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PYROS



OF THE CARIBBEAN

The CHS Theater Department would like to invite everyone to their production of *Pyros of the Caribbean* by M. K. O'Roark. In this pirate-themed melodrama, our hero, Captain Jack Robin, and heroine, Eliza Swoon, try to outsmart the villains, Bloody Ben Bolton and Barbie Coast. Please join us for an evening of laughter and fun as our high school students perform for your entertainment. The play will begin at 7:00 on Saturday, November 11, in the high school gymnasium. Please enter from the southwest door. Admission will be \$5.00 for adults, \$3.00 for students. Activity passes will be accepted. We would love to see everyone there!

KSHSAA to Honor Veterans and Active Military with Free Admission to Sectional Football Games

TOPEKA, Kan. – The students in the member schools of the Kansas State High School Activities Association benefit from the privilege of participating in high school activities. This is possible due to the result of the hard work and sacrifice of many, including those who defend our freedom through military service. In honor of those veterans and active military men and women, the KSHSAA is pleased to provide complimentary admission to all Sectional Championship football games to be played on November 9th and 10th. Active military, veterans, and one guest are invited to watch Kansas student-athletes participating in playoff football at no charge.

"This is just one small way we can say 'thank you' and help recognize those in communities around the state at one of our biggest community events - playoff football," said Bill Faflick. "Our goal is to honor those who are serving and those who have served, recognizing we can never fully repay the sacrifice made by those who protect our country and our freedom."

Sectional football may take place either Thursday or Friday based on facility availability. Host schools may also honor veterans/active military in other ways on gameday.

Any active military or veteran and one guest will be admitted free of charge, simply by showing their driver's license, which has a seal indicating the person is a veteran and signifying service. If the individual has not renewed their license in the last couple of years, a veteran ID card or any proof of identification is acceptable.



Wildcat
Pride!

USD 332
announces:

CHS Open House

11-11 from 4:00-6:00 pm
11-12 from 12:00-2:00 pm



Minutes from the Kingman County Commission Meeting

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

Visitors: Bob Morris, Kingman Leader-Courier; Larry Landwehr; Dale Enyart; Jeanne Johnson and Leslie Schrag, Economic Development Director.

Online Visitors: User 01, Tammy, L.Kelly, Caller 01

Staff: LaDawn Stegman, Financial Officer; Mary Schwartz, Health Nurse; Stan Goetz, HR/Planning/Zoning/Wastewater Director and Charles Arensdorf, Public Works Director.

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

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

Chairman Henning asked if there was any public comment.

Larry Landwehr discussed that he thought there would have been more comments in the paper.

Chairman Henning let the board know that he attended the City of Kingman meeting last Thursday and discussed the bypass.

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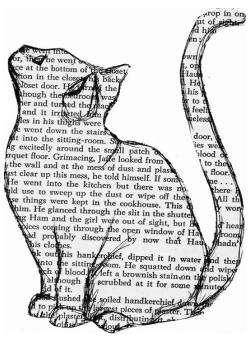
WE PROUDLY COMMEMORATE
 THREE OF OUR OWN HEROES AND
 WISH A HAPPY VETERANS DAY
 TO ALL WHO HAVE SERVED!



LAURA BEVIS, APRN
AIR FORCE

GARRETT BEAT, IT DEPT/
MARINES

VERA SANDOVAL, RN
ARMY



Meanderings

I have heard from several readers about my column on the ridiculously wealthy. It seems I am not the only one disgusted by these few individuals hoarding money....so..

Meandering back through thoughts from a couple of weeks ago... I had written that I'd talk about wealthy people who gave away their money. And so I will touch on a handful of these folks.

MacKenzie Scott, former wife of Amazon's Jeff Bezos, is worth an estimated \$37 billion dollars. She is one of the wealthiest women in the world and the most influential.

She maintained 4% shares in Amazon after her divorce from Bezos. She vowed to give away money until the 'safe is empty.' She has currently given away almost \$14.5 billion. She gives to many programs in the U.S. and abroad. Programs that support Black colleges, domestic violence, LGBTQ+, small nonprofits and so

cial justice groups as well as the Girl Scouts and Planned Parenthood. Over 1600 organizations have benefited from her generosity.

I read an article about her recently in CBS's Money Watch. MacKenzie Scott wants the focus of her donations to be on the charities, not on her or her wealth. But get this, she can't seem to get rid of all her money "thanks to Amazon's climbing stock price, it (her wealth) has only grown since she divorced Amazon founder Jeff Bezos in 2019 and walked away with a 4% stake in the company. She can't give away as fast as she makes it.

Ms. Scott and I need to sit down and have a chat. She has some of the same concerns as I do as she recently "blasted the wealth gap that she said has placed 'disproportionate wealth' into a 'small number of hands.' I want to just say to her, "Amen, sister!"

Oh, her ex gives away some of his billions (his worth is set at 167 billion) as well; but she has given away five times what he has. AND, even better, she just gives her money away...no stipulations, no strings attached. It's just money to be used by the charities she supports in her philanthropic giving. Whatever she can't

give away in this lifetime, will be disbursed in her will. I like this woman. A lot.

Jon Bon Jovi (net worth \$410 million)

Although not a billionaire, he is a philanthropist. He has been involved in these charities: Special Olympics, American Red Cross, Habitat for Humanity, Project H.O.M.E., Covenant House, "Everybody Hurts," the Elizabeth Glaser Pediatric AIDS Foundation, and The Jon Bon Jovi Soul Foundation.

Jon Bon Jovi Soul Foundation helps address homelessness in the United States. It supports many non-profits: soup kitchens and homeless shelters, as well as donating to help build homes for homeless people. This man means business as I have seen photos of Bon Jovi scrubbing pots and pans in soup kitchens.

Taylor Swift. (\$1.1 billion net worth)

This young lady (she's 33 years old) was just recently given billionaire status. She's something else, Ms. Swift is. She's been giving money away for years. To libraries and schools, animal foundations, sexual assault foundations, food banks, and emergency funds after natural disasters. Even her fans know her

generosity as she has given them money to buy service dogs, to have surgeries, and to pay off student loans. She even sent stimulus checks to some of her fans during the fiasco that was COVID.

It seems that sometimes she reads a story in a newspaper and acts on it; sending money to the person who is in need.

AND She recently gave \$100,000 thank you gifts to her tour crew.

And from the Country Music Hall of Fame site: The Taylor Swift Education Center is located within the museum's galleries. The two-story, 7,500-square-foot center opened in 2013 and was made possible through a generous donation from Swift to the museum's capital campaign, which doubled the size of the nonprofit cultural organization. The education center includes classrooms, youth art installations, interactive galleries and learning labs with resources to facilitate distance learning and songwriting programs. In 2022, more than 134,000 people were served through more than 1,100 educational programs offered by the museum — many of which originated in the Taylor Swift Education Center.

She is a huge proponent for voting. She recently urged her fans to get registered to hear

their voices heard. About 13,000 voters registered in the first 30 minutes.

We will be hearing great things from her in the years to come.

Dolly Parton. (\$650 million net worth)

Ms. Parton, who believes strongly in education, grew up in poverty in Sevier County, Tennessee, and her home county and state are frequently the beneficiaries of her generosity.

Education really is her thing, as she gives generously to bands and local music programs for youth.

In the 1990's she started a Buddy Program for 7th and 8th graders. Ms. Parton met personally with the students and explained the program. The students to pair up. They then had to sign a contract specifying that they would support each other and do everything they could to help each other graduate. If both they and their partner graduated high school, Parton would hand each of them a check for \$500. The dropout rate in Sevier County went from 30% to 6%.

And then there is Dollywood. A theme park, yes, but it is also an employer for the many residents of the area. The employees who wish to attend college will have their tuition paid by the

employer. They will also cover the cost of books and other miscellaneous fees.

Her Imagination Library sends books to children registered in the program. They get their first book when they are born, and then they get one book a month until they go to school. This is an INTERNATIONAL endeavor. Other countries who benefit from the book give-away are Canada, Australia and the United Kingdom. She has given away over one hundred million books.

She donates to medical facilities, hospitals, and universities. And there was that \$1,000,000,000 she donated to COVID vaccine research.

Like the other philanthropists here, her charitable acts are too numerous to list. She's an amazing person.

It is too bad that more of those hoarding their wealth, can't find it in their greedy hearts to give generously to help out folks in need. Lifting people and children out of poverty....what a noble cause.

Always reading, (just not yet with new spectacles) and currently reading, "The Guest List" by Lisa Foley, Roberta

Tallgrass and Tumbleweeds by Gaille Pike

Dear Readers, I'm terrible about quoting with any degree of accuracy song lyrics and poems or notable lines from books, plays and movies. So I find it remarkable that ditties or nursery rhymes I learned before I was taught to read roll off my tongue flawlessly and with ease. And I never botch up the two I use most frequently: "Find a penny pick it up. All day long you'll have good luck."

And "Red sky at night, Sailor's delight. Red sky in morning, Sailor's warning."

Apparently both are variations of adages that go WAY back. Our B.C. ancestors who believed all metals were gifts from the Gods are most often credited with the origin of the first while the Bible (Mathew 16: 2-3) is commonly accepted as the source for the second, though I am unable to find any translation that includes any references to mariners.

Some folklorists and historians argue that there is a clear difference between these two rhymes with first being baseless (and harmless) superstition, while the second is meteorological wisdom based on the observations of the shepherds who lived in ancient times, later adapted by farming cultures.

Though I have no recollection who taught me either of these couplets, I remember adults using or prompting me with these rhymes to draw my attention to coins discovered on the ground and colors painted across the sky. The first phrase was used to foster gratefulness while discouraging laziness—whether it was

a dime, nickel, or penny, it was worth the effort to pick up. And "found money" was good fortune so no matter what transpired throughout the rest day, one had reason that day to be THANKFUL.

As for the weather wisdom, I recall this most often used to encourage my appreciation of brilliantly crimson red sunsets and to relish Mother Nature's displays. Western KS makes few lists lauding sites of natural beauty, but those who live there (or were raised there) can attest that magnificent skies are always on view, if you just look up. However, the western

side of our state cannot claim a monopoly on vibrant sunsets (or sunrises.) In the Flint Hills for example, the tradeoff for the minutes shaved off the Golden Hour by Autumn has been delightful dusk skies hued in shimmering reds and pinks.

Now that I think about it, I have only seen foreboding red A.M. skies twice in my life: in the winter of 1999 before a Nor'easter (also known as the "Blizzard of '96" which dumped over 30 inches of snow on Philadelphia) and in the fall of 2012, right before Hurricane Sandy

came ashore. And in my mind's eye, the sky, or the little piece of it I could see those mornings, was a sick Pepto-Bismolish hue until a darkness spread across the firmament like spilled ink. These days as I sail KS roadways, I keep a watch for approaching storms. I need a new rhyme though. I don't look for red. It's greens and yellows I worry about because morning or night, we all know what THOSE colors mean.

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

Insight

A Time for Giving

Jackie Mundt, Pratt County farmer and rancher

"For everything there is a season, and a time to every purpose under heaven" Some recognize this phrase from the book of Ecclesiastes in

the Bible and others know it from the popular 1960s song by the Byrds.

November is a season of Thanksgiving. Practicing gratitude and taking stock of all the blessings we have to be grateful for is the quickest and easiest way to actually become happier.

Gratitude was engrained early in our household. My parents are volunteer firefighters; my mom is an EMT. I grew up watching them sacrifice time in

their lives by leaving the dinner table, basketball games, in the middle of the night or even from church to go save lives. Mom never shared names, but she often told us to be thankful because she saw inside the homes of kids we knew who didn't have beds to sleep in or other things we took for granted.

When you start counting blessing, it's like gathering a shirt from your closet or pictures of loved ones; seeing things in one place makes me realize how abundant good things are in my life. For me that richness makes it incredibly obvious I have an obligation to be giving and share that abundance with others.

My church is currently in a season focused on giving and generosity in all areas of our lives. Giving and church in the same sentence probably leads you to expect a conversation about money and our pastor makes

jokes each week about how disappointed we all will be to learn he's not going to talk about money. Generosity is so much bigger than making financial contributions; it is the attitude of giving without expecting anything in return. Hospitality, volunteering, teaching, caring and sacrificing are some of the actions that come from generosity.

Years ago as an FFA member, I stayed with host families while traveling throughout the state. Stepping into the homes and lives of families was eye opening and humbling. I stayed in fancy houses and meager ones where my mother's words about people who had less echoed in my mind. Customs and norms were different in each home but they all invited me into their lives and gave what they could to make me feel comfortable.

My most vivid memo-

ries of these stays were the kitchen tables. We often talked far too late into the evening or shared an early breakfast with the families filled with stories and learning about each other. People opened their homes and lives to make me feel welcome. I am still grateful for their kindness two decades later.

Most people will never have a host family experience because they are uncomfortable; instead of the hassle of inviting our neighbors over for dinner we meet at restaurants. Money is given instead of time because it is more convenient. There is nothing wrong with any of these things, but I worry that we are letting too many opportunities slip away where a greater connection and impact would come from us giving more of ourselves.

As you practice gratitude this month, look for opportunities to turn your thankfulness into giving

that brings you closer to others. Instead of just thanking a veteran, learn about their experiences or find a way to show them a kindness. If you participate in Giving Tuesday, spread awareness by tell others why the charity is close to your heart. When you gather the family around the Thanksgiving table, find a way to give to something you all care about together.

This is a time to be grateful, and a time to give of yourself.

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Community Bulletin Board

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| Thursday, November 9 HS FB 6-Man bracket play *** CPL - Bob Ross Floral Painting Class | Friday, November 17 HS FB 6-Man Sub-State Sunday, November 19 5:30 Community Thanksgiving Service |
| Friday, November 10 HS FB 6 Man Sectional | Monday November 20 K-2 Field Trip to Exploration Place *** JH BB vs Chase at HOME |
| Saturday, November 11 4:00 p.m. HS Play *** School Tour open to the Public | Tuesday, November 21 Lions Club meets |
| Sunday, November 12 12:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m. Tour of school open to the Public | Wednesday, November 22 Thanksgiving break No School |
| Monday, November 13 JH BB at Argonia | Thursday, November 23 Thanksgiving Day |

The Community Calendar is sponsored by



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B-29 Museum
is open on Sundays from 2:00 to 4:00 pm
Pratt Army Airfield – 82 Curran Road
Visit them on Facebook at www.prairie-bombers.org for more information. If you would like to visit the museum at another time call 672-8321, 672-2444 or 620-797-2919 to schedule an appointment!

Libraries

Cunningham Public Library
Mon., Wed., Fri.
2:00 - 6:00 p.m.
Tues., Thurs., Sat.
9:00 - 11:30 a.m.
Closed for Holidays
298-3163



Zenda Public Library
Monday
8:30 a.m.- 12:30 p.m.
Thursday:
4:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
Saturday:
8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
620-243-5791




Kingman Carnegie Library
Mon. & Tues. 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.
Wed. : 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
Thurs. : 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.
Fri. : 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
Sat. : 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
620-532-3061



Pratt Public Library
Mon. - Thurs.
10:00 - 7:00
Friday: 10:00 - 6:00
Saturday: 10:00 - 2:00
Closed on Sundays
(620) 672-3041

Soup-Tasting Event at Penalosa

It's once again time for the annual Penalosa UWF Soup Tasting Event, November 11th, from 5:00 - 7:00 p.m. at the Penalosa Community Building. You're invited to sample a variety of different homemade soups, and vote for your favorite. Sandwiches and homemade desserts will also be served. The cost is a free will donation, which will be used to support several local organizations, including the Hands of Hope, KAMI food bank, Kingman Core Group, and the Angel Tree. Items for our children's Shoebox ministry will also be collected at this time. Come with a hearty appetite! All Veterans will receive a small gift, thanking them for their service.



Cunningham Native Named Partner in Hays Wealth Management Company

Werth Wealth Management has announced that Cunningham native Cheri Dorzweiler (Strohl) will join current partners Tim Werth and Jeff Dinkel as a partner at the Hays, KS based company.

Dorzweiler has been with the firm for over 20 years, starting her career during her junior year at Fort Hays State University. She graduated in 2003 with honors (Magna Cum Laude) from FHSU with degrees in finance and accounting.


Dorzweiler was born and raised near Cunningham and resides in Catharine, along with her husband, Heath, and their children Tate and Shelby.

Werth Wealth Management is located at 1200 Main St., 6th Floor, Hays, KS 67601.

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St. John Lutheran Church

Nashville, KS
Chicken Noodle Dinner
Sunday, November 12
11:30 AM - 1:30 PM
Sponsored by Dorcas Society
Freewill offering
Also Craft and Bake Sale
Everyone invited!



1st Anniversary Sale



Raccoon Quilt Shop

In downtown Harper, Kansas
All fat quarters priced just **\$2.00** each all the month of **November**.
Other sale items will be added during November.
W,T,F = 10 to 5 p.m.
Saturday = 10 to 2 p.m.

"Whisky, gambling and Ferraris are better than housework."
— Françoise Sagan

"I spent half my money on gambling, alcohol and wild women. The other half I wasted."
— WC Fields

"After all, a woman didn't leave much behind in the world to show she'd been there. Even the children she bore and raised got their father's name. But her quilts, now that was something she could pass on."
— Sandra Dallas

Kingman Historic Theatre

November 16
WINGER
LIVE
at Kingman Historic Theatre
with
The Other Guys Band

4C Raffle Tickets for Sale

Want a chance to win a new vehicle?
For a \$10.00 Raffle ticket your name could be drawn to win a new Ford Bronco or Kia Telluride by Rusty Eck Ford.
Four other winners will win \$1,000 in cash from Rusty Eck Ford.
Tickets can be purchased at 4C Child Care Center or from a 4C board member.




Kingman Historic Theatre

237 N. Main in Kingman
(620) 532-1253
<http://www.kingmantheatre.org/>

All Seats \$3.00 (cash or local check only)
Showtimes:
Friday and Saturday at 7:30
Sunday at 5:30
Thank YOU for supporting YOUR Kingman Historic Theatre.

November 10-12
After Death
Rated PG-13

YEARS AGO IN

The Cunningham Clipper

W. A. Bradley / William Bradley

1948

November 12— Plans for the new Cunningham Grade School building have been completed and the contracts for construction are open for bidding.

Dorothy McGeorge of Cunningham, is now in Japan, where she is doing secretarial work for the United States Army of Occupation.

1953

November 13 —New Dry Cleaning Plant in Cunningham — The Ace Cleaners, under the operation and management of Mr. and Mrs. Bert Anderson of Pratt, will be open for business, Saturday, November 14, in the building located just west of Patton's Service Station in Cunningham.

Final statistics on the Wildcats baseball team this year reveal that Billy DeWeese led the Cunningham batters with a batting average of .421, including one home and one triple. Other boys who posted "over three hundred" batting averages were Walter Becker with .389, and Fred Adelhardt with .333. Kenneth Meyers and Walter Becker, pitchers for the team this year, posted admirable records. Meyers won five games and lost one, while Becker hurled two wins against no defeats.

1958

November 13 — Cunningham is soon to have a new co-op elevator. A stockholder's meeting of the Cairo Co-op Equity Exchange members last Friday approved the proposal to build a 250,000 bushel capacity elevator here, operating it as a branch of the Cairo Co-op.

Cairo Co-op Manager Art Baker states the elevator, office building, scales, etc. will cost about \$180,000.

A Cunningham Rural High School boy running his second cross-country-run in competition won third place in the State Class B Cross-County Run at Topeka last Saturday. Jack Baber finished behind Delbert Franz of Walton, and Ron Nicholson of Maize, in the two-mile run over the Topeka Country Club Golf Course. Jack qualified for the state meet by placing third in the district meet in Wichita two weeks ago. This is the first time the local high school ever had an entry in the cross-country run.

1957

November 14 — The Junior Class of Cunningham Rural High School, will present the three-act comedy, "No Boys Allowed" in the High School Gym-Auditorium tomorrow night, Friday, Nov. 15.

Curtain time is 7:30 o'clock. The cast of characters includes Bob Witt, Margie Jarmer, Carol Strohl, Marleen Cooley, Jerry Schnittker, Charles Dafforn, Gail Nelson, Diana Spade, Jeanne Lackey, Karen Mertens, Ervin Huslig, Alvin Penka, Don Kitson, and Ruth Brady.

Entertainment will be provided between acts. Admission prices are adults 50c, and students 35c.

1968

November 14, — Harold (P.D.) Bayer and Hollis Lackey were crowned "Football King and Queen of 1968" of Cunningham High School at the annual homecoming football game halftime ceremonies here last Friday night. A dance featuring the "Katz Meow," was held in the school gym-auditorium following the football game. Members of this local musical ag-

gregation are Geronimo Kaster, Mike Cunningham, Phil Theis, Wayne Jarmer, Curtis Kitson, and Danny Theis. Alden proved to be a rude visitor at Cunningham's homecoming football game, rolling over the Wildcats 46 to 12. This closed the football season for Cunningham with a record of two wins and seven losses. One Cunningham Wildcat was named to the Golden Plains League All-Star Football Team following the balloting of the coaches at a league meeting this week. He was Larry Lubbers, chosen a halfback for the defensive team. The Cunningham Santa Claus Committee met in the City Hall last Thursday evening and began plans to welcome Santa to town, Saturday afternoon, Dec. 14, according to Dean Cooley, General Chairman.

YEARS AGO IN

The Cunningham Clipper

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1978

November 9 — The Cunningham Wildcats dropped their final game of the season last Friday night to Lewis by the score of 41 to 8. Turnovers were costly for the Wildcats as you cannot give a team like Lewis the ball very often.

Playing their final game for the Wildcats were Berry Bortz, Joe Strohl, Richard Cain, and Kevin Huffman. Berry had a very good final game. He played well defensively as he led us in tackles and assists and rushed for his first career touchdown. Joe Strohl who has been playing offensive end for the last three games, had six receptions for 86 yards.

Richard Cain did not play because of broken wrist. Kevin Huffman did not play but did attend the game after getting home from his successful back operation.

The 1978 Fall Festivities for Cunningham High School were held on November 3. It was the last football game of the season for the Wildcats.

King Kevin Huffman crowned and presented the Queen, Karen Cornelius, with flowers. Other candidates were Annette Freund, Joe Strohl; Karen Simon, Richard Cain; and Ronda Simon, Berry Bortz.

Cunningham City Council held a routine meeting Oct. 30, with a review of a building permit; approval of game tables at Harold's Place for the month of November; and reports. Monte rose said that Connie Morris, Kingman would like to give a First Aid course for the firemen and other interested citizens, and he will contact her for more information.

Hilltop Happenings: Monday, Oct. 30, the Special Ed class had a singing program for the residents. They enjoyed it very much.

On Tuesday, Oct. 31, the Special Ed class put on a shadow show for the residents. Thank you.

1983

November 10 — Eleven first graders at Cunningham Grade School wrote several small poems for Halloween. The student wrote these poems as a fun project. Some of these poems are:

Rod Almond:
The cat sat on his hat
and the bat flew over the moon.

Travis Deviney
The cat sat on a wall.
He scared the pumpkin off the wall.
The bat was so fat he wished he was flat.

Neil Campbell
The bat saw a zombie and
the cat saw it too.
They all said, "Boo! Boo! Boo!"

Jeremy Jarmer
The cat on a bat
flew over the mat.
The bat chased a cat
who wished he was flat.

Stacey Magnett
The black fat cat
sat on a scarecrow's hat.
Halloween night a fat cat sat on a wall and chased a pumpkin.

Barbara Miller
The cat on Halloween was
ugly creepy and mean.

Jennifer Norrish
A cat chased a rat.
The rat smashed his hat.

Jeff Preisser
The witch chased a cat
He ran under the mat.
The witch sat on the mat.
The cat was flat.

Miranda Stout
The cat sat on a hat
When the bat flew over the moon.

Nikki Theis
A cat scared a bat.
The bat flew away so
The cat chased a rat.

Kim Thimesch
The black cat was a
fat cat after all.

Two Kayette members were chosen for the Kayette of the Month Award for October. They were Peggy Harbert and Kris Freund.

To get this award, a member must have the most points for that month. A member gets points by working in the concession stand, going to church, and helping out on the projects that are done by the Kayettes. Also the members must show leadership, a willingness to help when asked, and must have a good attitude toward their club and what they do.

Main Street in Cunningham was littered with trash and old tires, and implements early Tuesday following Halloween, but was soon cleaned up by boys of the local Kay Club.

John and Jan Royston, Cunningham, announce the birth of a son, Garrett Chad, born November 8 at 6:45 a.m. at Kingman Community Hospital. He weighed 9 lbs. 7 oz.

Grandparents are Bob and Dorothy Galvin, Pratt and June and John Royston, Uniontown.

Great-grandparents are Pansy Galvin, Pratt, and Goldie Hockman, Uniontown.

Mr. and Mrs. Scott Elliot, Goddard, announce the birth of a son, Jason Scott, born Nov. 4 at 7:15 p.m. at the St. Josephs' Hospital in Wichita. He weighed 8 lbs, 13 oz.

Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Venon Blasi, Wichita and Mr. and Mrs. Dwayne Elliot, Cunningham.

Great-grandparents are Mrs. Anna Blasi, Wichita, Mrs. Alma Whitmore, Cunningham, and Harrison Elliot, Pratt.



Representative Payees Help You Manage Your Social Security

Some people who receive monthly Social Security benefits or Supplemental Security Income (SSI) payments may need help managing their money. When we receive information that

indicates you need help, we'll work with you to find the most suitable representative payee to manage your benefits. A representative payee is someone who receives your monthly benefit payment on your behalf and must use the money to pay for your current needs, including:

- Food.
- Clothing.
- Personal care

items.

- Housing and utilities.
- Medical and dental expenses.
- Rehabilitation expenses (if you have a disability).

If you need help managing your benefits, tell a Social Security representative that there is someone you want to be your representative payee. Your representative payee should be someone

you trust and see often, and who clearly understands your needs. Social service agencies, nursing homes, or other organizations are also qualified to be a representative payee. Ask them to contact us.

You can write to us within 60 days of being assigned a representative payee if you don't agree that you need one or if you want a different representative payee.

We also offer Advance

Designation, which allows you to designate someone to be your representative payee in the future. There may come a time when you can no longer make your own financial decisions. You and your family will have peace of mind knowing that someone you trust may be appointed to manage your benefits for you.

You can submit your Advance Designation request when you ap-

ply for benefits or after you are already receiving benefits. You may do so through your personal my Social Security account at www.ssa.gov/myaccount or by calling and speaking to a Social Security representative.

You can find more information at www.ssa.gov/payee.

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A Column by Mike Johnson

Humans Are Cute

Humans are cute. You get strung out about the silliest things. You seem to enjoy making life difficult on purpose. Most of you cannot enjoy something until you abuse yourself long enough to "deserve" it.

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The peace and joy doesn't come from "winning" the income game. The peace and joy arrives when you realize you already had peace and joy before you started the game.

So put on the monkey suit. Merge into the line of ants marching to

work. Do the stupid and glorious tasks required. But don't dull your spirit. Inhabit your own peace and joy bubble right now. Always.

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Where's My Kitchen?

by Francy Judge

Fragments of "Clair de Lune" mingle with the steam of boiling noodles. My quiet kitchen is transformed into a music classroom as Stephen, my oldest son, practices his keyboard and classical guitar in his favorite room of the house. The gentle notes transport me to the scene of a foreign movie. I sit on a wooden stool in a stone cottage and shell beans. Sunlight streams through the open window until a beep pierces the air . . . the fire alarm jolts me back to reality and I bang it off with a broom. His steak is done.

The reality is that this is not my kitchen anymore.

I used to like eggs. Ever since my nineteen year old aimed to look like Arnold Schwarzenegger I've had to endure the smell of eight eggs boiling every morning. Sulfur gases spiral through my nostrils as he peels the shells, leaves six yolks to roll around the plate and pops two in his mouth. Stephen devours eight egg whites, a bowl of oatmeal, and a bowl of bran flakes, and I wonder if he is really my son.

I used to like being in the kitchen.

The heavenly scent of a cake rising, the comfort of sprinkling cinnamon on toast, the sizzling sound of chicken cutlets frying. My favorite scents have been replaced by the smoke from burning steak. Stephen doesn't seem to mind that it's

ninety-three degrees outside and even hotter in the kitchen. He needs to eat and eat and eat.

I can't help but ask him, "Why don't you cut back to six eggs so a carton will last two days?"

He looks at me like I've asked him what two plus two equals. "That's not enough," he answers while mixing his protein shake.

When I was his age, I was obsessive in the opposite way of counting calories and eating only enough to keep from passing out. I can't relate to the concept of wanting to gain weight.

"This is how it works," he explains, "I need to eat a protein food every three hours and after working out to gain the most muscle mass."

Two hours after his

power breakfast for champions, he's in the kitchen. Again. Stephen bakes plain chicken and boils brown rice, overcooked rice that smells like popcorn. He consumes a portion that could feed a poor family of eight. I want to tell him. Sometimes I do. He just shakes his head and says, "You don't understand the science of body building." And why should I?

I wonder if he'll ever leave the kitchen.

Something must be wrong; I hide boxes of bran flakes. Stephen has his own box that he'll gobble through in two days; mine will last two weeks if he doesn't find it. I get mad when he steals my flakes. Backpedal one hundred or even fifty years: Moms wore aprons and served their sons hearty meals to grow strong. They didn't say,

"This is your grain, so stay away from mine." Yes, something is wrong with our kitchen. (It's supposed to be mine not a six foot tall non-stop eating musician's.)

The kitchen does not look like my kitchen.

Dirty dishes and clutter spread throughout the kitchen like gangrene. The shiny counters of the previous night are decorated with used spoons, empty boxes, bowls of cemented oatmeal, crumpled paper towel balls, protein powder dust, egg shells, and even the skull of a pepper. Every cabinet stretches wide open to catch a breeze. The floor catches whatever rolled off the edge of the counter.

But was an empty kitchen a better kitchen?

When I'm not complaining about the lack of counter space for two cooks, we talk, share

our creative interests, our hopes and dreams, and share our beliefs and faith. I need to close my eyes, enjoy the chords of melody, and drift back to the days he cooed as I fed him oatmeal (that didn't turn to cement.) When I open my eyes the anxiety of the kitchen chaos returns. I want my kitchen back.

So I try to remember priorities; the Mary and Martha lesson with a twist.

I've a healthy muscle-bound lad who cooks, fills our home with music and loves God—more important than the trail left behind.

The kitchen has become a good place to pray and learn...a little about myself, a little about my son, and a whole lot about patience, pride and protein.

Truth: I still want my kitchen back.

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Wildcats Earn Regional Title



Group holding District Champs and Regional Champs plaques. (Jennette Rogers photo)



Seniors Luke McGuire and Jack Ruckle (Renee Ruckle photo)



The Wildcats hosted the Centre for the Regional round of 6-man football on Friday, November the 3rd. After a first round bye gave them a two-week break, the Cats were hungry to hit someone other than themselves. According to one freshman, "It was way better than Trent hitting me."

The Cats lost the toss, kicking off to start the game. The Cougars turned the ball over on downs just past mid field.

Wildcat offense went into high gear, scoring after just 4 plays. Will connected with Luke Albers for 10 yards. Luke McGuire ran for 21 yards and then Will finished the drive with a 3 yard pass to Luke McGuire. Three for three passing to open the game is a great way to start the playoffs. Dagim put the PAT kick through for an 8-0 lead.

As stingy as the home defense was on the first series, they were more

so on series two. The Cougars went backwards on 3 plays. Jack got a tackle for loss and Jack and Trent pounded the runner for a no gain. The Cougars had to punt.

Wildcat offense responded with a 1 play drive. The line opened a huge hole, and Jack put a move on the only possible tackler as he ripped off a 20 yard TD run. Dagim was good for the kick. Cats up 16-0 on 4 offensive plays.

The Wildcats were gaining steam as the Cougars lost ground on offense again and punted on 4th down. Will Wegerer completed a 44 yard pass to Luke Albers for a TD on a short 2 play series. Cats up 22 to 0.

Albers picked off the first down pass from the Cougars and ran it in for a TD, then Dagim nailed the extra points kick for a 30-0 lead. The Cat defense stonewalled again for a 3 downs and punt series, quickly putting

more points on the board on a Luke McGuire 32 yard TD run. 36-0 for the home team.

Stephen, Jack, and Dylan teamed up for a tackle for loss with the Defense back on the field. The Cougars decided to not punt on the next series and turned the ball over on downs. Jack answered with a 20 yard TD run. It looked like he was searching for someone to hit on his way to the end zone, but could find no one. Dagim was good for the kick. 44-0 Cats.

Just when it looked like the reserves would run some offense, Trent blocked the punt and Dagim scooped up the ball for a TD. Dagim got the extra points kick for a 52 point lead.

The Cougars moved the ball a little on the next series. Layne and Skyler got a tackle for loss. Dylan, Dagim, and Trent combined for another one. With the Cougars on

4th down with their best field position of the game they decided to throw a deep pass. Stephen Kerschen picked the ball and rumbled 62 yards for the defensive score. There was an absolute convoy of blockers who found very little opposition. Dagim kicked the extra points. 60-0.

The defense held again to get the ball back. Despite a penalty, the Cats scored on just 5 plays. Layne scored on a 23 yard run. Cats up 66-0.

The Cougars could not move the ball on their last series. The half, and the game, ended on the mercy rule as the Wildcats kneeled the ball and claimed their Regional plaque.

Next up: Sectional championship contest hosting the Pawnee Heights Tigers at Cunningham on Friday, November 10, 7:00.

-by Coach McGuire



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- Kory Anschutz, Jr., Pratt-Skyline
- Belle Barnett, Jr., Hutchinson Central Christian
- Joley Harbaugh, Sr., Pretty Prairie
- Grace Hoffman, Jr., Pratt-Skyline
- Braylin Kelly, Sr., Norwich
- Zoie Redgate, Jr., Attica



Taylor Schultz, Sr., Cunningham

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- Rhylee Haskins, Jr., Fairfield
- Natalie Jensen, Sr., Hutchinson Central Christian



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- Jessa Losew, Soph., Hutchinson Central Christian
- Addie Pauly, Sr., Norwich



Molly Morgan photos

Clockwise from upper far left: Payton King on defense, Dagim Reed kicking, Offensive Team

The last photo here on the left is either Layne Green or Stephen Kerschen (the editor can't read the number very well.)



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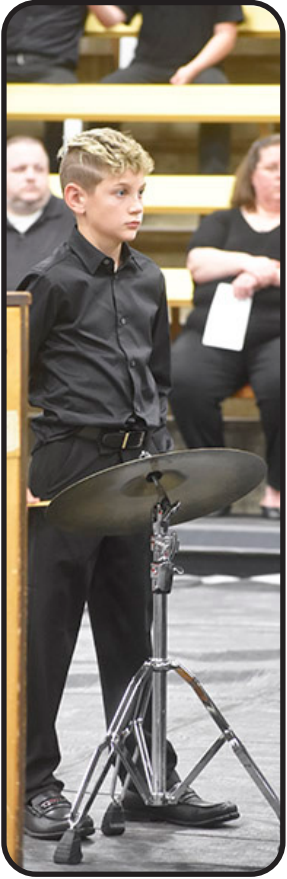
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Sunday, October 29

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| Traffic Stop | 4 |
| Disabled Vehicle | 400 E D Ave, Kingman |
| Sign Down | NE 10 St & NE 40 Ave, Kingman |
| Trespassing | 200 Blk W Copeland Ave, Kingman |
| Traffic Complaint | 13000 E Hwy 2, Norwich |
| Theft | 16000Blk W Hwy 42, Nashville |
| Suspicious Vehicle | 13000 Blk SW 80 St, Nashville |
| Disabled Vehicle | E Hwy 54 & NE 70 Ave, Kingman |
| Animal Complaint | 1000 Blk N Chariton St, Kingman |

Monday, October 30

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| Traffic Stop | 3 |
| Civil Process Service | 1 |
| Traffic Complaint | 11000 Blk W Hwy 54, Cunningham |
| Disabled Vehicle | 6000 Blk W Hwy 54, Kingman |
| Vehicle Unlock | 2700 Blk NE 150 Ave, Cheney |
| Disabled Vehicle | 13000 Blk E Hwy 54, Cheney |
| Follow Up | N Pine St & E C Ave, Kingman |
| Traffic Complaint | 10000 Blk SE 3rd St, Murdock |
| Follow Up | 300 Blk South Oak St, Pratt |
| 911 Accidental Dial | 100 Blk N Amberside St, Norwich |
| Check Welfare | 15000 Blk W Hwy 54, Cunningham |
| Miscellaneous | 700 Blk N Coronado, Kingman |
| Trespassing | 300 Blk E D Ave, Kingman |
| Traffic Complaint | NW 170 Ave & W Hwy 54, Kingman |

Tuesday, October 31

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| Traffic Stop | 6 |
| Civil Paper Service | 3 |
| Traffic Complaint | 1000 Blk W Hwy 54, Kingman |
| Follow Up | 200 Blk S Parkway St, Norwich |
| Follow Up | 120 N Spruce, Kingman |
| Burglary | 400 Blk W Burns Ave, Norwich |
| Agency Assist | 14000 Blk W Hwy 54, Cunningham |
| Traffic Complaint | 10000 Blk E Hwy 54, Cheney |
| Abandoned Vehicle | 13000 Blk SE 30 Ave, Rago |
| Animal Complaint | 300 Blk N Main St, Kingman |
| Disturbance | 400 Blk E C Ave, Kingman |
| Secure Building | 900 Blk SW 70 Ave, Kingman |

Wednesday, November 1

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| Theft | 120 N Spruce, Kingman |
| Traffic Complaint | 600 Blk W D Ave, Kingman |
| Transport Prisoner | 120 N Spruce, Kingman |
| Suspicious Vehicle | 5800 Blk NE 140 Ave, Cheney |

Thursday, November 2

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| Traffic Stop | 1 |
| Civil Paper Service | 1 |
| Non-Injury Accident | 7000 Blk E Hwy 54, Kingman |
| Non-Injury Accident | SE 160 Ave & SE 60 St, Kingman |
| Animal Complaint | 13000 Blk SE 20 St, Murdock |
| Suspicious Person | 100 Blk S Gregory St, Nashville |
| Unlock Vehicle | 10000 Blk SE 70 Ave, Rago |
| Transport / Court Alarm | 130 N Spruce, Kingman |
| Injury Accident | 300 Blk N Main, Zenda |
| Suspicious Person / Arrest Alarm | SW 70 St & SW 160 Ave, Nashville |
| Transport / Court Alarm | 100 Blk S Main St, Nashville |
| Transport | 2000 Blk S Hwy 14, Kingman |
| Animal Complaint | 130 N Spruce, Kingman |
| Follow Up | 120 N Spruce, Kingman |
| Follow Up | 16000 Blk NE 50 St, Cheney |
| Follow Up | 4000 Blk SE 160 Ave, Cheney |

Friday, November 3

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| Traffic Stop | 1 |
| Transport Inmate | 120 N Spruce, Kingman |
| Lost/Found Tag | 120 N Spruce, Kingman |
| Non-Injury Accident | 7000 Blk E Hwy 54, Kingman |
| Non-Injury Accident | 11000 Blk NE 10 St, Murdock |
| Check Vehicle | NE 10 St & NE 100 Ave, Murdock |
| Warrant Service | 120 N Spruce, Kingman |

Saturday, November 4

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| Traffic Stop | 10 |
| Civil Paper Service | 3 |
| Agency Assist | 900 Blk N Sugar St, Kingman |
| Animal Complaint | S Hwy 14 & E Hwy 42, Rago |
| Animal Complaint | SE 20 St & SE 120 Ave, Murdock |
| Traffic Complaint | SE 110 Ave & SE 20 St, Kingman |
| Disabled Vehicle | 3220 E Hwy 54, Kingman |
| Mental | 200 Blk W 2nd Ave, Norwich |
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Minutes from Pratt County Commission

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Commissioner Shriver made a motion to hire Gavin Long to fire/rescue. Commissioner Adams seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. He reported he applied for a grant for rescue gear. Rescue 303 has snow blade, tried the sand bucket, everything worked. He had a grain entrapment training put on by OSU that was attended by six employees. He reported on a tanker needing repairs. He would like a plan to replace rescue 2 in the future. He reported they need to purchase pumps for the heated floors. They

recommended having one on hand when one goes down. Commissioner Shriver made a motion to purchase a spare pump for the heated floors. Commissioner Adams seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

He reported there is no glycol in the system at the Public Safety Building. He will check and find out if there is glycol in the system and how much it would cost to add.

Commissioner Adams made a motion to give employees Tuesday, December 26 off.

Commissioner Shriver seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Adams asked if we have a voting member for the KAC. Commissioner Adams

asked about the generator that was at the old PRRC. It was stated it was sold.

Commissioner Shriver made a motion to recess into executive session for fifteen minutes at 3:32 p.m. for attorney/client matter concerning potential lawsuit. Commissioner Adams seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. Commissioner Shriver made a motion to return from executive session at 3:43 p.m. with no action taken. Commissioner Adams seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Adams made a motion to approve the payment vouchers for October 30, 2023. Commissioner Shriver seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Shriver made a motion to recess into executive session at 3:44 pm. for ten minutes for an attorney/client matter concerning Department of Labor. Commissioner Adams seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. Commissioner Shriver made a motion to return from executive session at 3:50 p.m. with no action taken. Commissioner Adams seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Adams made a motion to adjourn at 3:57 p.m. Commissioner Shriver seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Statepoint Crossword Theme: Thanksgiving

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- Subway entrance
- Parting words
- *Massachusetts' contender for first Thanksgiving celebration
- Oyster gem
- One thing on a list
- Of two minds

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- Compass dir.
- Arctic native
- Flying jib, e.g.
- Enclose in a cyst
- Part of small intestine
- *Traditional occupant of the last parade float
- *Pumpkin pie at the first Thanksgiving, e.g.
- Asian food thickener
- *Tbs. or tsp., in Thanksgiving recipe
- Zip
- Chews out
- Ostium, pl.
- *"___ on 34th Street"
- '90s TV sitcom "Boy ___ World"
- TV tube in days gone by, acr.
- *Sweet one or russet one
- Short musical composition
- Smart candy?
- Women's undergarments
- News's undergarments
- "Sesame Street" Muppet
- *Dinner exclamation?
- Sweep under the rug
- Fury
- *Lions' opponent this year

38. ___ exclusion principle in physics

- Like something for a wedding day
- Bad rep
- Supermarket walkway
- Let for money
- Form of civil disobedience
- Lock of hair
- Past participle of "be"
- Knitter's ball
- Long live, in French
- Itty-bitty bit
- Like part of McDonald's logo
- Rubber substitute, acr.
- Stanley Cup org.

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Minutes from the Kingman County Commission

(con't from front page)

Commissioner Thimesch discussed attending KDOT meetings and the importance of getting the bypass started to go around Kingman. It is time to get this done.

Stan Goetz, HR/Planning/Zoning/Wastewater Director was in with a request of changing the courthouse maintenance position going from part time to full time.

MOTION: Commissioner Elpers moved to approve the changing of the courthouse maintenance position from part-time to full-time position. Commissioner Thimesch seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Mr. Goetz discussed the upcoming performance reviews that will start on November 20th, 2023.

Mr. Goetz submitted the following building permits:

Clayton Yoder for a House in Section 27, Township 27, Range 07W.

MOTION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to approve the TextmyGov proposal for \$4,000.00 per year and the first year with an additional \$2,000.00 for setup. Commissioner Elpers seconded the motion. The motion was ap-

proved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Mary Schwartz, Health Nurse submitted quotes for recabling from Integris IT for \$4,280.00 and Eck Services of \$3,200.00.

MOTION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to approve the quote from Eck Services in the amount of \$3,200.00 that includes warranty. Commissioner Elpers seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

The County Clerk submitted the September 23, 2023, Commission Meeting minutes for approval.

MOTION: Commissioner Elpers moved to approve the September 23, 2023, Commission meeting minutes. Commissioner Thimesch seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to go into executive session with Brandon Ritcha, County Counselor at 9:50 a.m. to discuss pending administrative proceedings pursuant to the exception under the Kansas Open Meetings Act, and they will return to the Board meeting room at 10:00 a.m. Commissioner Thimesch seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Commissioners returned to regular session

at 10:00 a.m.

Chairman Henning discussed the EMS and Dispatch contracts and decided they would like to continue for 2024 with the 2023 contract.

MOTION: Commissioner Elpers moved to approve the 2024 contract for EMS services which is the same at the 2023 contract and give time to work on a long term contract. Commissioner Thimesch seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Leslie Schrag, Economic Development Director was in with a letter of support for

U.S. Highway 54 Four-Lane Expansion that the County Commissioners could approve and sign. MOTION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to approve the letter of support for the US Highway 54 Four-Lane Expansion. Commissioner Elpers seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Ms. Schrag reviewed her report for the County Commissioners.

Commissioner Thimesch discussed that he looked at houses this weekend and found 51 homes that are not being lived in and wanted to know what can

be done to get people living in these homes.

Commissioners discussed the housing assessment being done by WSU with Ms. Schrag.

Ms. Schrag let them know that the assessment should be done in February 2024.

Charles Arensdorf, Public Works Director was in with updates on D.0-6.2 Bridge Repair, SW 70 St Hot Mix Overlay and Cheney Reservoir FLAP project.

Mr. Arensdorf let the County Commissioners know that no propane bids were received.

MOTION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to adjourn the regular board meeting at 11:30 a.m. Commissioner Elpers seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Public Notice

(Published in the official City of Cunningham newspaper on Thursday, November 9, 2023)

ORDINANCE NO. 682

AN ORDINANCE CREATING ARTICLE THREE OF CHAPTER XI OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF CUNNINGHAM, KANSAS, CONCERNING THE PARKING OF CAMPING TRAILERS AND RECREATIONAL VEHICLES IN THE CITY

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF CUNNINGHAM, KANSAS:

Section 1: Chapter XI, Article 3 of the Code of the City of Cunningham shall be created and titled "Camping Trailer and Recreational Vehicle Parking."

Section 2: Section 11-301 of the Code of the City of Cunningham, Kansas, shall be created to read as follows:

"11-301. **CAMPING TRAILER AND RECREATIONAL VEHICLE PARKING RESTRICTED.**

The parking of camping trailers and recreational vehicles in the City shall be restricted as follows:

No camping trailer or recreational vehicle shall be parked in the front yard or on the driveway in any residential area of the city.

Camping trailers or recreational vehicles may only be parked in a side yard or back yard in any residential area.

Any camping trailer or recreational vehicle must be parked on a surface of concrete, asphalt, gravel, or other firm surface that is properly maintained.

No more than one (1) camping trailer or recreational vehicle may be parked at a residence at any time.

Any camping trailer or recreational vehicle may only be used for temporary occupancy for no more than seventy-two (72) hours.

Camping trailer or recreational vehicle shall include any and all mobile structures intended for recreational or temporary lodging purposes whether pulled behind a vehicle, mounted on a vehicle, or self-propelled.

Violations of this section shall be, upon conviction, fine up to \$500 or be imprisoned not to exceed 30 days or be both so fined and imprisoned. In addition, the municipal court may order as part of sentencing the removal of structures in violation of this section.

Section 3: This ordinance shall take effect and be in full force on January 1, 2024.

Passed by the Governing Body of the City of Cunningham, Kansas, this 30th day of October, 2023.

Governing Body of the City of Cunningham
/s/ Aaron Murphy, Mayor

ATTEST:
/s/ Molly Morgan, City Clerk

Public Notice

First published in The Cunningham Courier on November 9, 2023 (3t)

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CIVIL DEPARTMENT

Finance of America Reverse LLC
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vs.

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Defendants.

Case No. KM-2023-CV-000023
Court Number:

Pursuant to K.S.A. Chapter 60

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Mary Rose Eck

Mary Rose Eck, 91, Retired floral designer and loving wife, mother, grandmother and great grandmother passed away surrounded by her family on Monday, October 30, 2023. Mary Rose was born on October 1, 1932 to Frank & Josephine (Bohrer) Youngers in Willowdale, Kansas.



She is preceded in death by her parents; husband; John. Brothers; Herman, Louis (Alice), Robert, Harold, Paul, James (JoAnn), Joseph (Sandra), Julius and Elmer Youngers. Sisters; Helen (Charlie) Gehlen, Frances youngers, Genevieve (Martin) Miller, Theresa (Cliff) Elpers and Alice (Edgar) Burenheide. Sister-in-law: Mariann (Norbert) Eck Hampel.

Mary Rose is survived by her children; Elaine (Gary) Squires, Belinda (Hugh) Rausch, Nancy (Donald) Jackson and John (Regina) Eck. Sister-in-law; Alfreda Youngers. 11 grandchildren and 14 great grandchildren.

Funeral Mass was held on November 3, 2023 at St. Rose Catholic Church in Mt. Vernon, Kansas. In lieu of flowers memorials may be sent in Mary Rose's name to St. Rose Catholic Church Building Fund. 4813 NE 150th Cheney, Kansas 67025. Wulf-Ast Mortuary--Garden Plain Chapel is in charge of the arrangements

Chuck Swonger

Charles "Chuck" Ray Swonger, 85, passed away Thursday, November 2, 2023 at Medicine Lodge Memorial Hospital. He was born on November 24, 1937 in Harper to Loren Merle and Helen Woodrow (Hostetler) Swonger. Charles married Nancy (Winters) Swonger on October 1, 1962 in Clayton, New Mexico. She preceded him in death on October 19, 2021.



Chuck worked for Pratt County Road Department for 20 years. He attended church at First Assembly of God in Medicine Lodge. He enjoyed doing word searches, taking long drives, watching the deer and nature at the farm and spending time with his family.

He is survived by his children, Laverne "Bernie" Swonger of Pratt, Susan (Curt) Oller of Pratt and Cindy (Clint) Tyler of Sawyer; grandchildren, Ray (Nina) Oller of Wichita, Randy (Britt) Oller of Pratt, Ashley Tyler of Pratt, Braden (Sterling) Tyler of Seneca and Madison (fiance' Kenny Eddy) Tyler of Pratt; great-grandchildren, Alysa, Rylee, Titus, Thaddeus, Tiberius, Sean, Maci and Peyton; sister-in-law, Jackie Naasz of Spearville; and many nieces and nephews.

Chuck is preceded in death by his parents and wife, Nancy Mae Swonger.

Funeral service was held on Monday, November 6, 2023 at Larrison Mortuary, Pratt with Reverend Clint Tyler presiding. Burial followed at Ellenwood Cemetery, Sawyer with Pastor Rodney Worsham presiding.

Memorials may be made to First Assembly of God in care of Larrison Mortuary.

Sam Livingston

Samuel Bruce "Sam" Livingston, 82, left this world on Nov. 2, 2023.

Sam was born on March 26, 1941, in Kingman, Kansas the only child of Bruce and Lucile Prather Livingston.

Sam battled brain cancer for only a few months. Despite spending much of that time in and out of doctor appointments and treatment planning, he never lost his sense of humor or his dedication to his faith.

Sam grew up in Kingman graduating from Kingman High School in 1959. After graduation he attended Emporia State University and the graduated from Gupton-Jones College of Funeral Service school in Dallas, Texas.

In 1963, he married Janice Kay Sampson in Wichita. Sam returned to Kingman join his dad at the Livingston Furniture, Funeral and Undertaking, the third generation to do so. He remained there as a funeral director until his dad retired. Sam then devoted full time to his farming and ranching operations.

Sam loved the outdoors. A highlight of his learning was to pilot his helicopter. He loved checking his fields and cattle from the sky.

Hobbies? If you asked Sam what hobbies he had, he would answer, "retired farmers don't have hobbies."

Sam was a member of Ninnescah Lodge #230 A.F.&A.M., the Scottish Rite Bodies and the Midian Shrine Temple. Throughout his life he served on various community and Church boards.

Survivors include his wife Jan; three children Samuel, Stacy (Terry) and Scott (Amy); six grandchildren Samuel, Brook, Jamie (Jared), Andy, Kyle and Anna; and two great-grandchildren Masyn and Easton.

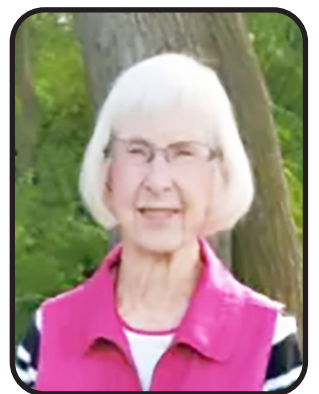
Funeral services were Tuesday, Nov. 7, 2023 at the Livingston Funeral Home, Kingman. Burial with Masonic Rites was at the Walnut Hill Cemetery.

Memorials may be made with the Shriner's Hospital, Hospice House of Reno County or the Kingman First Presbyterian Church all in care of Livingston Funeral Home, 1830 N. Main, Kingman, KS 67068.



Barbara Sangster

Barbara Ann Sangster was born Sept. 14, 1926 in Protection, Kan., the daughter of Claude and Martha Rowland. She passed away at Regent Park Rehabilitation and Healthcare in Wichita, Kan., on Saturday, Oct. 28, 2023 at the age of 97.



Barbara graduated from Protection High School in 1944. She attended Fort Hays University for one year and then returned to Protection and married her high school sweetheart, Ralph E. "Dick" Sangster on Dec. 2, 1945.

The couple resided in Protection until April of 1946, when they moved to the Barber County area, where Dick began his career as ranch foreman for the JJ Ranch and the Jack Lemon family.

For 42 years, Dick and Barbara called Barber County home and welcomed three children: Craig, Christine and Claudia. Barbara was a housewife and managed the home and family for much of their time on the JJ Ranch. Providing meals during harvest, being the errand girl and managing the kid activities kept her very busy.

After the children were grown Barbara began filling her spare time as the office assistant for Rex Swonger's Shelter Insurance business in both Sawyer and Pratt.

The Sangster family attended the Sawyer United Methodist Church, where Barbara served as pianist for many years. They later became members of the Pratt United Methodist Church.

Dick retired from the JJ Ranch in 1989 and the couple made their home in Pratt. Their corner lot at 602 W. 4th quickly became known for its flowers and rock work - a landscaping touch which both took great pride in maintaining.

The couple enjoyed many years together in Pratt before Dick passed away from West Nile Virus on Oct. 30, 2003.

The kitchen was Barbara's favorite place to be. She loved cooking for her family, whether it was her chocolate chip cookies, chicken tetrazzini, cherry pie, chocolate layer desert or strawberry pretzel salad.

At family dinners she was usually the last one done - because she was the greatest hostess. She always wanted everyone to enjoy her good cooking, offering seconds and often times thirds - while also making sure the food stayed hot. Serving as hostess and caring for others brought her boundless joy - as did spending that time with her family.

Barbara has been an active volunteer in the Pratt community. She was a member of the Pratt Regional Medical Center Auxiliary and the United Women of Faith. Her volunteer time was shared with the Pratt Food Bank, the Hope Center and the Pratt County Fair.

She was preceded in death by husband, Dick Sangster; her parents, Claude and Martha Rowland; brothers, Lawrence Rowland, Victor Rowland and JD Rowland; sisters, Arlene Payne; Doris Griffith; Madge Randall; Carolyn Perdue; Donna Weidensaul and Katie Hoover.

She is survived by her children, Craig Sangster of Norman, Okla.; Christine Hoener of Pratt, Kan.; Claudia (Paul) Bohn of La Vista, Neb., grandchildren, Clark Sangster of Wichita, Kan., Regan (Johnny) Garcia and family of Wichita, Kan.; Chelsee (David) Briggeman and family of Iuka, Kan.; Sean (Nicolle) Hoener and family of Redmond, Ore.; Ethan Bohn and fiancé Kayleen Mourey and Emily Bohn all of La Vista, Neb.; nine great-grandchildren; brother-in-law Dean Hoover of Pratt, Kan.; nieces and nephews, and life-long neighbors, friends, and family.

Burial will be at the Protection Cemetery in Protection, KS.

Funeral services were held at the Pratt United Methodist Church on Saturday, Nov. 4 with the Revs. Nicolle Schwartz-Eck and Louis Keeling officiating.

Memorials should be directed to the Pratt Regional Medical Center Volunteer Scholarship Program, The Hope Center in Pratt, or the Pratt County Food Bank

Aurora Dick

Aurora Dick, 89, died Nov. 6, 2023, at the Attica Long Term Care.

She was born June 11, 1934, at Redwing, Colorado the daughter of Juan and Rosenda Salazar Martinez.

A longtime resident of the Zenda community, she was a former CNA at the Attica Hospital, worked for the Zenda Library and the F&D restaurant.

Aurora was a member of the St. John Catholic Church, the Altar Society and D of I, all of Zenda; she was a former 4-H leader, and a member of the EHU.

On Sept. 11, 1954, she married Paul Dick at Ft. Collins, Colorado; he died Dec. 8, 2017. Survivors include five sons and their wives, Mark and Rhonda, Ed, Chris and Michelle, Patrick and Tammy, and Greg and Pam; 12 grandchildren; 14 great-grandchildren; and 1 great-great-grandchild. She was preceded in death by a brother Ben; sisters Sadie, Mary, Ceria, Eloida, Julia, Adeline and Bertha; grandson Jed; and daughters-in-law Teri and Sheila.

Parish rosary will be 10:00 am., Saturday, Nov. 11, 2023 at the St. John Catholic Church, Zenda followed by the Mass of Christian Burial at 10:30 a.m. The family will receive friends from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., Friday at the Livingston Funeral Home, Kingman. Burial will be in the St. John Catholic Cemetery outside Zenda.

Memorials may be made with the St. John Catholic Church, Country Care Hospice and the Zenda Museum, all in care of the funeral home.



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A Note of Thanks
Thank you for the many prayers for the safe return of Fr. Roger, Bob, and our daughter, Becky Flores. So many people reached out to me, texting, calling, checking where they were. The three did return to Kansas City on October 10 after 39 hours of travel time. We can truly say that we experienced the power of prayer.
-Jeanette Kerschen

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