attica at HOME	Wednesday, February 1st Winter Sports photos
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Saturday, January 28th HS BB Girls 54 Classic at Skyline	Thursday, February 2nd Regional Scholars' Bowl
Monday, January 30th JH BB vs Pretty Prairie at HOME *** Soup Supper *** City Council	Friday, February 3rd HS BB at Norwich Saturday, February 4th JH HOPL BB Tournament at Stafford

Boys State of Kansas Taking Registrations for 2023 Session

The American Legion Boys State of Kansas is taking registrations for its 2023 session. The event is scheduled to be held Sunday, June 4, through Saturday, June 10, at Kansas State University in Manhattan. This will be the program's 31st consecutive session at KSU and 85th overall.

Traditionally, Kansas Boys State is for individuals who will complete their junior year of high school in the spring just prior to the start of each session. However, the ALBSK program will again expand the pool of registrants for this year's session to include those who will complete their sophomore year of high school this spring.

The American Legion Boys State of Kansas

program provides a relevant, interactive, problem-solving experience in leadership and teamwork that develops self-identity, promotes mutual respect and instills civic responsibility to inculcate a sense of individual obligation to community, state and nation. Boys State is a "learning by doing" political exercise that simulates elections, political parties and government at the state, county and local levels, providing opportunities to lead under pressure, showcasing character and working effectively within a team. It's also an opportunity to gain pride and respect for government, and the price paid by members of the military to preserve democracy.

The cost to attend the Boys State of Kansas program is \$350; however, in many instances, sponsors pay the majority of the fees, with the delegate or

his family paying \$50. Those wishing to attend the program

should visit ksstate.org to register. The deadline to register to guarantee a spot in the 2023 program is Sunday, April 30; registrations are accepted after that date on a space-available basis.

Potential sponsors, such as American Legion posts, civic organizations, businesses, clubs and interested individuals should visit ksstate.org/sponsor-a-delegate. Questions? Contact the ALBSK at info@ksstate.org or (785) 550-6492.

— #KSBoysState —

The American Legion Boys State of Kansas is an interactive simulation that teaches high school seniors-to-be the value of democracy and civic duty. Participants form mock governments and campaign for positions at the city, county and state levels. After the

elections, participants find out firsthand the difficult decisions made daily by those in government through a series of challenging simulations. Delegates, nominated to attend by their high school counselors and other influential people in their lives, are sponsored by American Legion posts and various civic organizations from across the state. All delegates demonstrate outstanding leadership qualities in student government, athletics and/or other activities.

The Boys State program was founded by Legionnaires Hayes Kennedy and Harold Card in Illinois in 1935, and was first held in Kansas two years later in Wichita. The Kansas program moved to the University of Kansas in Lawrence in 1963 and remained there until 1991. The following year, it moved to its current location at Kansas State University in Manhattan. For more information about the American Legion Boys State of Kansas, visit ksstate.org.

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Saturday:
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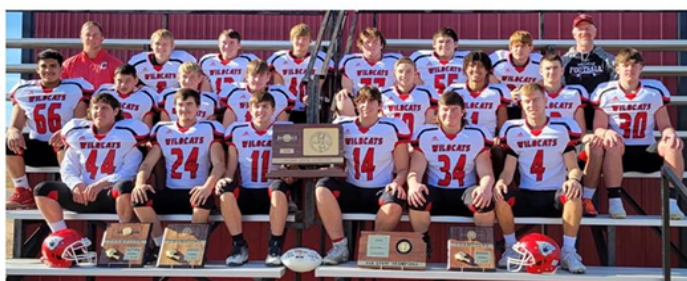
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**Monday, January 30
4:30-7:00**

Cunningham School Cafeteria



Serving Cheeseburger Soup,
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Your free-will donation will help the 6-Man State Champions pay for the expenses that come with the victory. It's ring season!

Health Clinics

Kingman County Health Department will be doing its monthly outreach clinics in February on the following dates:

Cunningham-
Wednesday, February 1st
from 9:30am-12:00pm

Nashville- Wednesday,
February 1st from
1:30pm- 4:00pm

Norwich- Thursday,
February 2nd from
1:30pm-4:00pm

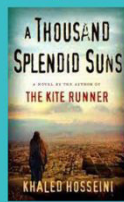
Friendship meals free
blood pressure checks
at the senior center
Wednesday, February 8th
from 11:00am-12:00pm.

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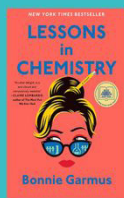
Tuesday,
Jan 24th
@ 6 pm



Tuesday,
Feb 28th
@ 6 pm



Tuesday,
Mar 28th
@ 6 pm



These books are available by request to those participating.

Remember !!!!



**Lions Club
Pancake Supper
February 10
School Cafeteria
5-7:30**

B-29 Museum

is open on Sundays from 2:00 to 4:00 pm

Pratt Army Airfield – 82 Curran Road
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January 27th - 28th

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1928

January 28 – The Sunflower Café, operated by Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Schad and son, changed locations this week from the Ratcliff Hotel building to the Scott building.

1933

January 27 – This section of the state suffered a terrible dust storm last Saturday. This is the first storm of this nature to strike Kansas in the past thirty years. Milk is selling for 6 cents a quart in Cunningham.

1938

January 28, – E. C. Dafforn, Cunningham garage-man and implement dealer, paid his employees their weekly wages in silver dollars last week and local merchants report that the boys certainly trade at home as most of the “cartwheels” are in their cash registers.

1943

January 29 – The powerful Cunningham Wildcatters unleashed a potent scoring punch to easily defeat the Coats Bulldogs, 43 to 13 in the Wildcatter gym Tuesday night.

Coach C. L. Zink shifted the starting line-up in an effort to effect a smoother passing attack, moving Bob Crow, forward, to his old position at center, and Jack Kincheloe, lanky center, to the forward post. Charlie Cooley paced the Wildcatter offense, making 18 points. Jack Kincheloe made 11; Carlos Schwartz 8; Bob Crow 7; Jack Bradley 2; and Deem Crow 1.

The usual (or unusual) Kansas weather prevailed again this week. A week ago Sunday we suffered a blizzard with temperatures dropping to twelve degrees below zero, however by last Thursday we were enjoying seventy degree weather, but that was short-lived because by last week-end the mercury in the thermometers had plunged again to two degrees above zero and we are “enjoying” winter weather again.

George Lawson of Penalosa, had a narrow escape last week-end when his clothing caught in the power take-off on a combine while he was threshing maize. All his clothing was torn off and all he had on when the machine stopped was his suspenders around his neck and one shoe.

1948

January 30 – The Cunningham community, along with the rest of the nation, is getting its share of very disagreeable weather. Temperatures for the past week have hovered around zero – the coldest being reported to us being seven degrees below Tuesday night.

The Kansas Power and Light Company, reporting a shortage of gas, asked schools and public buildings in the towns it serves to close in order to keep the pressure high enough to heat homes and offices. The local schools were closed Wednesday and Thursday.

Most roads were kept open following the snow Monday, which was accompanied by high winds, however, the highways in this vicinity were spotted with glassy areas.

1953

January 30 – Mrs. Eula Witt received word Wednesday of this week that she had been awarded the “Grand Slam” radio program’s national first prize of a trip to Europe where she will attend the coronation ceremonies of Queen Elizabeth II during the latter part of May.

“Grand Slam,” a question and answer and audience participation program which is sponsored by the Continental Baking Company, and is heard each week-day morning at 10:30 o’clock.

Mrs. Witt was awarded first prize in the recent contest sponsored by the company, celebrating their sixth year of “Grand Slam” on the air, when prizes were given for the person or persons guessing closest to the question of how many prizes the radio program had awarded to home players during their six years on the air, along with a suggestion of a novel way of serving Hostess Cup Cakes, a product of the baking company.

Mrs. Witt estimates that she had sent in twenty different answers and suggestions, as all that was required was a two-cent postcard and a few minutes of time.

The Cunningham Wildcats scored their tenth victory of the current season this week when they took a 67 to 55 decision from Hazelton last Tuesday night on the Hazelton court.

Museum Hours

contact

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

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Jack Meyers and Billy DeWeese paced the Wildcats scoring attack with 25 and 24 points respectively.

Pete Stockemer, 62, a resident of Kingman County for almost forty years, and a resident of Cunningham the past five and a half years, passed away suddenly Monday afternoon at his home here following a heart attack.

1958

January 30 – An even \$98.00 was contributed to the 1958 March of Dimes Campaign in Cunningham by those attending the benefit program in the high school gym-auditorium, Monday evening, according to City Director Bill Bradley.

The Cunningham community will have a Cub Scout Pack soon, according to reports from an organizational meeting held in the Lodge Hall last Sunday afternoon.

The Cub Scout Pack will be sponsored by the local Christian Church, and Floren (Shorty) Rose will serve as Cubmaster, with Lawrence Ebenkamp and Jack Vermillion as Assistant Cubmasters.

Five mail sacks, containing rifled letters and other first class mail, were found by State Highway Department workers while working on the bridge three miles east of Cunningham last Friday. Postmarks on the mail indicated it had been stolen at Garden City.

Almost all of the several hundred pieces of mail had been opened.

Clerks at the Kingman Post Office are enclosing the rifled mail in envelopes directed to the addresses which were on the original envelopes, with the notation that the mail was recovered from rifled sacks.

1963

January 31 – The Leo Zrubek family have the distinction of being the first with color television in our city, having it installed last week.

A former Cunningham boy, Billy Huffman of Pratt, got his new radio station, KWNS, “on the air” last week.

The new station is a powerful one, broadcasting with 5,000 watts during the day-time, and 500 watts night-time power.

KWNS (Kansas Weather, News, Sports) may be found at 1290 on your radio dial, with broadcasting beginning at 5:30 o’clock each morning.

Cunningham traveled to Nashville, Tuesday night, where they wrestled a 598 to 53 decision from the Indians in a non-league game. It was the Wildcats 11th straight win and gives them a 12-1 season’s record.

Robert Leiter paced the Wildcat scoring with 26 points, 12 of them free-throws. Joe Young got 10 points; Eugene Huston 11; Mickey Miles 8; and Leonard Bayer 3.

1968

February 1 – The Cunningham Wildcats put on a second-half rally to put down the Nashville-Zenda Thunderbirds in a Golden Plains League game played at Zenda last Friday night.

The Wildcats, down 30 to 23 at half-time, scored 40 points in the second half to N-Z’s 25, and came off with a 63 to 55 victory.

Jim McCune paced the Cunningham scoring attack with 24 points; Frank McClellan had 14; Ned Albers 12; Alan Albers 6; John McCune 5; and George Kampling 2. The N-Z brother combination, Steve and Bob Adelhardt, accounted for 36 Thunderbird points – Steve had 21 and Bob made 15.

Private Mike Scripsick, who has completed his basic training at Fort Bliss, Tex., is spending a two-week furlough visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. K.J. Scripsick and Kent. Mike is being sent to Frankfort, Germany, for AIT training.

Richard J. Rathbun, 51, of Coldwater, former owner of the drug store in Cunningham in the 1950s, died Monday morning at the Comanche County Hospital in Coldwater, following a heart attack.

YEARS AGO IN

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1978

February 2 -St. Johns, AZ – Keith Welch, popular Flagstaff and Northern Arizona court reporter and transcriber historic conversations during American lunar landings, died north of here Thursday in the crash of his light airplane.

He was 36.

Mr. Welch was born October 31st, 1941, in

Hutchinson, KS, and grew up in Cunningham, KS.

He attended court reporting school in Plainview, Tex., and came to Flagstaff to work in Superior Court in 1963. At the time of his death, he was owner and operator of Northern Arizona Reporters, the area’s major court reporting firm.

Beginning in 1969, he and Don Thacker, his long-time professional associate, were hired by the National Aeronautics and Space Agency to transcribe conversations from American astronauts landing and walking on the lunar surface.

The two recorded the historic first words from the moon, spoken by Astronaut Neil Armstrong, “That’s one small step for man; one large step for mankind.”

They continued their work for NAZA throughout the duration of the Apollo moon-landing flights and, several times, were commended by the space agency for the quality of their work.

Mr. Welch is survived by his wife, Margaret, two daughters, Kelly Sue and Kerry Lynne, Cunningham, Kans., his mother Dorothy Redwine, Cunningham; and one brother, Kenneth, Cottonwood.

Honor Roll

Pratt Community College students from Cunningham for the 1977 semester who were on the honor roll were: Dale Adelhardt, auto mechanics; Dick Adelhardt, auto mechanics; Greg Kerschen, center pivot irrigation; Terry Simonson, accounting; Greg DeWeese, electronics; Connie Hodgkinson, secretarial; John Huffman, engineering; and Darrel Mertens diesel mechanics.

Third graders have been busy making posters for entry in the Kingman County Dental Health Poster contest. All third graders in Kingman County are eligible for this contest. Many oral and written book reports have recently been made in English class. Third grade aide, Melva Oller, assisted each student in using the card catalog.

The Wildcat Den will not be open on Saturday, February 4 and Saturday, February 11 due to the Grade School Basketball Tournament. On February 18, there will be a dance for the 6th, 7th, and 8th grades.

A little bit of the past was discovered recently when Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Hergert were having their sewer line replaced. A small gravestone, broken in three pieces was unearthed with the inscription "Nellie Jenkins, 7 years - 11 months" and the flowing sentiment included "Free from earthly care, Free of earthly strain, Who could wish her back again?"

As the Jenkins family lived on that block during the last of the past century, it was surmised to be a burial plot for the little girl, but his was later proved to be incorrect when Roy Wetherall identified the stone, and said that the child had been a sister of his mother, whose maiden name was Addie Jenkins.

When the child had passed away, she had been buried at the Cairo Cemetery, where this stone had been used, then at a later date, had been moved to Maude Cemetery near Cunningham and another marked used in the family plot to better match the other ones used there.

The marker is presently at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Dale Sheldon.



1983

February 3- Seventh Grade: In our “Read” magazine there was a story by an author from Canada named Farley Morwat (sic). Mr. Morwat writes about his writing on wolf communication and wolf life. After reading the story and discussing it, John Rosenbaum brought a record from home which was narrated by Robert Redford and was entitled ‘Language and Music of the Wolves.’ After checking through both grade school and high school libraries, students found those books written by Mr. Morwat. These will be available for book reports this nine weeks for interested students.

Roberta Thimesch, a senior at Southwestern College in Winfield has been named to the Dean’s Honor Roll for the Fall Semester. In order to qualify for the Dean’s Honor Roll, a student must have received a grade point average of 3.7 or better out of 4.0 for that term. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Thimesch, Cunningham.

Jane Kaster, 73, Cunningham, died January 29th at Villa Manor Retirement Center, Pratt, after a long illness. Born Jane Baber, November 16, 1909, at Cunningham, she married John Kaster February 4, 1939 at Wichita. He died July 4, 1962. She was a retired registered nurse and had been a longtime Cunningham resident.

A second quarter spurt powered the Cunningham Wildcats to a 73-78 tournament victory over the Norwich Eagles.

The Cunningham girls overcame a second quarter deficit to thrash the Sharon Cardinals 43-32 in the finals of the Great Golden Plains League Tourney. The Beat sister duo of Kathy and Deb combined for 22 points, 12 and 10 respectively to power the Wildcats to victory.

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Consider this...

by Mike Johnson

Expectations Cause Pain

Our supper reservations were for 7:30.

A couple was visiting our area for the first time from out of state and we'd told them all about our favorite western restaurant. So you can imagine our embarrassment when we were still waiting to be seated at 8:10. It got worse.

After finally getting a table, we were ignored for another 20 minutes. Then the drinks our guests requested were unavailable. When their second choices arrived, they rested in plastic tumblers because the dishwasher was behind on glasses. The food took forever. On and on and on.

Thankfully, the conversation was good, helping salve the service that was so bad it had become comical. We joked about how "memorable" their trip to our town would be. Scheduled to drive them to the top of the Beartooth Mountains the next day, I joked that all we needed now was crummy weather to make their visit complete.

I got my wish.

A cold front rolled in overnight, dropping the August temperature into the 50s which could only mean one thing - it would be freezing up on the mountain. Fully packed, with no time to reschedule, we picked them up and headed off anyway.

Sure enough, within 30 minutes we were immersed in the low clouds, dropping visibility to almost zero. Spectacular mountain views are fully

dependent on being able to see OFF the mountain. Our hope was that the summit would be higher than the clouds we were driving through and we'd salvage a still-spectacular view.

Parked at the summit 10,947 feet higher than our friends' Florida home, we exited the car and stepped into the 30 degree temperatures. The summit of course, was swallowed by clouds, reducing visibility to ten feet. We walked a bit, condensation forming on us with every step, laughing from the absurdity of taking photos of each other in this soup.

Darn those expectations. We'd wanted to share both the great restaurant and great views with our guests and darn if we weren't disappointed. We wanted things to be one way, yet

they'd turned out another. Disappointment is frustrating. Disappointment hurts. And then I remembered a great line.

All pain is created by our insistence that reality be something different than it is.

True enough, we rarely question the expectations we place in our heads and instead, get pompously angry at the universe for having the audacity of not fulfilling them. In essence, we write a poor script and then blame everyone and everything else for not following it. We create all our own mental pain by thoughtlessly writing expectations rather than entering each new situation with an open-mind.

So I relaxed. The day would be what it would be. At least the couple would laugh every time they thought of that 24

hours with the Johnsons. In fact, we were already cracking jokes in that vein on the way down the mountain when the clouds started to clear. We'd packed a picnic lunch and found a perfect table next to a secluded alpine lake. The sun actually came out. Temps climbed back to the 50s. One of our guests spotted a moose on the far bank and spent 15 minutes enraptured, watching it through binoculars.

After leaving the lake, we discovered a roaring creek that made for a magnificent cascade - and great photos as we took turns standing on rocks as nature's power roared around us. Back in the car we went, grinning from the unexpected "bonuses" we'd encountered.

Rounding a corner while scanning for wildlife, I then saw the bonus

of bonuses - a black bear just 30 feet off the road munching on raspberries. Pulling over, we were able to watch and photograph the bruin for a good 20 minutes. Our guests were fascinated. The bear sat. He layed. He scratched. He lumbered to another bush. He yawned. All the while licking and gobbling berries, oblivious to our car just 10 yards away.

It made their trip. We were redeemed. Totally unexpected, the universe had provided bonuses that had surpassed our original expectations. And we were left with a powerful lesson.

Expectations are merely our way of trying to redecorate God's world. Trust that his design is far more magnificent than ours.

The Lie

By Stephen Kimball

Life is funny, with its twists and turns. If you're smart, you don't sit back and let life just happen, you learn from it. Thing is, there's a lot of not-so-smart people out there and, as a result, sins of the past tend to be repeated.

When I was 10, we lived in a rural area outside Macon, Georgia and my dad worked for the railroad as an engineer. Every other week, he would go on a run for seven days straight. Seven days on and seven days off, traveling up to Atlanta then on

through Chattanooga to places North. Though I missed him when he was gone, there was a rhythm to life and while I knew that it was unusual, I found comfort in its consistency.

And, as far as I could tell, things were pretty good when he was home.

When he was gone, he was working, as far as I was concerned, and I would not have been able to conceive otherwise until reality came crashing down on me and my world one day, just before Christmas.

I remember Momma and I had searched and searched for the perfect

tree while he was away. We had never before had a real Christmas tree and so this was going to be a big surprise. We managed to cut it down and strap it on top of the old station wagon, get it home and then stuff it in through the patio door, all of which was a colossal effort. Once it was standing inside, we realized it was way too big for the space, but it didn't matter, it was a gift from the heart, so the bigger the better! We spent all night stringing popcorn garland around the tree and tinseling up every branch. We topped it off with a few ornaments and candy canes

we had left over from years past.

The next day, Christmas music was playing, hot chocolate was flowing and we were both anxious to see my father and his reaction to the tree. We waited for him all evening until mom finally made me go to bed. I was really disappointed but my mother seemed to take it in stride as dad had recently gotten in the bad habit of patronizing one bar or the other between leaving the rail yard and coming home.

On the days when he drank, he didn't always come home in the best mood, and sure enough, once he did make it to the house, their shouting woke me. I covered my head with my pillow through the exchange, but I still managed to hear my mother scream at him to get out. The door slammed, hard. The vibrations shook

the whole house - the walls, the bed where I lay with the pillow over my head, and then they rattled down into the deepest parts of me. They had argued before but this was different.

A few seconds later I heard the car door swing open and close. Peeking through the curtain of my bedroom window, I watched my dad back out of the gravel drive, turn on the headlights and rumble away for the last time. I found out later he had told her he had fallen in love with another woman and was moving to Chattanooga to be with her.

Now, I am almost forty years old. Divorce was hard and losing my father was a blow I almost didn't recover from. When I married, I was determined to not become my father, but 13 years and 3 children in, I must admit I have heard

the enemy whisper in my ear too, just as he did with him way back when: "Maybe there's something more out there, something better, something newer, shinier, full of fun and adventure and conquest."

That's the honest truth. But the whisperer has no power over me. I think of my father and I wonder when and where and how those first seeds of discontentment were sown. How he must have let a rogue thought turn into something more; something evil, something life-changing. I remember the sound of my mom sobbing next to that Christmas tree, I remember how scared and abandoned I felt in the days and years that followed, and I know the whisper is a lie from the pit of Hell.

No. History will not repeat itself with me.



Catholic Churches

Sacred Heart, Cunningham
Sundays - 8:30 a.m.

St. John, Zenda
Saturdays - 4:00 p.m.

St. Leo
Saturdays - 5:30 p.m.

St. Peter Willowdale
Sundays 10:00 a.m.

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



Lutheran Churches

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

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

Our worship service is found on the YouTube channel at:
<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCCrenCH1219nmpcojCFyYLA>

Pastor Dennis Fangmeyer
Cell: 620-886-0911



Church of Christ

Penalosa
Sunday 11:00 a.m.



First Christian Church

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

Pastor Mike McGovney 620-298-3201



United Methodist Church

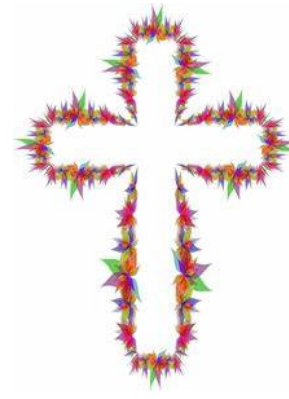
Penalosa
Worship 9:15 a.m.
Cunningham
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Pastor Mathew Ndambuki Musyoki
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Worship 9:00 a.m.
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Hands of Hope (contact any church)

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

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CJH Boys Quickly Shut Down Burrton

The Junior High Boys traveled to Burrton on January 12 for a basketball game. JUST the boys as Burrton does not have enough for a girls team or JV boys. The game was not close from the start. We worked on a little different defense to start the game, so it may have looked close for about 2 minutes. When it was time to crank it up part way through the first quarter the Cats responded quickly and efficiently. With a score of 23-2 at the half the 8th graders had to sit more than they wanted. The 7th and 6th graders held serve. Seven different players scored, and the boys had a comfortable win.

Liam led rebounds with 6 and Stephen pulled in 4 in limited minutes. JP led with 3 steals.

-by Coach Lance McGuire

Scores	1Q	2Q	3Q	4Q	Final
Cunningham	11	12	8	7	38
Burrton	0	2	6	6	14



Stephen Kerschen



Weston Rogers



Andrew Kerschen

Wildcat Scorers

- Nathan Ndambuki 12
- Stephen Kerschen 6
- Kollin Fischer 6
- Jack Harden 5
- Andrew Kerschen 4
- Tyler Osner 3
- Liam McGuire 2



JH Lady Cats Victorious Over Fairfield

On Thursday, January 19, 2023, the Cunningham Jr. High Lady Wildcats traveled north to take on Fairfield in Heart of the Plains league basketball action and came away with a convincing 23-11 win. The Lady Cats opened a 7-0 lead after the first quarter and would score just two baskets in the second but continued to hold the home team Falcons scoreless as Cunningham would hold an 11-0 halftime lead. The Lady Cats would go on to score 12 points in the third period and led 23-4

going into the fourth. Fairfield would out-score Cunningham 7-0 in the fourth, but the lead was too much as Cunningham came out victorious 23-11. The win moved the Lady Cats to 5-2 in league games and 7-3 overall. Scoring for the Lady Wildcats (A-team): Macy Neufeld 3, Morgan Oldham 2, Rylee Miller 16, Andi Young 2. In the B-team game the visitors from Cunningham had trouble scoring against the Falcons and lost 5-16. Scoring for the B-team: Morgan Oldham 2, Andi Young 2, Kourtni Fischer 1.

by Coach Bart Rieke



Kaylee Mertens



Macy Neufeld



Rylee Miller

Molly Morgan photo

CJH Boys Win #8

The Junior High Boys basketball team ran their season record to 8 wins against Fairfield. The boys played great defensively holding the Falcons to a fraction of our shot attempts. Rebounds and defense really helped the Cats get up early and finish strong.

The Cats had 37 total rebounds. Stephen had a great game on the boards with 12. Jack, Adam, Layne, and Tyler all had 4 rebounds. Stephen led steals with three followed by Andrew with 2.

-by Coach Lance McGuire



Tyler Osner



Liam McGuire



Kollin Fischer



Scores	1Q	2Q	3Q	4Q	Final
Cunningham					38
Fairfield					15



Wildcat Scorers

- Stephen Kerschen 20
- Layne Gree 12
- Kollin Fischer 3
- Andrew Kerschen 2
- Liam McGuire 2
- Jack Harden 1



Layne Green

Molly Morgan photos

Wildcats Advance in the 54 Classic

The Cunningham Wildcats faced the South Barber Chieftains, whom they just played the previous Friday in the first round of the 19th annual 54 Classic. The Wildcats advanced to the semi-finals with a 60 to 42 victory.

South Barber again jumped out to a lead in the first quarter by a score of 12 to 9. Luke Albers paced the Cats with four points. Will Wegerer hit a three-point basket and Trey DeWeese made a two-point shot to round out the scoring.

The Cats switched defenses in the second quarter and the race was on as forced turnovers led to many easy baskets which resulted in a 21-point quarter. South Barber managed eight

points and the Wildcats took a 30 to 20 lead into the half. Lane Halderson led with six points. Wegerer and Albers each scored five points. DeWeese and Luke McGuire had three and two points, respectively.

Cunningham increased their lead in the third quarter with a 16-point effort. The Chieftains added 11 points to their total. Balanced scoring again prevailed for the Cats as Wegerer and DeWeese each had five points. Halderson, Albers, and Dagim Reed added two points each.

The Cats increased the 15-point lead by three in the fourth quarter and came away with the 60 to 42 win. Reed scored five points and Albers added four to his team-leading 15 points for the game. DeWeese hit a three-point shot from the corner and Halderson added two points. - by Coach Stackhouse

Name	2pt. made	3pt. made	FTM/FTA	TP	Reb.	Asst.	Stl.	Chg.
McGuire	1			2	1	5	1	
L. Halderson	4		2/4	10	8	1	1	
Wegerer	2	3		13	1	1	1	
Albers	7		1/2	15	8	3	4	
DeWeese	3	2	1/2	13	7	2	5	
Reed	3		1/2	7	3	2	1	

	1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th	OT/Final
Cunningham	9	21	16	14	60
South Barber	12	8	11	11	42



Trey DeWeese

Molly Morgan photos

Wildcats Lose to Stafford in the 54 Classic

The Cunningham Wildcats played the Stafford Trojans in the second round of the 19th annual 54 Classic held at Cunningham. Stafford gave the Cats their fourth loss of the season by a 56 to 52 score.

The two teams played fairly evenly in the first quarter with the Trojans taking a two-point lead, 14 to 16, after one-quarter of play. Missed opportunities by the Cats would come back to haunt them in the end with missed baskets under the rim, one to end the first quarter and two at the beginning of the second quarter letting Stafford continue to lead for the remainder of the game. Luke Albers led the scoring with 10 points. Will Wegerer knocked down a three-point basket and Lane Halderson made one of two free throws.

Cunningham had its worst shooting

quarter scoring eight points in the second. Stafford added another 16 points to take a 10-point lead into halftime. Luke McGuire, Albers, Trey DeWeese, and Dagim Reed each scored two points.

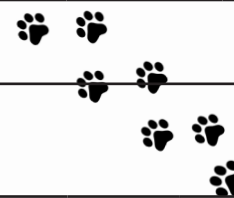
Cunningham would not give in and outscored the Stafford team by three, 13 to 10 in the third quarter to cut the lead to seven going into the fourth quarter. DeWeese led with five points. Halderson added three points with increased their Reed and Albers scoring two points each.

The Wildcats had their best scoring quarter of the game with 17 points in the fourth, but Stafford scored 14 to hold on for the four-point victory. Albers scored 10 more points to finish with a game-high 24 points. Halderson made a three-point shot and McGuire and Wegerer scored two points each.

The loss put the Cats in the third-place game against the Norwich Eagles. By Coach Stackhouse

Name	2pt. made	3pt. made	FTM/FTA	TP	Reb.	Asst.	Stl.	Chg.
McGuire	1		2/3	4	4	1	4	
L. Halderson		2	2/6	8	7	0	2	
Wegerer	1	1		5	1	1	0	
Albers	9	2		24	10	0	2	
DeWeese	2	1	0/1	7	9	2	2	
Reed	1		2/2	4	2	1	1	

	1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th	OT/Final
Cunningham	14	8	13	17	52
Stafford	16	16	10	14	56



Wildcats Place Third in 54 Classic

The Cunningham Wildcats faced the Norwich Eagles in the third place game at the 19th Annual 54 Classic held at Cunningham. Cunningham came away with the 3rd place medals by defeating the Eagles 61 to 58 on January 21, 2023.

The two teams played even for the first quarter as the fast-paced game resulted in a 12 to 12 tie at the end of the first quarter. Trey DeWeese scored six points and Luke Albers and Will Wegerer each made a three-point basket.

Cunningham pulled ahead in the second quarter with a 15-point effort with Norwich adding 10 points. Lane Halderson was the beneficiary of

some good assists and put in six points. Wegerer scored on another three-point basket plus a lay-up. Albers scored four more of his game high 17 points.

Jace Gosch from Norwich kept them in the game in the third quarter with 12 of the Eagles' 16 points. Cunningham matched Norwich's effort with 16 of their own. Wegerer put in two more three-point baskets along with DeWeese's six points and Albers continued his offense with four more points. The score had Cunningham leading 43 to 38 going into the fourth quarter.

The lead for Cunningham fluctuated from as many as 11 points down to five points at times. Luke McGuire stepped up and made two baskets and two free throws to help the cause.

Albers also scored six points along with six points from Halderson. Three free throws that were missed could have made the ending a little less dramatic but we gave Norwich one more chance to tie the game with 2 seconds on the clock and the ball out of bounds in front of their bench. Jayden Bengé took a pass back from Dax Rosenhagen after throwing it in and put up a three-point shot that would have tied it if made. The shot hit the front of the rim and bounced away to give the Cats the third place victory.

Dagim Reed won the free throw contest. Will Wegerer finished 2nd in the three-point contest and Trey DeWeese made the All-tournament team.

By Coach Stackhouse

Name	2pt. made	3pt. made	FTM/FTA	TP	Reb.	Asst.	Stl.	Chg.
McGuire	2		2/2	6	3	1	1	2
L. Halderson	6			12	2	0	1	
Wegerer	1	4	0/1	14	1	3	2	
Albers	7	1	0/2	17	11	4	1	
DeWeese	6			12	8	8	1	
Reed					2	1	2	

	1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th	OT/Final
Cunningham	12	15	16	18	61
Norwich	12	10	16	20	58



Luke Albers



Molly Morgan photos



Will Wegerer



Luke McGuire



Lane Halderson



CHS Wildcats Placed Third in Classic 54 Tournament

Back row: Assistant coach, Bart Ricke
 Nate Sterneker, Kendall Rogers,
 Dagim Reed, Luke McGuire,
 Coach Bob Stackhouse
 Front row: Dylan Halderson,
 Will Wegerer, Trey DeWeese,
 Luke Albers, Lane Halderson
 (not pictured, Kory Morgan)

CHS Pep Band



Molly Morgan photos

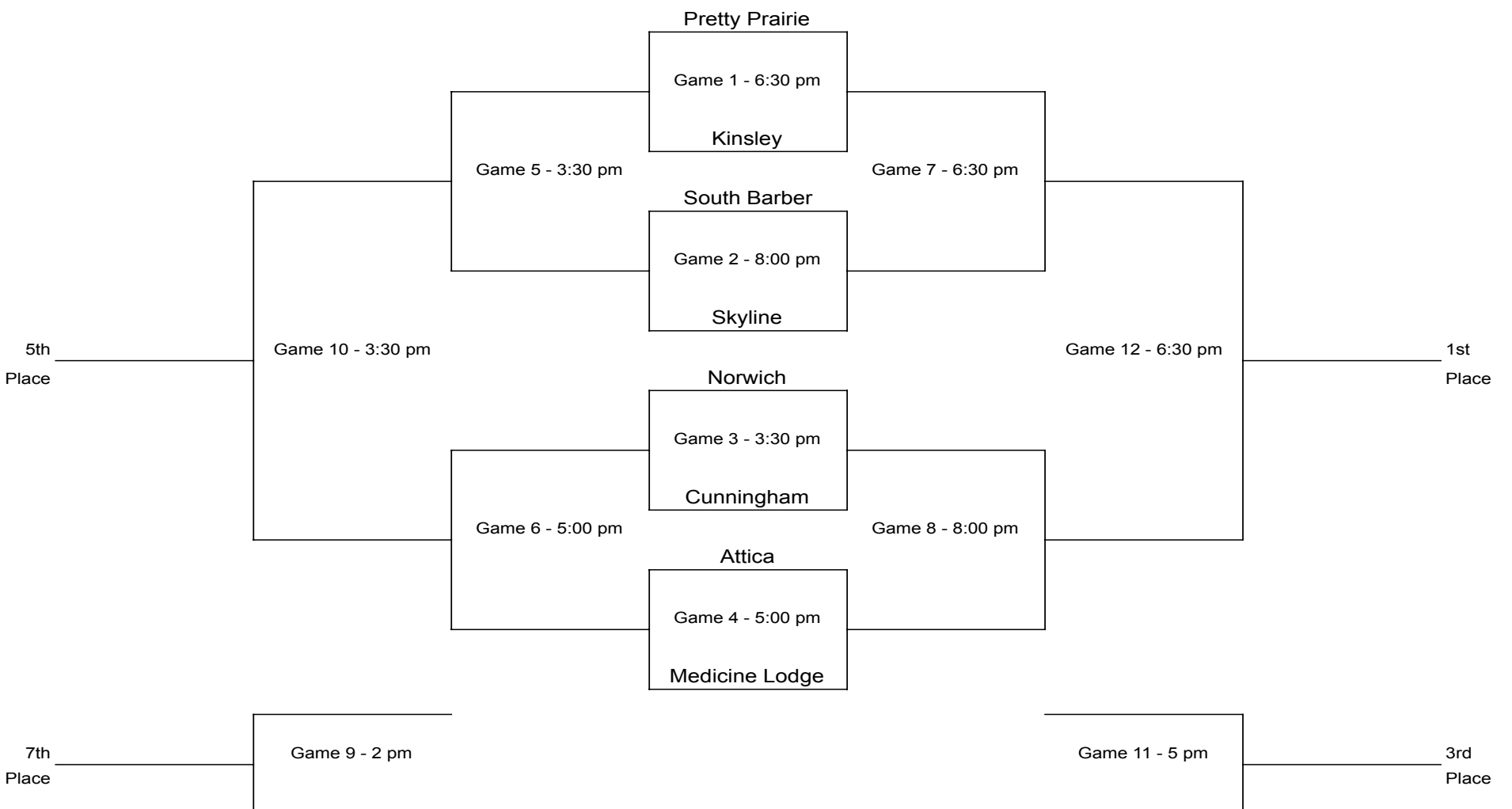
CJH Cheer Squad



- Katie Ogg
- Kourtni Fischer
- Maelyn Jump
- Macy Neufeld
- Nora Huff
- Andi Young
- (not pictured, Sage Thimesch)

19th Annual 54 Classic Girls Basketball Tournament

January 24, 27, 28, 2023



All Games at Skyline

Games 1-4: January 24
 Games 5-8: January 27

Consolation and Championship games: January 28



Wheat Scoop: Experiments & Expertise

Ellis County brothers work together to top the 2022 National Wheat Yield Contest

Brothers John and Matt Grabbe put Schoenchen, Kansas, near Hays, on the map with two of the top three entries in the 2022 National Wheat Yield Contest. John placed second in Kansas in the winter wheat dryland category with an entry of WestBred WB4422 that yielded 103.24 bushels per acre. Brother Matt

took third in the same category with an entry of WestBred WB4792 that yielded 97.88 bushels per acre.

The brothers, who farm as equal partners with their mother, attribute their success this past growing season to the right combination of wheat genetics, farming practices and moisture. A buddy from college who works for WestBred talked the brothers into setting up a wheat plot a few years ago. Last year's winning entries were the fourth year of having a plot, which the brothers say allows them to try out different varieties and how they respond to their specific farming practices.

This was the first year for planting WB4422 and

the third year for planting WB4792, a longer-season variety that allows the brothers to space out their harvest. Both varieties also have good standability and have performed pretty well, even in tough conditions the last couple growing seasons.

This year's plots were planted on summer fallow ground. The start of the growing season in fall 2021 was decently wet when the brothers drilled wheat so the crop got off to a good start. But from there, the weather turned dry through winter and early spring. Luckily, the area caught some nice rains at the end of April and the beginning of May. Overall, the area received about two-thirds of its normal moisture,

but the rain came at exactly the right times.

We didn't get a lot of vegetative growth early," John said. "But the plants were ready to start making seed when it did rain, so they just put all their effort into making seed instead of vegetation."

When it came time to hop in the combine, the brothers were not sure what to expect but were quickly pleasantly surprised.

"Everybody was going to be pretty happy if the wheat made 45 or 50 bushels per acre, and when we started to combine this year, we were the same way," John said. "I think it's a big testament to where genetics have come in the last few years. They've just done a better job of breeding

to take on that stress and still have that yield potential at the end of the season."

In addition to variety selection and rainfall, the brothers also attribute this past year's yields to continued tweaks in their farming practices. They don't treat their plots differently from what they do across the rest of their operation, maybe pushing a little more nitrogen to catch some additional yield. They also have started focusing more on micronutrients like manganese, zinc and sulfur. No matter the weather, they are committed to their fertility program and applying fungicide.

"We found that, even in a bad year, keeping that plant as healthy as it can be, it's not searching

for nutrients," Matt said. "In the end, it just needs water."

This experimentation through variety plots over time is a linchpin to success, not only in the yield contest but also across their operation.

"Don't be afraid to experiment," John said. "It does take us some extra time. But, at the end of the day, that little bit of time has made us a lot of money."

Follow Kansas Wheat in the coming weeks to learn more about the other Kansas winners and their tips and tricks for success this year. Learn more about the National Wheat Yield Contest at yieldcontest.wheatfoundation.org/.

Chitter and Chatter went to visit...



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...Punxsutawney, PA, on their trip.

Kids: color stuff in!

What will the groundhog predict about the weather?



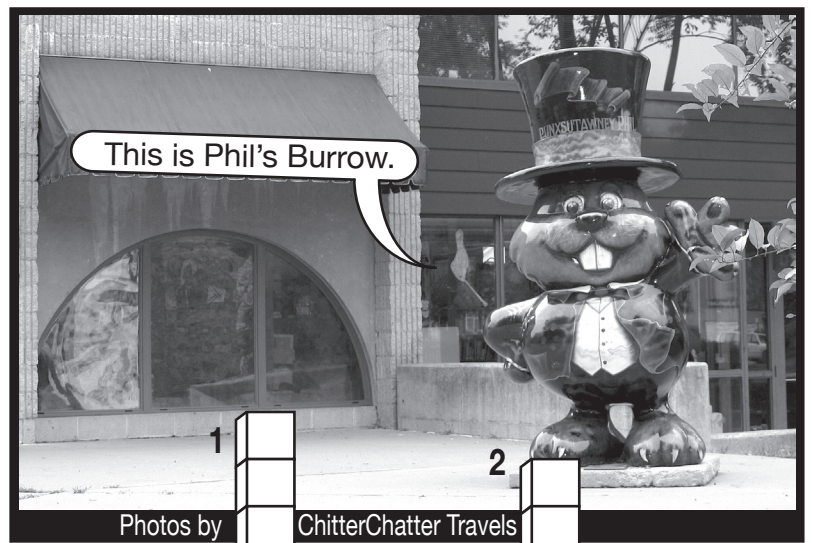
Is Spring on its Way?

Punxsutawney Phil will tell us!

On February 2nd, all eyes will be on Punxsutawney Phil, the famous groundhog who predicts whether spring and warmer weather will come soon, or winter and the cold weather will stay awhile longer.

How does he do this? Well, legend holds that when the groundhog pokes out of his hole, if the sun is shining, he will see his shadow, be frightened and dive back into his burrow to wait out six more weeks of winter. But, if he sees clouds when he comes out of his hole, he will not be afraid and we will know that spring is near!

Gobbler's Knob in Punxsutawney, PA, is where everyone gathers to watch Phil "make his prediction"!



This is Phil's Burrow.

Photos by ChitterChatter Travels

A Groundhog:

- usually weighs about 12 _____
- burrows _____ with its curved claws to make a home
- can see well and has very good _____
- is also known as a _____
- is an excellent _____
- sometimes makes a _____ noise
- can be found in woods, fields and _____
- can live to be about 6-8 _____ old
- hibernates - its body temperature drops and its _____ nearly stops
- can climb into _____ to take naps
- is the only animal with its own national _____
- is an herbivore, which means it only eats _____

Crossword puzzle with clues:

- 1. underground
- 2. breathing
- 3. holiday
- 4. hearing
- 5. meadows
- 6. pounds
- 7. whistling
- 8. swimmer
- 9. plants
- 10. years
- 11. trees
- 12. woodchuck

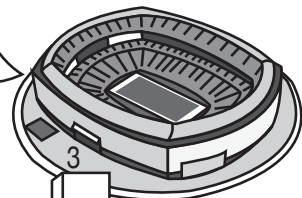
Additional clues: Phil lives all year... at the library... in what is called "Phil's Burrow"!

Home Team and Visitors Team characters with a "Yahoo!" speech bubble.

I can't wait for the Super Bowl...chips, veggie platters, dips, giant sandwiches...

...hot wings, nachos, friends and family! 7

SUPER BOWL



This year's Super Bowl is being played at State Farm Stadium in Glendale, Arizona.

- the first _____ was on January 15, 1967
- the _____ Super Bowl was won by the Green Bay Packers
- Vince Lombardi was the first head _____ to win a Super Bowl
- the _____ given to the winner is made of 7 pounds of sterling silver
- it is the most-_____ TV sporting event with more than 100 million viewers
- _____ of the 2 major football conferences (AFC/NFC) play in the Super Bowl
- 120 _____ are used in the Super Bowl - (54 per team and 12 Kicker Balls)
- aside from Thanksgiving, the most _____ is eaten by Americans on Super Bowl Sunday

Read the clues to fill in this puzzle about the Super Bowl:

Groundhog's Diary

Read the groundhog's diary, then find and circle the words in bold print in the puzzle.

When I come out of hibernation I'll see if it is **cloudy** or if the **sun** is shining. If it's sunny, I'll see my **shadow** and know that Winter is going to last longer. If it's cloudy, I'll **predict** that **Spring** is coming soon. I think I might be a help to **farmers** and other **people** who wonder when warmer weather will arrive. Families, and **news** reporters travel to see me and to join in the **fun**.

Word search grid:

H S X B C O P N
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M B H N O A O P
O E S A U F P R
U P P D D W L E
T A R N Y O E D
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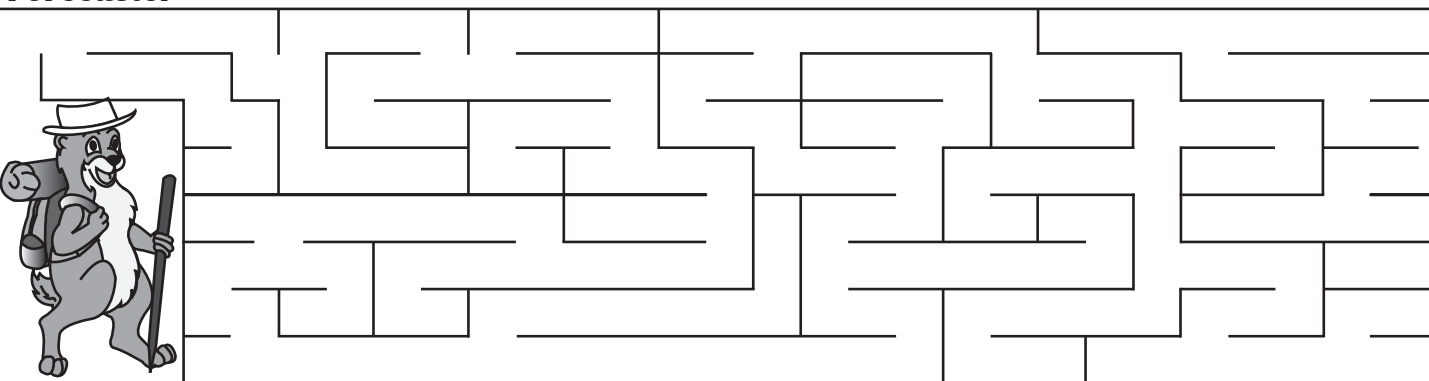
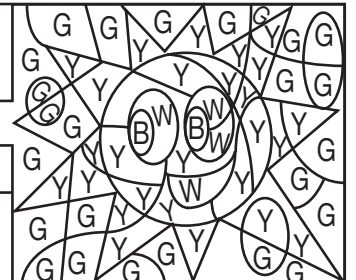
Where did my shadow go?



Groundhog Forecaster

Can you help Groundhog hike his way out of his burrow to see if the sun is shining? Use the color key to see if it is sunny or cloudy:

Y = Yellow
G = Gray
W = White
B = Black



(Answers on page 10)

Thurber's Tail.com



by Tom Purcell

As a relatively new dog dad, I have many questions daily about why my Labrador, Thurber, does some of the many funny things he and other pets do. To that end, I have begun doing a lot of research and am posting my findings at ThurbersTail.com. This column summarizes recent discoveries.

Dear Tom: Why does my dog love sticks so much? – Stuck in Peoria

Dear Stuck, different sticks have different tastes, textures and

smells, which are real gastronomic delights to our canine-crunching companions. Note that sticks can be dangerous to your pup — they can splinter and cause cuts and you certainly don't want your pup eating splinters — so it's best to replace your dog's preferred stick with a safer chewable alternative.

What is the difference between a pet crocodile and a pet alligator? – Flustered in Florida

Dear Flustered, such reptiles do not make good

pets for a number of reasons and you should know that in many states it is illegal to keep them as pets. That said, the primary difference between a crocodile and an alligator is that you'll "see one in a while" and you'll "see the other later."

Dear Tom: My puppy seems to hiccup a lot. Is this normal? – Worried in Wisconsin

Dear Worried: It's entirely normal for puppies to have hiccups from overexcitement or eating and drinking too fast. To reduce hiccups, give your puppy smaller portions to eat, plenty of water to drink and regular exercise. In time, your puppy will outgrow the hiccupping habit. However, if the hiccups are excessive

and seem to never end, be sure to consult your veterinarian.

Dear Tom: My wife and I have taken in many stray dogs over the years. We just took in a large mixed-breed, but we are puzzled by his excessive shedding, his rock-hard paws and his preference for eating hay. – Harried in Houston

Dear Harried, thank you for being kind to our canines in need, but you've made a common mistake. Your "dog" is a Shetland Pony.

Dear Tom: My boyfriend doesn't like dogs and gave me an ultimatum: Either I get rid of my beloved Fluffy or he will leave me. My question is, where can Fluffy and I get a better boyfriend?

– Conflicted in California
Dear Conflicted, let Fluffy choose your next boyfriend at the dog park or somewhere else where wonderful people — people who love pets — congregate!

Dear Tom: I am burned out on politics and all the anger in our world. What can I do to overcome my depression? – Down in Delaware

Dear Down: One of the best solutions for your woes is to get a pet. The companionship and pure joy of having a dog share life with you is incredibly beneficial. Several studies show this. If you are able to spare the time to love and care for a pet, the love, joy and laughter you receive back will be 10 times greater

than whatever you give to your furry friend. Note: With the economy down, more people have turned their pets back into shelters, so start your search there! Good luck!

Send your pet-related questions to Tom at Tom@TomPurcell.com. Visit ThurbersTail.com for well-researched articles on why pets do what they do, as well as funny pet videos.

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Tom Purcell is creator of ThurbersTail.com, which shares helpful pet-care tips and funny stories and videos featuring Tom's beloved Labrador, Thurber. Email Tom at Tom@TomPurcell.com.

3 Tips for Maintaining a Healthy Lifestyle for Your Dogs

(Family Features) Pet parents want the best for their dogs and will go to great lengths to keep their furry friends healthy.

Consider these tips from the IAMS and WHISTLE brands to help your dog maintain a healthy lifestyle. You can find more information at iams.com/

iams-and-whistle. Schedule Regular Veterinarian Visits

Routine examinations with your veterinarian are vital for maintaining a dog's healthy lifestyle. By bringing your pup in for a check-up, an expert can assess overall health and address any potential problems. Make sure to consult with your veterinarian on recommended frequency of visits and put your next appointment on the calendar.

Keep Pets Active Physically and Mentally Exercise is crucial

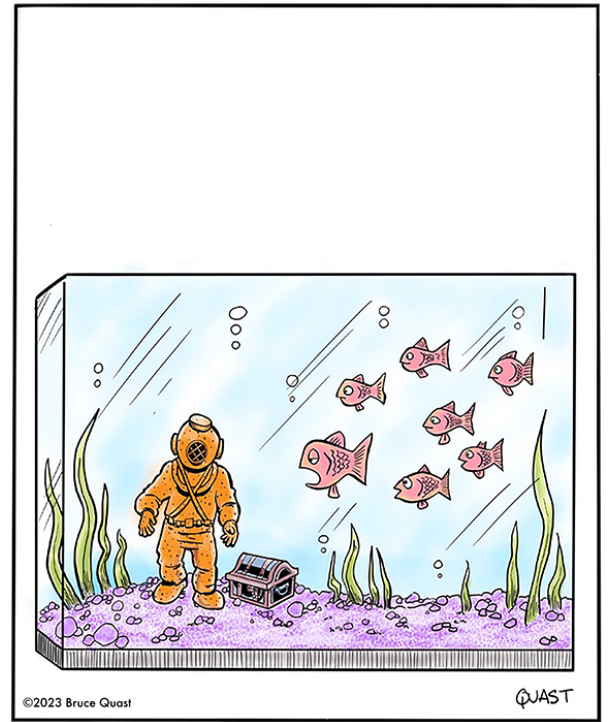
for dogs to maintain a healthy body weight and is also a good way of achieving mental stimulation. According to the WALTHAM pocket book of responsible pet ownership, 20 minutes of exercise a day is the minimum beneficial period with 30-60 minutes being preferable. Try varying your walking routes to increase the degree of mental stimulation for your pets.

Identify Potential Health Concerns Using Pet Health Technology A smart device

that uses sophisticated AI to translate your dog's behavior into in-depth health insights, WHISTLE Health helps you know when your furry friend is doing well and see when changes may point to health issues. By partnering with IAMS Dog Food, the device helps pet parents use data-driven insights to find personalized nutrition programs designed to keep their dogs happy and healthy.

Comfortably Dumb

by Bruce Quast



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QUAST

"The archeological evidence suggests that these are monuments from an ancient civilization."

"Ever consider what pets must think of us? I mean, here we come back from a grocery store with the most amazing haul - chicken, pork, half a cow. They must think we're the greatest hunters on earth!"

— Anne Tyler, *The Accidental Tourist*

Kingman County Humane Society Pets Ready for Adoption

Eve

Sponsored by The Cunningham Courier



Female Domestic Shorthair
4 pounds
4 months old
\$75.00 adoption fee
Intake date: Oct. 27, 2022

"What's your name," Coraline asked the cat. "Look, I'm Coraline. Okay?"

"Cats don't have names," it said.

"No?" said Coraline.

"No," said the cat. "Now you people have names. That's because you don't know who you are. We know who we are, so we don't need names."

— Neil Gaiman, *Coraline*

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

Crystal

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Female Retriever, Labrador / Terrier, American Pit Bull
22 pounds
6 months old
\$250.00 adoption fee
Intake Date: December 27, 2022

Very new model. Just plug and play. Needs an active family willing to give a playful puppy the time, training and love needed to become a life-long family member.

"He looked as though I'd just run over his pet puppy (though no actual puppies were harmed in the formation of that metaphor)."

— Ally Carter, *I'd Tell You I Love You, But Then I'd Have to Kill You*

Please consider volunteering or adopting or fostering or donating!

KCHS Donation Wish List



The 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



Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday, from 8:00 - 5:30
(except during lunch 12-1)
on Wed., from 8:00 - 12:00
Call for Saturday hours.
1015 East U.S. 54, Kingman, KS

Is Spring on the Way?
★ Punxsutawney Phil will tell us!
Gobbler's Knob in Punxsutawney, PA, is where everyone gathers to watch Phil "make his prediction!"

SUPER BOWL History

Where did my shadow go?

This is Phil's Burrow.

Photos by Chitter Chatter Travels

Punxsutawney Phil lives all year... at the library... in what is called Phil's Burrow!

Sunny or cloudy?
Groundhog Forecaster

Minutes from the Pratt County Commission January 17th

The Pratt County commissioners met in regular session Tuesday, January 17, 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.

Chairman Adams reminded everyone the meeting is zoomed, recorded and on the Pratt County website.

Heather Jones, economic development/COVID consultant, reported the Pratt area Economic Development meeting had to be rescheduled. There are applications for the facade pending approval. The City of Pratt needs to make two appointments to the Pratt Economic Development committee. She went over what is in the governor's budget

and what she will be going over in her upcoming speech. She reported there are 2.7 jobs for every Kansans that are able to work.

Commissioner Jones made a motion to approve the January 9, 2023, minutes. Commissioner Shriver seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Shriver made a motion to approve Todd Hoffman for a City of Pratt emergency vehicle permit. Commissioner Jones seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Jon Roach, noxious weed, reported on a well that was possibly contaminated, KDHE was supposed to contact the homeowner, but has not. Commissioner Shriver made a motion to recess into executive session for fifteen minutes at 2:07 pm to discuss attorney/client matters concerning a KDHE issue. Commissioner Jones seconded the motion. Motion

Carried 3-0. Commissioner Jones made a motion to return from executive session at 2:15 p.m. with no action taken. Commissioner Shriver seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Shriver asked about the sewer pond at the PSB, that it needs water added. Jon said if it has been sealed properly it should be holding water. It could be evaporation. He will go out and look at the specs and evaporation rates.

Tara Pagenkopf, RSVP director, presented checks for approval. Also, new signature cards for the bank.

Doug Freund, road supervisor, presented a road crossing for approval. Commissioner Shriver made a motion to approve the road crossing for SCTelcom at NE 80th Avenue and NE 80th/90th Street. He presented two quotes for asphalt mix. Cornejo Materials Stone Yard for gray screenings at \$30.25 per ton and 3/8" unwashed stone at \$41.55 per ton and from Pearson Materials for gray screenings at \$35.70 per ton and 3/8" unwashed stone at \$46.70 per ton. Commissioner Shriver made a motion to approve the quote from Cornejo Materials Stone Yard at \$30.25 per ton for gray screenings and \$41.55 per ton for unwashed stone. Commissioner Jones seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

He will be bringing loader quotes in the next few weeks. He reported he has some employees temporarily off work for personal reasons and needs to hire new employees.

Cost of living raises for EMS employees were signed by commissioners, approved January 9, 2023.

Tyson is working on the next tax foreclosure. He has used First American Title at \$100 per tract. Commissioner Jones made a motion to approve First American Title to perform title searches at \$100 per tract. Commissioner Shriver seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Chairman Adams stated that Jason Winkel was told he would receive a substantial raise and has not other than the cost of living raise. Commissioner Shriver made a motion to recess into executive session for fifteen minutes at 2:45 p.m. to discuss non-elected personnel concerning employee. Commissioner Jones seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. Commissioner Jones made a motion to return from executive session at 2:57 p.m. with no action taken. Commissioner

Shriver seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Shriver made a motion to recess into executive session for fifteen-minutes at 2:58 p.m. to discuss an attorney/client matter concerning a water well name. Commissioner Jones seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. Commissioner Jones made a motion to return from executive session at 3:06 p.m. with no action taken. Commissioner Shriver seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Shriver made a motion to approve the payment vouchers for January 17, 2023. Commissioner Jones seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Chairman Adams stated he had attended the mock shooter drill at the Pratt High School and they had done a very good job.

Commissioner Jones made a motion to recess until Wednesday, January 18, 2023 at 2:00 p.m. at the public safety building to attend the city/county joint meeting. Commissioner Shriver seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. Meeting recessed.

The Pratt County

commissioners met in recessed meeting, Wednesday, January 18, 2023, at 2:00 pm at the public safety building. The following members were present: Thomas W. Jones III, Rick Shriver, Dwight Adams, Tyson Eisenhauer, county counselor, Lori Voss, county clerk, Mark Graber, IT director, Brian Atteberry, EMS director, and Billy Hampton, fire/rescue chief. City commissioners, city officials and city firefighters were also in attendance.

The Pratt Area Economic Development was discussed. Both are satisfied with the funds being given. The city will need to appoint two members to the board. The theater project was discussed and there should be an answer soon.

The city/county rescue was discussed. It was decided rescue training will be completed with EMS employees and city fire employees. When EMS is paged out in the city, both city and county rescue will be paged out.

Commissioner Jones made a motion to adjourn at 3:14 p.m. Chairman Adams seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. Meeting adjourned.

Nearly \$45 Million to Connect Kansans to High-Speed Internet

~ Nearly 18,500 Locations Connected to High-Speed Internet in Final Phase of Kansas Capital Project Funds Program ~

TOPEKA – Governor Laura Kelly announced today that \$44.5 million will be awarded to nine service providers to extend high-speed internet to 18,468 locations in 15 underserved counties across the state. This is the third and final award phase of the Kansas Capital Project Funds (CPF) Broadband Infrastructure Program.

The CPF program provides funding to make broadband connections in critical areas of the state that lack access to high-speed internet. The \$83.5 million total CPF investment, combined with almost \$42 million in matching funds, will result in more than 24,500 homes, business-

es, schools, health care facilities, and other public institutions being connected to fast, reliable internet for the first time.

"The Capital Projects Fund represents a giant step toward getting every Kansan connected to high-speed internet," Governor Laura Kelly said. "With this funding, we're closer than ever to reaching our goal of making Kansas a top 10 state for broadband access by 2030."

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

"The CPF program is a historic win for the state," Lieutenant Governor and Secretary of Commerce David Toland said. "Through this grant program, we are supporting Kansans most in need by connecting the unserved, underserved, and those located in counties with high economic risk."

Demonstrating the need and critical nature of the program, the Kansas Office of Broadband Development received 141 applications for projects totaling more than \$600 million. A total of 24 projects were funded.

"We appreciate the support the providers and local governments are committing to ensure that all Kansans have equitable access to affordable high-speed internet," Jade Piro de Carvalho, Broadband Development Director, said. "Supporting unserved and underserved communities across the state will continue to bridge the gap and provide a key resource for generations to come."

The grant program resulted from the U.S. Department of Treasury's approval of Kansas' Coronavirus Capital Projects Fund (CPF) broadband infrastructure plan. The federal CPF program is a \$10 billion capital project initiative available to states, territories, and tribal governments un-

der the American Rescue Plan Act.

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

AT&T (Sedgwick County) – \$2,206,491

The proposed service area is 99% unserved on the fringes of the Wichita metro area, targeting multi-dwelling unit properties. The project will offer a subsidy to assist with discounted broadband services.

Butler Rural Electric Cooperative Association (Butler, Cowley, Sedgwick, and Sumner counties) – \$9,815,894

The multi-county region targeted is 83% unserved, and 50% of the area is located in an economically disadvantaged county. This significant investment will bring connectivity to south-central Kansas.

Cox Communications (Jackson, Shawnee, and Wabaunsee counties) – \$6,373,948

This multi-county project is 100% unserved.

To connect these rural areas northwest of Topeka, Cox will use an affordable, scalable solution already deployed in the KC metro region.

Cunningham Communications (Mitchell County) – \$1,192,735

Hundreds of residences and businesses in this 98% unserved area will be positively impacted by the Fiber To The Home network that will be provided by Cunningham Communications.

GBT Rural (Pawnee and Stafford counties) – \$6,782,694

More than 365 square miles of an economically distressed area with a 92% unserved population will be covered by GBT Rural.

Iowa Tribe (Doniphan County) – \$1,424,945

This very rural, remote, and economically disadvantaged area in the northeast corner of Kansas is 91% unserved. The project will be based on a partnership between the Iowa Tribe, Doniphan County, Rainbow

Telecommunications, and the City of White Cloud.

Mokan Dial (Miami County) – \$5,590,145

The 65-square-mile project area is 97% unserved. Mokan Dial will ensure symmetrical speeds up to 1G will be available and affordable to everyone in the targeted region.

Nex-Tech (Decatur and Saline counties) – \$10,764,700

Two separate project areas servicing a 99% unserved area of Saline County and a 93% unserved area of Decatur County. These awards will allow Nex-Tech to build the necessary infrastructure required to reach these rural areas. WANRack (Johnson County) – \$400,000

This award will target a 100% unserved area of Johnson County. WANRack's project will enable Kansans to participate in telehealth, remote work, educational opportunities, and the digital economy.

Public Notice

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF:

JOANNE E. SMITH, Deceased.

CASE NO. 2022 PR 8 (Pursuant to K.S.A. Chapter 59)

NOTICE OF HEARING

THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:

You are hereby notified that a Petition has been filed in this Court by Larry Noakes, duly appointed, qualified and acting Administrator of the Estate of Joanne E. Smith, deceased, praying Petitioner's acts be approved; account be settled and allowed; the heirs

be determined; the Estate be assigned to the persons entitled thereto pursuant to the laws of intestate succession; fees and expenses be allowed; costs be determined and ordered paid; the administration of the Estate be closed; the Administrator be discharged and Petitioner be released from further liability.

You are hereby required to file your written defenses thereto on or before February 7, 2023, at 10:00 o'clock a.m., in the District Court, 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.

Larry Noakes, Petitioner
Matthew W. Ricke
Ricke Law Office
349 N. Main, PO Box 113
Kingman, KS 67068
Attorney for Petitioner

Public Notice

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF:

JERRY L. WOHLFORD, Deceased.

CaseNo.KM-2023-PR-2 (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 here by notified that on January 12, 2023, a Petition was filed in this Court by Nic Lacio, the Executor named in the "Last Will and Testament of Jerry L. Wohlford," deceased, dated October 31, 2022, praying the will filed with the Petition be admitted to probate and record; Petitioner be appointed as Executor, without

bond; and Petitioner be granted Letters Testamentary.

You are required to file your written defenses thereto on or before February 7th, 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.

All creditors are notified to exhibit their demands against the estate within four months from the date of first publication of notice under K.S.A. 59-2236. If demands are not thus exhibited, they shall be forever barred.

Nic Lacio, Petitioner
Matthew W. Ricke, #20995
ATTORNEY YAT LAW, LLC
349 North Main, P.O. Box 113
Kingman, KS 67068
(620) 532-3103
Attorney for Petitioner

Public Notice

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF:

NORMA JEAN HAWKINS, Deceased.

Case No. KM 2023 PR 5 (Petition Pursuant to K.S.A. Chapter 59)

NOTICE OF HEARING

THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:

You are hereby notified that a Petition has been filed in this Court by Linda A. Koss and Jeffrey A. Hawkins, heirs of Norma Jean Hawkins, deceased, praying:

Descent be determined of the following described real estate situated in Kingman County, Kansas: *Lots 1-10; All of Lots 11-17, except the West 90 feet; East 50 Feet of Lots 18-20 all in Block 8 of Valley*

Subdivision of South Addition to Kingman, Kingman County, Kansas.

and all personal property and other Kansas real estate owned by decedent at the time of death. And that such property and all personal property and other Kansas real estate owned by the decedent at the time of death be assigned pursuant to the laws of intestate succession.

You are required to file your written defenses thereto on or before February 17, 2023 at 10:00 o'clock a.m. in the city of Kingman, in 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.

Linda A. Koss and Jeffrey A. Hawkins
Co-Petitioners
BY: Matthew W. Ricke
349 N. Main, PO Box 113
Kingman, KS 67068
(620) 532-3103
Attorney for Petitioners



Rural Minds Matter
Laura Haffner,
Ellis County Farmer

Farmers and ranchers are some of the most resilient people I know. They weather incredible odds, pun intended, from droughts, to floods, fire, hail, blizzards and more. This doesn't even touch the volatile input costs, family dynamics, inflation and increased regulations we are seeing. Despite these adversities, we pull ourselves up by the bootstraps and continue to provide for our families while often being the first to give the shirts off our own backs for a neighbor in need.

But what happens when that proverbial bootstrap snaps? Do we fix it right away and make it whole again, or do we slap a little duct tape and bailing wire on it and call it good? While



that solution may work for a short time, the tape will eventually lose its sticky and the wire will start poking one in the calf. That's when a whole new set of challenges surface.

In my own life, agriculture has provided me with some of life's greatest highs, but it has also contributed to some of my darkest lows. It is curious how something we love so much can cause so much stress, and we often ignore or fail to address the signs.

Several years ago, I invited a counselor with an agriculture background to my classroom. He

walked students through an exercise where they wrote down all the agriculture-related stressors they could think of. Within a few short minutes, one group had listed more than 40. Upon evaluation, class members determined the only thing in all those items we could control was ourselves. That left

more than 40 other major items that we had little to no control over. Talk about the perfect storm for some real stress in our industry!

Using the results from the exercise, our guest speaker guided us through an eye-opening experience to help us learn how we view and handle our stress. Those in the room realized they weren't alone, and there are others who have experienced similar stressors. That may have been just as powerful as any coping skill we could have learned — we are not alone in the battles

we face in agriculture.

Some battles we face are short and quick. They may annoyingly take our time and make us uncomfortable, but we can quickly adjust to take on another day. Some battles rage on for months and even years. Even the toughest, most resilient warriors can get worn down. In some cases, the burden is so great it feels like the battle may never end or we may be left behind on the field. But it doesn't have to be that way.

Our fellow members within the Farm Bureau family are standing up and recognizing that something needs to change. Farmers and ranchers are passionate about this topic because we've lived it or have seen our families and friends struggle with it. We are sounding the alarm, rallying the troops and fighting alongside each other to ensure no one is left on the field alone.

Maybe you know something needs to change mentally but taking that first step to attack the topic of mental health

is scary. Maybe the first step is opening up to a trusted friend, family member, doctor, pastor or exploring some resources to learn more. Perhaps you're not experiencing any of your own mental health battles at the moment but would like to learn how to be an ally.

While these don't substitute for the opinion of a health care professional, Kansas Farm Bureau (KFB) has been building an arsenal of resources that may serve as good place to start. You can find them by searching for Rural Minds Matter at kfb.org. "Kansas Living," KFB's quarterly lifestyle magazine, featured three members who have experienced challenges, and are working to help themselves and others. Read more at www.kansasliving-magazine.com or visit KFB's YouTube channel to hear their stories firsthand. KFB's Women's Leadership Committee (WLC) teamed up with KFB's Young Farmers & Ranchers Committee at the organization's annual meeting in December for a three-part farm family

resilience workshop series. The WLC also plans to host a women's wellness retreat in November.

These are just a few examples of how farmers and ranchers are mobilizing and working together to offer a hand to friends and family when a bootstrap wears thin. It will take all of us doing our part to end the stigma, but together we can help ourselves, friends, families and communities continue to be healthy and resilient.

If you or someone you know are experiencing an immediate emergency, call or text the national suicide hotline at 998.

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STATEPOINT CROSSWORD
THEME: SUPER BOWL

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- COVID tester
- Pep rally syllable
- To overlay with thin gold coating
- Sky bear
- Abundant
- Worrier's worry?
- Fishing spot
- Blackhearted
- Full of coral
- *2023 Super Bowl stadium sponsor
- Research facil.
- Egg cell
- King Charles to Prince Harry
- Thief's target
- *2023 Super Bowl Halftime Show star
- Mozart's "L' ___ del Cairo"
- Bob Marley's music
- Yarn spinner
- "The Poky Little ___"
- Skedaddle
- 18-wheelers
- "Guilty," e.g.
- Fabric inset
- One of the sibs
- *Super Bowl advertiser's purchase
- Anatolian language
- Decay
- "There it is," à Paris
- "Hold on!"
- *Home of the Ravens, for both Super Bowl appearances
- Cuckoo for these puffs!
- Curved molding
- Medicinal plant
- Court orders, e.g.
- Sonny & Cher and Abbott & Costello
- Talk like a drunk
- Actor Danson and character Lasso
- "Owner of a Lonely Heart" band
- *Star of the most-watched Super

DOWN

- Paddleboarding acronym
- Court order
- Between ports
- Hungarian composer Bela _____
- *Either one of the opposing Super Bowl teams
- Flambé
- Position of leadership
- *2023 Super Bowl AZ location
- Frosts, as a cake
- Hit the road
- Like certain humor
- Disprove
- Dickens's Heep
- Each and all
- One of a set of dice
- Father, colloquially
- Round openings
- Pickled garnish
- *Last year's Super Bowl winners
- Nimbus, pl.
- Nigerian money
- Torcher's crime
- Elmer's, e.g.
- Found at the pump
- *Team with most Super Bowl appearances
- Signing tool at the cash register
- Greenwich-related acronym
- Superior ones
- Itsy-bitsy bits
- Patterned table linen
- Lacking clarity
- Bread spreads
- Donned
- As opposed to base in chemistry
- Snatchers' quest
- Cantina pot
- *Overwhelming Super Bowl defeat
- Fear-inspiring
- 100 lbs.

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Traffic Complaint	11000 W Hwy 54, Cunningham
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Traffic / Disabled Vehicle	309 North S Main St, Kingman
911 Accidental Dial	460 S Penalosa St, Penalosa
Tuesday, January 17th	
Traffic Stop	9
Traffic / Disabled Vehicle	SE 110 St & SE 160 Ave, Norwich
911 Accidental Dial	112 E Fourth St, Cunningham
Wednesday, January 18th	
Traffic Stop	1

Thursday, January 19th	
Traffic Stop	1
Traffic Complaint	13000 W Hwy 54, Cunningham
Traffic Complaint	2000 W Hwy 54, Kingman
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Friday, January 20th	
Traffic Stop 9	
Traffic Complaint	NE 70 ave & E Hwy 54, Kingman
Traffic Complaint	800 E Hwy 42, Rago
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Traffic / Disabled Vehicle	1330 W D Ave, Kingman
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Diane Wilson

Diane Kay Kampling Wilson was a caring wife, mother, grandmother, sister, and friend. She left this world surrounded by her loving family on Jan. 20, 2023 at age 51 after a 4-year battle with cancer.



She was born to Daniel and Joan Marx Kampling on April 2, 1971. After graduating from Kingman High School, she went to college then married her high school sweetheart Gary "Lynn" Wilson, Jr. on May 2, 1992. Together, they had 3 children: Nathan Wilson (Logan), Kelsey Wilson, and Evan Wilson. Other survivors include her mother Joan Kampling, brother Roger Kampling (Sandy) and Sister Ann Brooks (Josh), father-in-law, Gary Wilson and sisters in laws Tracy Wilson, Lori Mize (Bryan), and Denise Goff (Allen).

She was a graduate of Kingman High School and attended Hutchinson Community College.

Diane loved spending time with her granddaughter Elliot Jo Wilson and 3 foster grandchildren Keiny Wilson, Enrique Wilson, and Gabi Wilson children of Nathan and Logan Wilson.

Diane spent most of her career selling real estate at Kingman Real Estate and enjoyed helping her clients acquire their next dream home.

She was preceded in death by her father Daniel J Kampling and her mother-in-law Nancy Wilson.

Mass of Christian Burial was Friday, Jan. 27, 2023 at the St. Patrick Catholic Church. Graveside services were in Walnut Hill Cemetery. Donations may be made with the Interim Healthcare (hospice) in care of the funeral home.

Ida Payne

Ida M. Payne, 91, died Jan. 19, 2023 at Pretty Prairie.

She was born Dec. 8, 1931, at Beaver Co., Oklahoma the daughter of Otto and Mable Clovis Lindt.

A resident of the Kingman community most of her life, she was a retired housekeeper at Kingman Community Hospital.

On July 9, 1954, she married Frank E. Payne; he died Dec. 1, 1988. Survivors include two daughters and their husbands, Linda and Joe McAdam and Mary Gail and Walt Smith; sisters Joretta Schwinn and Marguerite Hamby; 5 grandchildren; and 11 great-grandchildren. She was also preceded in death by brothers Charles, John and Richard; and sisters Helen Lamb, Minnie Cooksey, Betty Trickle Hawkins and Opal Shoumake.

Graveside services were, Tuesday, Jan. 24, 2023, at the Walnut Hill Cemetery.

Memorials may be made with the Prairie Sunset Home./

Jim Hill

James D. "Jim" Hill, 77, died Jan. 23, 2023.

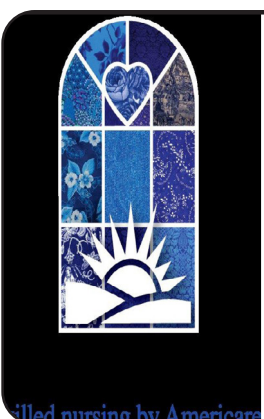
He was born Oct. 17, 1946, in Wichita the son of Duane and Ruth Norton Hill. A Kingman resident since 1976, he was the retired owner of Jim Hill Accounting.

On Aug. 22, 1994, he married Connie Carr Ellithorpe. Other survivors include son Brandon Hill; daughter Tami Harney; step-son Bill Ellithorpe; step-daughter Megan Pope; sister Judy Grame; and 3 grandchildren.

Funeral services will be 2:00 p.m., Friday, Jan. 27, 2023 at the Livingston Funeral Home, Kingman. The family will receive friends from 1:00 p.m. until service time at the funeral home. Burial will be in the Walnut Hill Cemetery.

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Dixie Pachta, Rose Creek Suds

"Mommy, it doesn't sting!"

That statement from a young woman's three-year old daughter helped launch a business of producing handmade soaps and other skin care products in rural Kansas.

Dixie Pachta is founder and owner of Rose Creek Suds. Her products not only avoid the allergic reactions suffered by her daughter, they provide the wonderful scents and luxurious lather that her customers enjoy. She also supports worthy local causes.

Pachta grew up in the Linn and Washington area. She met and married Andrew who is from Linn. They attended Kansas State University where Dixie studied accounting and Andrew studied animal sciences.

After graduation, they moved to Andrew's grandparents' farm near the rural community of Munden, population 96 people. Now, that's rural. For 10 years, Dixie Pachta worked in tax preparation and now does internal audits for a bank in Belleville.

At Christmas time in 2020, Andrew bought a bar of soap that he thought sounded appealing. "We were disappointed in it," Dixie said. She remembered her grandmother had made soap at home, so Dixie decided to see if she could make a better soap herself.

"Both of our grandmothers made lard soap for laundry purposes," Dixie said. "We still have chunks of her laundry soap." Dixie also knew that several members of her family had issues with sensitive skin.

Dixie Pachta researched the process of making soap by hand and gave it a try. When her

three-year old daughter used the soap and found that it didn't sting her hands like the store products did, Dixie knew she was on the right track. Soon, friends and family members wanted the products, so Dixie started a business venture.

Because they live on Rose Creek, she named the business Rose Creek Suds. Today, Rose Creek Suds produces handmade soaps and other products, such as candles, wax melts, face mists and sugar scrubs.

The key base product for many of her soaps is lard, as pioneer women used more than a century ago. "Lard soap is more creamy and it's especially good for extra sensitive skin," Dixie said. One of their family members raised hogs as a 4-H project so the Pachtas were able to access lard directly.

"I add various scents and castor oil and coconut oil for more bubbles," Dixie said. In January 2021, she began taking her products to craft shows. Her products are sold locally and online, and have gone as far away as Florida, Canada, and Australia.

"I love to experiment," Dixie said. "What can I use to make it smell better or have a smoother lather?" Her Lumberyard soap and scents with cedar, lavender and musk have been really popular with guys.



a fundraiser to help with this young man's medical expenses. These are candles with a red, white, and blue design, using the scents of Roarin' Raspberry, Whistlin' Wicks, and Bloomin' Blueberry.

The product is called Red, White, and Believin.' "I'm willing to make special products for other fundraisers too," Dixie said.

For more information, go to www.rosecreeksuds.com.

"Mommy, it doesn't sting!" That comment from her daughter helped this young mother realize that her product was healthy as well as enjoyable. We commend Dixie Pachta for making a difference with Rose Creek Suds.

Her potential success works me into a lather.

Ron Wilson, director of the Huck Boyd National Institute for Rural Development at Kansas State University writes Kansas Profile. The weekly posts highlight individuals or companies in rural Kansas who are making a difference to their community and state.

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