



Approved Minutes from the BOE October Meeting

The West Kingman County Board of Education meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, October 9, 2023, by President Brent Miller.

President, Brent Miller; Vice-President, Bjorn Halderson; Members, Scott DeWeese, Brent Hansen, Vicki Oldham, Megan Green, and Travis Thimesch; Superintendent, Dr. Kelly Arnberger; Principal, Cody Dunlap; Clerk, Stacy Webster and guests Carrie Vahsholtz, Richard Martin, Taylor Schultz, Roberta Kobbe, Abby Bock, Everett Schultz, Judy Schultz, Tim Schultz, Barb Schultz, Maverick Schultz, Ty Schultz, Carlos Hurtado, Rick King, Joanna Hansen, Mattie Jump, Luke McGuire and Shawna Sternecker.

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

President Miller welcomed the guests to the meeting and then turned it over to Principal Dunlap. Principal Dunlap shared that this month we are recognizing Taylor Schultz for her Forensics successes. Forensics Coach

Carrie Vahsholtz shared the types of performances Taylor has done and the successes she has had over the last 3 years. Then Taylor performed a piece she took to state called Hush little baby.

Guests Carrie, Taylor, Everett, Judy, Tim, Barb, Maverick and Ty all left the meeting at 7:12 p.m.

Motion made by Bjorn Halderson, seconded by Megan Green, to approve the minutes of the September 13, 2023 regular meeting. Motion carried 7-0.

Motion made by Brent Hansen, seconded by Vicki Oldham, to approve the minutes of the September 13, 2023 special Revenue Neutral Rate and Budget Hearing meetings. Motion carried 7-0.

Motion made by Scott DeWeese, seconded by Travis Thimesch, to approve the payment of bills and the financial reports as presented. Motion carried 7-0.

Dr. Arnberger updated the board on the USDA School farm grant, Policy Review with KASB, and our Internal Audit. He also discussed the possibility of a Federal audit and the Grant for Beef we received. Lastly he asked the board about the community meeting that was held regarding a second gym and the future of Cunningham football.

Principal Dunlap began with the

football schedule for next year then highlighted items from his newsletter. Lastly he gave an update from site council.

Member Scott DeWeese reported that the meeting was very short with nothing to report other than there is currently only one teaching position unfilled.

Dr. Arnberger turned the meeting over to Richard Martin who updated the board on his progress with route changes, bus fleet needs and radio updates.

Dr. Arnberger shared expected upcoming project completion and move dates. He then discussed the open enrollment policy shared in the board packet for review.

President Miller declared a 5 minute break at 8:11 p.m.

Guests Carlos Hurtado, Rick King, Joanna Hansen, Mattie Jump and Luke McGuire left the meeting at 8:11 p.m.

Motion made by Vicki Oldham, seconded by Travis Thimesch, to go into executive session with Administration at 8:17 p.m. to discuss personnel performance under the KOMA exception for non-elected personnel and return to the board room at 8:37 p.m. Motion carried 7-0.

Guest Richard Martin left the meet-

ing at 8:17 p.m.

President Miller declared the meeting in open session at 8:37 p.m.

Motion made by Travis Thimesch, seconded by Scott DeWeese, to go into executive session with Administration for 15 minutes at 8:40 p.m. to discuss personnel performance under the KOMA exception for non-elected personnel and return to the board room at 8:55 p.m. Motion carried 7-0.

President Miller the meeting in open session at 8:55 p.m.

Motion made by Travis Thimesch, seconded by Vicki Oldham, to approve Anthony Fischer as part time/sub driver. Motion carried 6-1.

Motion made by Bjorn Halderson, seconded by Scott DeWeese, to approve Richard Martin as Transportation Director. Motion carried 7-0.

Superintendent Arnberger shared that he has heard from Pretty Prairie regarding Softball/Baseball. Their numbers were not sufficient to proceed for this upcoming spring season. Conversations will continue to move toward a 24-25 season.

Motion made by Megan Green, seconded by Travis Thimesch, to adjourn the meeting at 9:00 p.m. Motion carried 7-0.

IT'S NATIONAL NURSE PRACTITIONER WEEK!
 We'd like to take this opportunity to recognize the outstanding work and dedication of our exceptional APRNs. We extend our heartfelt appreciation for their contribution and commitment to caring for our patients.



KIM LAURA JESSICA LOGAN AMY

Minutes from the Kingman County Commission Meeting

Chairman Henning called the Board of County Commissioners meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. November 6th, 2023, in the County Commissioners room at the Kingman County Courthouse.

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 and Jeanne Johnson.

Online Visitors: User 2, Tammy, Chrissy Bartel, Heather

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

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

MOTION: Commissioner Elpers moved to approve the agenda. Commissioner Thimesch seconded

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

Chairman Henning asked if there was any public comment.

Larry Landwehr discussed that things seem to have become status quo.

Ron Leroux, Noxious Weed Director was in to give an update on his depart-

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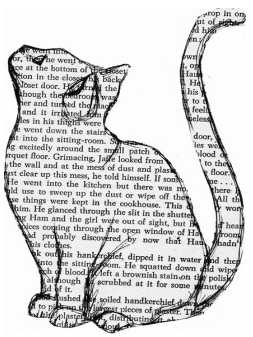
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Life More Connected



Meanderings

I get to write a short column this week! Which is a very good thing because it is 10:45 on Tuesday evening and I am just getting started. I had made notes, but those are now out the window. Sort of.

I have my new spectacles!! Isn't it amazing how two small pieces of glass, and a bit of plastic

to hold them together, can be a life changer?!

I've been wearing eyeglasses since I was in the third grade. I can remember coming out of the doctor's office there in Pratt and stopping on the step. Mom was right behind me and knocked into me. And do you what I said? "Mom! The trees have leaves!" (What a goofball!) That still cracks me up. Trees, from a distance, had always been big green blobs, and suddenly from that same distance I could see individual leaves. It still amazes me what a difference those glasses made in my world.

Mom said she felt bad

that I was blind as a bat, and she didn't notice. But then, she said I never complained about not being able to see. No doubt it was because my nose was always in a book, and reading was close work and something I didn't need glasses for. And I guess I didn't know HOW it would be to see, and just went with the flow of everything.

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Mistake in the column last week: Ms. Dolly Parton donated one million dollars to COVID research. I was in hurry and typed in too many zeros. Still something to be applauded, that cool million.

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'Tis the season for craft fairs! I'll be heading to Norwich on November 25th to sell my cards at Ye Olde General Store there in that fine city. Or at least I HOPE I am. I sent in my registration and money. I hope I'm on the list. The event is sponsored by the Tri-Cities Chamber of Commerce. I probably need to get in touch with them to see if they got my registration and money....

I am also, hopefully, registered for the craft fair at Kingman Elementary School on December 2nd, sponsored by the Kingman County Chamber of Commerce.

Come and see me. Buy a card or two. Buy crafts from other artisans. Keep our money local. Support small businesses.

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I just started reading a new series. The Christopher Paget books by Richard North Patterson.

The first book won an Edgar Allan Poe Award for Best First Novel of 1979. (the year I graduated from high school)

Fourteen years later, he took up the character again and wrote three more books.

I really like this first one. I've only read about 25 pages, but Christopher Paget is funny and snarky.

I love his observations of people and himself.

Mr. Paget lives in Washington, D.C., home of corrupt politicians and other assorted corrupt individuals.

Always reading, and currently reading, "The Lasko Tangent" by Richard North Patterson, Roberta

"The thing about being dead, Mr. Lehman, is that there's no future in it."

— Richard North Patterson, The Lasko Tangent

Tallgrass and Tumbleweeds by Gaille Pike

I am not off working in Timbuktu, but I am sharing an updated reprise because this past week I've been reminded of this column's subject matter. The value of kindness extended cannot be overestimated, particularly when it takes the shape of picking up the phone to call and say, "I was just thinking of you." Or smiling at a stranger and sincerely asking "How ya doin' today? I also decided to

revisit this column now because three Novembers ago (when it first appeared in print) I was surprised and humbled to hear from more readers than I ever had before or have since. Many wished to share their own stories of "grace." But most compelling was the outpouring of appreciation for the sentiments I expressed as the holidays, and Winter, which are not always Hallmark or Currier and Ives scenes, rapidly approach. I hope you enjoy this encore.

Dear Readers, I usually enjoy Autumn. But I've had an

un-easy time as suddenly, though not surprisingly, it's mid-November. Day breaks later and later each morning while nights stretch longer, darker and colder. I know I'm not the only soul facing personal challenges, nor are my trials unique or consequential. When a friend said she hated to share her own difficulties because she felt they paled in comparisons to mine, I reminded her, "It's not a competition." In case any of you are also struggling, I thought I'd share what my friend and I discussed next, which is the presence of GRACE in our lives.

I first learned to swim at the Dighton Pool. And as a teenager, that's where I took my first Life-Saving Certification course. Forty-plus years have passed, yet I still recall my certification test vividly. I was terrified I would fail. And I nearly did. When I had to take the very last part of the test and tread-water for two minutes in the deep end, I panicked. I remember the sensation that rippled through me and seized every muscle. For seconds that felt like hours, my arms flailed and my legs kicked in jerks. Somehow I kept my head above the wa-

ter but I was holding my breath, and I knew I could not last. What happened next? Someone called my name, and I realized I was not alone. I exhaled. I inhaled. And I breathed out again. My arms and legs synchronized, and I relaxed. Not only did I pass the test, but as I climbed victoriously from the pool, I felt rested and strong, ready for the next challenge.

Whoever saw me flailing that day did not call out to me because I DESERVED to be calmed down or encouraged when I was struggling. He or she just DID. Of course, that

act of kindness may not have happened the way I remember it. But I took from that moment a notion of grace that sustains me to this day.

My point is that we are not alone in this world. Nor do we always know who is drowning or fighting to get by. But we can caringly "call out" each other's names. Kindness extended, to both loved ones and strangers, creates opportunities for us all to breathe, rest as we tread water, and then rise strong.

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

A Column by Dorothy Rosby

What Time is Turkey Time? Noon? 4 p.m.? Never?

Listening to a cooking show on the radio one day, I heard the editor of a food magazine say that 4 p.m. is the "proper" time, indeed the only time, to serve Thanksgiving dinner. If your turkey is done any earlier you should toss it in the trash and start over. No, he didn't say that.

He did say that it's only logical to serve Thanksgiving dinner later in the day because, "It's dinner after all."

Fair enough, except four seems a little early for dinner, especially for a stuffed shirt like him.

I'm sure he'd be appalled that I grew up eating Thanksgiving dinner at lunchtime. My mother might have preferred four. It takes a long time to cook a turkey big enough to serve a family of twelve. I think she put ours in the oven around Halloween.

I'm exaggerating. But I do recall her rising practically in the middle of the night to put a turkey the size of a yearling heifer into the oven. I don't need a bird that big so I continue to serve our Thanksgiving meal at noon or when the turkey is done, whichever comes first. And my guests have never complained—at

least not about what time we ate.

I was curious about when other people serve their Thanksgiving meal so I went to that fount of all knowledge, the internet, and discovered there are more than two hundred million results on the question. I didn't read them all because there isn't time before Thanksgiving. But I did find a survey that claims more Americans serve their turkey between four and five than any other time, with those who serve it between three and four coming in a close second.

Big deal. I'm sticking with my routine. I'm a rebel and a nonconformist and I like it that way. Besides, I have some very good reasons for

servicing my Thanksgiving feast at noon. For one thing I have to eat every four or five hours if the people I love are going to keep loving me back.

So whether I serve my turkey at noon or not, I will need a meal at noon, and if I'm going to have a noon meal, it may as well include a turkey. I'm going to have to cook the darned thing anyway.

This means that by the time Stuffed Shirt is eating his "dinner," I'm enjoying a second piece of pie. And when he's doing his dishes, I'm having leftover turkey for supper. It's so much more efficient my way.

Besides, for most people there are basic components of Thanksgiving Day. If you leave any of them out all you have is

a Thursday with extra calories. For some, it's not Thanksgiving unless there's a turkey and stuffing. For others it's a football game or the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade. For me it isn't Thanksgiving unless there's an afternoon nap.

As the cook, I could never nap before dinner—not with preparations to be made and the smell of a roasting turkey filling the house. If I don't eat until four, I'm not going to be able to fit my nap in until almost bedtime.

Most importantly though, eating at four would interfere with my all-important turkey noodle soup ritual and I refuse to do that. If it weren't for the promise of turkey noodle soup,

I'd serve prime rib on Thanksgiving.

Immediately after Thanksgiving dinner/lunch, I put the turkey carcass and other magical ingredients into my stockpot. Then I let it simmer the rest of the day in preparation for National Turkey Noodle Soup Day which is celebrated every year on the Friday after Thanksgiving—at least by me. Along with soup, the traditional Turkey Noodle Soup Day meal includes leftover pie and other desserts. And by the way, it's best served at noon.

Excerpt from 'Tis the Season to Feel Inadequate; Holidays, Special Occasions and Other Times Our Celebrations Get Out of Hand.



Optimism and Opportunity

Greg Doering, Kansas Farm Bureau Rural America has al-

ways been inhabited by optimists. People who accepted living in remote corners of the country came with challenges and even a little loneliness. Maybe they didn't have any better options, like the homesteaders who populated Kansas. Or maybe they understood they were trading one set of challenges for another

and, like a weed, loneliness can take root about anywhere.

My recent travels have made it clear that nothing has really changed, at least in rural Kansas. The optimists are still there. So are the challenges, but the biggest problem is the same as it's always been. There's simply not enough people to fulfill all of the opportunities available in the small cities, unincorporated towns and farms that dot the landscape across the countryside.

Time after time, it's the same story. Jobs are plentiful, but the bodies to fill them aren't there. The jobs not being done are across all sectors and all pay scales, from professionals like doctors, lawyers and veterinarians to blue collar workers like truck drivers, plumb-

ers and welders.

The journey to these shortages has been slow. As difficult as it is to attract someone new to a small town, it can often be harder to retain someone who already lives there. I'm a perfect example. It was always explicit I'd leave my small town to attend college. That was the message I heard from the time I started kindergarten until I graduated high school.

I assumed leaving was a one-way ticket because the chorus was leave and get an education. There was no verse encouraging me to return, and I've met plenty of colleagues with similar backgrounds who heard the same song.

So, most of us left, got our degrees and went searching for opportunities elsewhere. We got married, had kids and

settled into comfortable lives elsewhere.

I suspect this is partly because more populous places seemed more prosperous to those of us in our youth. Life was a lot less convenient as a teenager when the nearest movie theatre was 30 miles away and your favorite restaurant was a similar distance in the other direction.

We were searching for amenities our towns didn't offer. No one considered why they weren't available or what message was received by our wanting.

Maybe because I'm now older, I look at things differently. In my recent travels it's evident people are noticing the little things and working to find solutions. There's efforts to keeps schools open, secure the local

grocery store or help an entrepreneur get established on Main Street.

The negatives of rural life are now treated as temporary obstacles that can be overcome. This includes recasting nothing as one of the key amenities of living in a small town, like no traffic, no waiting and no commute.

Reversing a generation or two of pessimism will take time, but I'm optimistic it's possible. Maybe rural Kansas creates optimists rather than attracts them. Afterall, it's tough to not be filled with hope after seeing all the opportunities available. Now we just need others to notice.

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Community Bulletin Board

Friday, November 17 HS FB 6-Man Sub-State	Friday, November 24 No School
Sunday, November 19 5:30 Community Thanksgiving Service	Saturday, November 25 HS FB 6-Man State at Dodge City
Monday November 20 K-2 Field Trip to Exploration Place *** JH BB vs Chase at HOME	Monday, November 27 NO School
Tuesday, November 21 Lions Club meets	Tuesday, November 28 Classes resume -- HS in new building
Wednesday, November 22 Thanksgiving break No School	Wednesday, November 29 7:00 p.m. Book Club at Library
Thursday, November 23 Thanksgiving Day	Thursday, November 30 HS Scholars' Bowl at South Barber *** JH BB at Norwich

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30th Annual Christmas Parade Day
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December 2nd. All event details
can be found on our website:
www.kingmancc.com/christmas-parade-day



Attention Nashville High School Alumni

As of May the senior pictures found a new home at the Kingman County Museum at 400 North Main, Kingman, Kansas. We thank the fire department for hanging them in the fire house for many years. The remaining funds of \$242.71 were given to the Nashville fire department.

School Parking on Main Street

As parking spaces are at a premium at school events during the construction of the new school, we all need to be cognizant that not every empty spot on Main Street is for parking. Please watch that you aren't parking in such a way that it obstructs driveways so folks can't exit or enter their properties.



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New Exhibition Opening

A special exhibit, *Notorious*, from the Smoky Hill Museum is now on display at the Hansen Museum, Logan, Kansas, and will remain on view through January 28, 2024. Kansas has a rich history of events and colorful characters that have shaped the state we call home. Amongst those people, one can find a wide variety of individuals whose actions range from noble to downright despicable. This exhibit narrows down that list to some of Kansas' truly notorious individuals.

The meaning of notorious is complicated and can be just as grey as the people it describes. In some instances, it is used to pronounce someone negatively, while at other times, it has been used to define anyone who is widely known. In this exhibit, the visitor is left to decide. Visitors will learn about people like John Brown, Dr. Brinkley, Bonny and Clyde, Buffalo Bill, and the Bloody Benders, to name a few. Certain individuals are undoubtedly infamous, and the meaning of notorious is clear-cut, while others leave you with a lasting debate.

Visitors will discover legend versus reality, how society's views shift with time, and just how these notorious Kansans forever left their mark on the state. If that is not enough, visitors can count on some hands-on elements to get more into the story.

The Museum is open Monday through Friday 9-12 and 1-4; Saturdays 9-12 & 1-5; Sundays and holidays 1-5. We are closed Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Year's Day. We are handicapped accessible, and admission is always free thanks to the generous support of the Dane G. Hansen Foundation. For more information or if you have questions, please contact us at 785-689-4846.

YEARS AGO IN

The Cunningham Clipper

W. A. Bradley / William Bradley

1928

November 16 – The city dads have been doing some grading of the streets this past week. They are intending to put a good grade on them and then declare a holiday and everyone get their truck and shovel and haul gravel and put our side streets in good condition. This plan has been successful in several other towns. As a result their streets are always good in all kinds of weather. We do not know just when this will take place, but we will try and keep our readers advised.

The Cairo Co-Operative shipped two cars of wheat this week, and received one car of coal at Waldock.

1933

November 17 – Father-Son Banquet was a Huge Success – One of the largest number of men and boys ever assembled together before on a like occasion gathered at the Methodist church basement Tuesday evening for their annual banquet together. One hundred and eighty-six fathers and sons were present.

Rev. W. E. Shuler presided over the banquet tables as Toastmaster for the evening.

As the fathers and sons stood beside the long banquet tables the Invocation was asked by Prof. Manahan.

Much fun and enjoyment was found in discovering the oldest and youngest persons present. Honors went to Judge Jennings, who is still strong, hale and hearty at the age of 82 years, and to little Eddie Steffen who boasts the age of 5 years.

“Taps” was sung in closing after which the Benediction was pronounced by Mr. Frank Sellon.

The menu consisted of chicken souffle, mashed potates with gravy, baked beans, pickles, buttered hot rolls, jelly, banana salad, pumpkin pie with whipped cream, and coffee.

1938

November 18 – The children of the Grade School presented a fine performance in their Operetta, “Rumpelstiltskin,” given in the H. S. Auditorium, last Friday evening.

The main characters in the operetta were portrayed by Jack Kincheloe, as Rumpelstiltskin; Chester Fee, as Old King Cole; Elaine Cannon, as the Miller’s daughter, who later became Queen; Russell Stanley as the Miller; Betty Manahan, the Miller’s wife; and Jack Bradley, a court official.

Miss Gulah Hoover, Music Supervisor for the schools, deserves unlimited praise for the success of the operetta, for she worked several weeks in preparing the children, assisted by the grade school teachers and others whenever possible.

Goings on with the Wildcatters – The school building is really being used this year. On three nights of the week, adult education classes are held. The classes are in Elementary Oil Field Mathematics, Elementary Oil Field Science, and Harmony. About 40 persons are enrolled in these classes.

A Student Council-sponsored program was taken to Penalosa Tuesday morning. The purpose of the program was to create good-will among the schools of the county.

Cunningham Theatre
Friday and Saturday
Stan Laurel Oliver Hardy
In “Swiss Miss”
Sunday, Monday, Tuesday
Bob Burns Martha Raye
In “Tropic Holiday”
Admission – 10c and 20c

1943

November 1943 – publication suspended for the remainder of the war.

1948

November 19– Congratulations – Mr. and Mrs. Joe Theis announce the birth of a son, Wednesday, November 17, at the Wichita hospital in Wichita. The baby weighed 8 pounds, 9 ounces.

Mr. and Mrs. Nick Theis and Mr. and Mrs. Alf Cooley of Cunningham, are the grandparents.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Don Link of Manhattan on the birth of a daughter weighing 6 pounds, 1 ounce, Tuesday, November 16. Mrs. Anna Steffen left Tuesday morning to be with her daughter and family.

Legal Publication
Notice

To Those Who Are Skeptical, Non-Believers, and Missourians who didn’t believe this story last year. We had definite proof in the office of The Cunningham Clipper, Wednesday afternoon, November 17th, that James I. Vermillion does pick strawberries, some the size of footballs, from his patch on said date.

William E. Bradley,
Editor.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 17th day of November, 1948.

Francis E. Wison,
Notary Public,
Kingman County, Kansas
Printer’s Fee for publication:
One box of strawberries.

Notary Public’s Fee: One dish of strawberries and cream.

P.S. Jim picked two boxes of berries and could have picked more from his “ever-bearing” vines, if he hadn’t gotten so cold.

1953

November 20– The Junior Class of Cunningham Rural High School will present their annual play, “The Adorable Imp,” tonight (Friday) at eight o’clock in the High School Auditorium.

The play, a three-act comedy from beginning to end, features the situation of a seventeen-year-old girl who must play the roll of an eleven-year-old imp because her mother, who is a pretty widow, had told a wealthy admirer that she is only twenty-nine years old.

Members of the cast include Johnna Cooley, Ruth McClellan, Carolyn Ball, Donna Renner, Sue Jarboe, Karen Whitmore, Roger Buntmeyer, Charles Thornhill, Bobby Sterneker, Donald Pelzl, and Fred Adelhardt.

1955

November 20– The Junior Class will present the play, “Take Your Medicine,” tomorrow night (Friday) at 8:00 o’clock in the High School Gym-Auditorium.

Director Mrs. Dorothy Spencer reports this play as really different from the usual “living room scene” type of play, and will be thoroughly enjoyed by the audience.

The cast of characters includes Larry Huslig, Karen Wilson, Tony Hartle, Karen Theis, Sherry Baber, Elaine Sallee, Mary Ann Crosley, Kenneth Zrubek, Joe Baber, Nancy Kaster, Loma Lynn Davidson, Jean Neises, Dale DeWeese, Darlene Thimesch, Joan Bayer, Mary Lucille Crosley, and Aileen Voss.

Every town should have one. Daniel Bayer is driving a 1959 Ford with a retractable top. It converts from a “hard-top” to a convertible with the touch of a button.

1963

November 21– Privates David Amick, Lynn Fitzsimmons, and Kenneth Spade, who are stationed at Fort Sill, Okla., spent Saturday night and Sunday with their respective parents.

The Cunningham 4-H Club has taken the old “Cunningham Cemetery,” one mile southeast of town, as a Community Service Project for the year.

They have cleaned the grounds and painted the fence.

Members working the past two Saturdays were Sue Hellar, Debby Sheldon, Sheila McMillian, Mary Cusenbary, Susan DeWeese, Marvin Oller, Bob McGovney, Bill McGovney, Monte Rose, Sydney Boyd, Shirley Park, Carolyn Witt, Bob Witt, and Don Hellar. Supervising the renovating operations are Cunningham 4-H Club Community Leaders Mr. and Mrs. Joe Pelzl.

The Club wishes to thank Eula Witt for mowing, and Alva Hellar for the use of his pick-up.

1968

November 21– F. M Freund was the top bidder for the land in the Charles E. Kemp Estate sold at auction last Wednesday. The 120 acres brought \$350 per acre.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Becker announce the birth of a daughter, Sunday, Nov. 17, at the Donley Hospital in Kingman. She weighed six pounds, six ounces, and has been named Vicky Lynn.

Dale Ratcliff, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Ratcliff of Cunningham, arrived home Tuesday.

Dale has completed his Navy enlistment serving the past two years aboard the destroyer, USS Henshaw, in the Vietnam area.

Henry Glenn Harris, 71, former owner and operator of the Cozy Café in Cunningham, died early Tuesday morning at the Stafford Memorial Hospital in Stafford, following a brief illness.

YEARS AGO IN

The Cunningham Clipper

Publisher: Charles G. Barnes
Editor: Kathleen Pakkebiel
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1978

November 16, 1978 – Thanks to each one who remembered me with visits, cards, gifts, and prayers

during my stay in the hospital and since my return home. Kevin Huffman

Hiway Café under new management. Bob and Yvonne Thimesch.

Evening waitress or cook. Hiway Café 298-4160 or 298-2155

If you don’t know what to give the person who has everything for Christmas this year, how about a GIFT SUBSCRIPTION TO THE CUNNINGHAM CLIPPER? The rate is \$6.00 per year for those living in Kansas and \$9 for out of state. Students and former residents like to hear from the old home town and what is going on in their absence.

Cunningham High School was honored to have a volleyball player, Donna Beat, on the Great Golden Plains All-League Volleyball team.

Others on the team were Tammy LaCore and Barbara Ricke of Sharon; Cindy Howell and Sarah Ogle of Skyline, Lori Riegel of Mullinville, Penny Burford of Norwich, and Deborah Wheaton of Lewis.

Zenda News: Mrs. Mildred Horn spent Saturday and Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Ricke and children in Alene, Okla.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Adelhardt were weekend guests of Mr. and Mrs. Al Talley and daughter of Tulsa, Okla.

Open house will be held at Cunningham schools on Thursday, Nov. 16, from 7 to 9 p.m. Refreshments will be served in the lunch room.

John Huffman, attending Kansas State at Manhattan visited the Delmer Huffman home over the weekend and attended Homecoming.

Sixteen students of Cunningham High School are serving as aides in the high school and in the two other schools of the community – the Cunningham Grade School and the Sepcial Education School. Not only is this very helpful to the teachers in these schools, but the students themselves are receiving some valuable experience.

Assisting in kindergarten are Paula Stoner, Bonnie Fischer, Shery Schnittker, and Annette Freund; in first grade Roberta Thimesch and Troy Rohr; in second grade, Lori Rohr and Roberta Thimesch; third grade, Leah Eck; fourth grade, Bonita Thornhill; seventh grade, Duane Panek; and eighth grade, Eric Meyers.

Assisting in grade school physical education are Richard Cain and Randy Hageman. Karen Simon assists in the business department and Rhonda Ruckle in the home economics department of the high school.

Kris Moore is an aide in the Special Education School.

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November 17, 1983 – Mr. and Mrs. Dean FitzSimmons, Redfield, were Saturday overnight houseguests of his uncle, Mr. and Mrs. Vernon FitzSimmons.

Hilltop Happenings: Joan Stillwell is back reading us a story each week. It is so interesting because her stories relate to times we know best. One story talked about horehound candy and most of us can remember eating it.

Louise reads us a Bible story each Wednesday morning in the lounge area. Then Wednesday afternoon is craft time.

Saturday, Dec. 10 at 2:30 p.m., has been set for the annual Santa Clause Day Parade in Cunningham. The next meeting will be Nov. 30 at the Methodist Church for committee members and interested persons who wish to attend or volunteer.

Jack Meyers has consented to head the finance committee, program chairman will be Tim Renner, parade entries in charge of Elizabeth Sheldon.

The Nashville-Zenda High School Closing Plan Development Committee presented their final report to the board. After passing the attached resolution (6-1) to close Nashville-Zenda High School, the Board of Education adopted the majority positions on all items of the committee report (6-1). A public hearing for the purpose of obtaining public opinion concerning the proposed closing plan will be held on Friday, Dec. 2 at 7:30 p.m. at the Nashville-Zenda gym.

The Cunningham 4-H meeting was held Nov. 7 at the Community Center. Roll call was answered by What I Like About 4-H

Linda Kerschen gave a talk on parliamentary procedure. She told the correct procedure for opening a meeting, making motions and adjourning.

Five new members joining the club were Chris Huhman, DeeDee Perry, Billie Jo Perry, Rob Perry, and Jackie Kerschen.

Gary Albers gave a project talk on how to make wooden cars. Andrea Holcomb gave a talk on clothing, Kathy Rosenbaum, project talk on foods, Brent Hansen, health talk, Vickie Becker demonstrated how to make pumpkin bread and Christy Albers spoke on safety.

Gary and Christie Albers and their family served refreshments.

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A Column by Mike Johnson

Road Not Traveled

Do you ever think about the road not traveled?

Was it due to fear? Self-worth? Family obligations?

I could've written comedy for television & movies. I've always been funny. Then I got serious about it. When AOL was launched in the 1990's, I invested thousands of hours in chat rooms, practicing "sit-

down" comedy in front of strangers.

Chat rooms are perfect for comedy. Random comments scrolling across your screen must be tweaked, combined or riffed within the instantaneous timing required to create a laugh. You have to be quick, concise, clever & drop-dead funny.

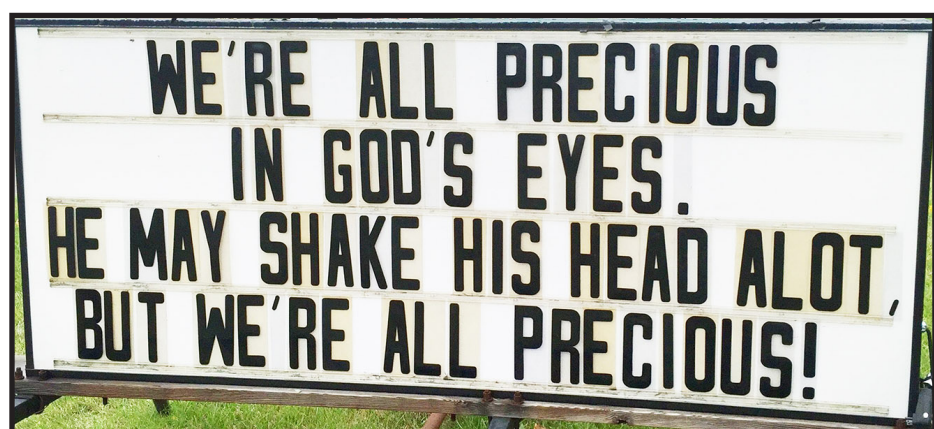
Due to audience response, I knew I had it. So I attended a comedy writers training conference in Los Angeles.

The instructors had written for Jay Leno, Carol Burnett & Bob Hope. I was stunned to discover I was funnier than them all.

The head writer for Jay Leno said something I will never forget. To him & his team of a dozen writers, creating the required number of jokes each night was a relentless job. I saw it as a privilege. Yet another example of realizing high-rollers are just normal people. And in many cases, ab-normal people.

Bow before no man. Sometimes you ARE the smartest person in the room. You just need to summon the audacity to believe it.

And then decide to take a more fulfilling road.



Giving Opportunities in our Community

- 4C Day Care** Leave a donation with the Methodist Church.
- West Kingman County Education Foundation** Use your Dillon's Card! (to donate contact Janet DeWeese 620-298-2717)
- Hands of Hope** (contact any church)
- Cunningham Alumni Scholarship Fund** (send checks to the West Kingman County Education Foundation)
- Cunningham Community Center** (leave donation at the bank)
- Lions' Club** (Money is being raised to dig a well in the village of Kakindu, Kenya)
- Cunningham Museum** (to donate contact Alan Albers or Mike McGovney)
- Cunningham Public Library** (to donate, contact Kerri Steffen)
- Cunningham EMS** (to donate, contact Monte Rose or Kathy Albers)

Hyacinth Spies

By Amy Michelle Wiley
It had started as a childish thing, I suppose, this perfume-wearing secret society. It was one of those ideas that seemed so wonderful late at night, and rather silly by light of day, yet it had lasted for several years. We started calling ourselves the Hyacinth Society, and had all sorts of secret meetings.

When World War III was in full swing and religion itself was attacked, we decided that the Society ought to do something. Instead of Rosie the Riveter, it was the Hyacinth Spy. We infiltrated everything in our city: Wanda in the governor's office, Marilyn at the FBI, Alexandra at the police station, and me in the post office. I'm not entirely sure how it happened, but pretty soon the Hyacinth Society had grown well beyond our city.

Then the government started really cracking down on Christians. The Resistance became something much more serious. It was more serious for most, that is. I think the Hyacinth Society was too hormonally giddy at our past successes to take much seriously!

So when we heard that Wanda's son, James, had been arrested for leading a Bible study, we took action. We booked a hotel room near the jail and giggled and whispered all night. But it was a good thing we didn't sleep, because I think if we had we would have realized how stupid of a scheme we'd planned.

The next morning Alexandra stayed in the

hotel, hunched over her laptop as she broke into the prison's computer system. It had been simple for her to schedule an appointment between her boss and this station's manager, Mr. Porter.

I marched into that prison office with a big grin and an even bigger bouquet of hyacinths. "Oh don't bother getting up. I know my way around!" I chirped to the front-desk lady as I hustled down the hall. I paused at the end of the desk. "Hehe, it would be good if I put the card on, wouldn't it? Not that Mr. Porter wouldn't know it was from his wife, but still!" I laughed and trotted on down the hall. The receptionist had no way of knowing that on the other side of the flowers I had peeked at the security codes for the doors.

I went right into the manager's office. The whole room filled with the flowers' fragrance as I waited for Wanda to distract the receptionist.

Emerging cautiously, I was relieved to see that Wanda and the worker were nowhere to be seen. I peered around for Marilyn. Just then I heard someone--and it wasn't Marilyn! Plunging into the first room I came to, I ducked behind the desk. From my not-so-good hiding place I saw a scowling woman surveying the room. It would only be seconds before she saw me. In those seconds the gravity of the situation hit me for the first time. But my dark thoughts were interrupted by the unmistakable scent of hyacinth perfume. I stood up, putting my finger to my lips. The poor

lady obligingly caught the scream in her throat and simply stared at me, her mouth and eyes making three big Os.

"Did you like the hyacinth flowers I left in Mr. Porter's office?" I smiled brightly.

Two Os blinked. The bottom O spread into a thin line.

"Oh, don't worry! We are just getting James Landon out of jail." I shut the door behind me and grabbed Marilyn, who was standing like an ice statue halfway down the hall. At the end of the hall I saw the key pad next to the big metal doors and I punched in a code from the paper. The door opened.

When we rushed back out, we were dragging a shocked James. I waved merrily at the three Os that were glued to the office window. Then we were out the front door and around the corner. We collapsed, panting, against the car. We didn't have to wait long before Wanda traipsed up.

"How'd you distract the worker?" I eyed her wet shoes.

She grinned. "Oh, the toilet clogged something awful."

We dropped James off at a safe location before returning home. My husband eyed me suspiciously as I unpacked my suitcase. "Did you have fun on your ladies' night out? I, uh, heard that James mysteriously got out of prison this weekend."

"Oh, we had a marvelous time." I smiled innocently and kissed him in a great cloud of hyacinth perfume.



Catholic Churches

- Sacred Heart, Cunningham** Saturdays 5:30 p.m.
- St. John, Zenda** Sundays 8:30 a.m.
- St. Leo** Sundays 10:00 a.m.
- St. Peter Willowdale** Saturdays 4:00 p.m.
- Father Roger Lumbre
620-243-5451
620-246-5370



Lutheran Churches

- St. John, Nashville** 620-246-5220
Sunday School & Bible Class 9:45 a.m.
Worship Service 8:30 a.m.
- Trinity, Medicine Lodge** 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 vacancy until further notice.



Church of Christ

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



First Christian Church

- Cunningham**
Sunday School 9:30 am
Morning Worship 10:45
Sunday Evening Worship 6:00
Jr High Youth Group 4:00 pm Sunday
Sr High Youth Group 7:30 pm Sunday
Wednesday Prayer Service 7:00
Pastor Mike McGovney 620-298-3201



United Methodist Church

- Penalosa** Worship 9:15 a.m.
- Cunningham** Worship 10:45 a.m.
Pastor Mathew Ndambuki Musyoki 620-298-2090
- Zenda** Worship 9:00 a.m.
Sunday School: Children 8:30 a.m. Adults 10:00 a.m.
Pastor J L Nichols 620-491-0680

Cunningham Hands of Hope, Inc.

- Who:** A Not-for-Profit (501c3) organization providing assistance through donations and volunteers.
- Who we serve:** Residents within the USD #332 school district
- What:** Food
- When:** First and Third Tuesday 2:00-5:00 p.m.
- Where:** 117 N Main (Old School Board Office)
- Why:** To provide food assistance to those in need.
- How:** Attend weekly distribution. Adult of household must be present.
- Do you need assistance outside distribution hours?*
- Please call 620-491-0292 and leave a message. Your call will be returned as soon as possible. This institution is an equal opportunity provider.



photo courtesy of Barb Schultz

“Pyros” Light Up the Stage at CHS!

by Dr. Kelly Arnberger, Superintendent of Schools

The cast of “Pyros of the Caribbean” fired up a wonderful performance for the crowd of over 120 Saturday evening at Cunningham High School. Mrs. Heulskamp provided stellar direction while juggling the schedules of these talented young people to ensure a crowd pleasing performance could be enjoyed by all.

Before we talk about the actors we need to credit the crew. The crew ensures the actors have what they need, get where they need to be, and troubleshoot any issues. Sound, lights, mis-haps you and I will never see, and everything else

is handled by the students who enjoy theatre but, from behind the scenes. Maranda Lohrke managed the stage. Dakota and Kaylee Mertens ensured great lighting and effects. Emily Ogg controlled sound. Kendall Rogers, stage hand, and the crew Dakota, Brianna Dittmer, Elizabeth Paris, Emma Harden, Bella Thimesch, and Emily Ogg produced a set allowing us to truly transport ourselves to a Caribbean getaway.

So what happened? Captain Jack Robin (Luke McGuire), charmingly untethered to reality and over the top Ship leader, is unceremoniously booted off his ship. His delusion of grandeur and self over-estimated appeal caused him to lose sight of the dastardly divinations of Bloody Ben Bolton

(Skyler Thimesch). Bloody Ben is a charming chap with a loathsome scheme...but not uncommon for pirates. He is easily goaded into said schemes by Barbie Coast (Ellie McGuire). Barbie is only slightly more narcissistic than Captain Robin and wants the loot. This would be a fairly common pirate situation except....

Commodore Swoon (Joanna Hansen) and her daughter Eliza Swoon (Matilyn Jump) just happen to be on the boat and are being pestered by the rest of the pirate crew; Peg-leg Pete (Sean Kostner), Scurvy Sam (Brianna Dittmer), and Anne Bonny (Elizabeth Paris) and Cap'n Flint (Andrew Schult), and Mary Read (Nora Huff).

Captain Robin and the Swoons get tossed off the pirate ship and are strand-

ed on a remote Jamaican island. But have no fear, Wally the island guide (Stephen Kerschen), will do his best to guide the three stranded characters to safety. The crew sets fire to the Commodore's ship. There is a curse. Need a lock of Eliza Swoon's hair. Hilarity ensues. All is saved. Fun story....great evening for the crowd.

What makes it all work is the students. Luke ensured we all knew just how shallow Captain Robin could be even though through blind luck he won the heart of the much wiser and more independent Eliza, well acted by Ms. Jump. Jo Hansen really hammed up the role of Commodore Swoon portraying her character as the terribly lonely but optimistic mother of Eliza. Ellie ensured we

all knew just how vile and manipulative Barbie Coast can be with her evil agenda. Skyler, hard to pigeon hole Bloody Ben. Is he really evil, does he want to really be the lead pirate? Or, does he just want affirmation from Barbie Coast? Is he smart enough to see he is Barbie's pawn? Skyler gives just enough hint through his acting the audience could empathize with this antagonist.

The supporting roles really augmented the show. Andrew's bird, Cap'n Flint, got many of the great lines and laughs. Andrew delivered the dead pan and never broke character, which is probably why the bird ended up in a KFC bucket before the show was over.

Sean Kostner's Peg-leg Pete provided the other comedy relief that gave the weight neces-

sary for the main characters to move the story. Hard to describe but just imagine any jester at a Renaissance festival and you will understand the nuance of Sean's effort.

Let's not forget Wally (Stephen). He made sure we all knew it was going to be ok and that he was just fast enough to avoid Commodore Swoon.

Finally, the dancing skeletons. It is like.... we need a music number....let's have skeletons dance! Perfect!

At the end of the evening, it was another great night in Cunningham thanks to the hard work of the performers, the crew, and the director. Ultimately though, thanks to your support of our school, there will be more of this to come.

SCCF Awards Over \$20,000 to Kingman County Organizations

South Central Community Foundation (SCCF) was excited to award \$20,098 in community, children's health, and teacher's grants to the communities of Kingman County this fall.

Covering seven counties, SCCF's goal is to reach many different sectors of each community, hopefully making a large impact with limited funding. Overall, SCCF awarded over \$185,000 this year, impacting 140 nonprofits and Teacher's in South Central Kansas.

"This is an exciting time of year for the Foundation," said Holly Launchbaugh, SCCF Executive Director. "The ability to continue giving back to our local schools and nonprofits through collective grantmaking is why SCCF was founded nearly 30 years ago."

Holding a Grant Ceremony in each county to celebrate the 2023 Grant Recipients, SCCF is proud to announce the following Kingman County Recipients:

2023 SCCF \$5,000 Children's Health Grant Recipient:

City of Kingman: *Tandem Swing in Riverside Park*

2023 SCCF Community Grant Recipients:

- Kingman Community Christmas Fund: *Angel Gifts & Christmas Meals* \$2,000
- City of Zenda: *Street Sign Replacement* \$200
- Kingman Area Ministries, Inc.: *Food Pantry Supplies* \$2,000
- Kingman EMS: *Kingman County Address Markers* \$500
- Kingman Christian Church: *School Supply Give Away* \$681
- Kingman County Retirement Home Association: *Wheatlands Health Care Activity Dept.* \$500
- K-State Research and Extension Kingman County: *Robotics and Coding Project* \$1,800
- Norwich Elementary: *Enhanced Literacy for Learning Intervention Supplies* \$1,166
- Kingman County Humane Society: *Shade Covers for Dog Play Yards* \$500
- Kingman Area Ministries, Inc.: *SafeHaven Lodging* \$1,500
- Kingman Carnegie Library: *Robots for STEM Programs* \$831
- South Central Community Foundation: *Youth Making a Difference Council - Birthday Bags* \$285
- Kansas Food Bank Warehouse: *Food for Kids Packets* \$333

Arrowhead West: *Wheelchair Accessible Picnic Table* \$262

2023 SCCF \$250 Teacher's Grant Recipients:

- Cunningham Elementary School: *Programmable Robots* Carrie Vahsholtz
- St. Patrick Catholic School: *Classroom White Board* Amy Hageman
- Kingman Elementary School: *Headphones* Jodi Kaufman
- Norwich Elementary School: *Kindergarten Morning Activity Tubs* Molly Wall
- St. Patrick Catholic School: *STEAM Supplies* Valerie Rohlman
- USD 331 – Kingman Schools: *Boomwhackers* Patricia Dixon
- USD 331 – Norwich Schools: *Flip Frenzy Sets* Emily Warner
- Norwich High School: *Scientific and Graphing Calculators* Adria Kasel
- Norwich Middle School: *Musical Headset System* Lucy Shipley
- Norwich Middle School: *Classroom Library Books* Kerri Hansford



Board Members & Youth Making Difference Council Members: Front Row (YMAD): Taylor Schultz, Morgan Freund, and Mary Pearce
Back Row (Kingman County Board Members): Lance Dixon and Mike Romme



Community Grant. Front Row: Morgan Freund (YMAD), Kelly Jayne, CJ Jergenson, Melissa Koehn, Kathy Hurst, and Kala Westerman
Back Row: Mary Pearce (YMAD), Taylor Schultz (YMAD), Brandi Schroeder, Nikki Schmitz, Angie Lampe, Kayla Westerman, Darla Harbert, and Hannah Brummer (SCCF Program Associate)

And Again!
CHS Champions!



A series by series, blow by blow article will not work this week. It was not a back and forth affair. The Pawnee Heights Tigers traveled to Cunningham 6-4 on the season; a classy team that had upset Chetopa for the opportunity to play the Wildcats a second time. They have several good athletes, are well coached, and have gotten better as the season progressed. They ran a handful of good plays the first time the two teams met, but that was earlier in the season. The Cats are pretty healthy. The Cats are hungry. The Cats laid out an absolutely dominant performance in all three phases of the game.

Starting with Defense: The Wildcats allowed nothing in the air or on the ground holding the Tigers to less than 15 yards of TOTAL offense. In 6-man one missed assignment or tackle means a huge gain or a touchdown. The Cats played downhill on the run and attacked everything that moved. Luke Albers, Jack Ruckle, and Trent Schnittker all had tackles for loss. Jack also tacked a sack. The Cats held the Tiger passing attack to 5 completions for 15 yards and 3 interceptions. All three picks ended up scoring touchdowns: two for Dylan

Halderson and one for Luke Albers.

On offense, the story was not much different. Holes were plentiful. Luke McGuire and Layne Green were the top two rushers with 96 yards combined on a combined 8 carries, and each had a TD. Kollin Fischer and Jack Ruckle each logged some good carries as well. In the air, Will Wegerer was on fire. He went 6 for 7 for 153 yards and 4 touchdowns. The four TD's went to 4 different receivers and were all over 16 yards. Trent, Stephen, Dylan, and Luke M all had receiving Touchdowns. Trent had the longest reception of the night for 45 yards.

Special Teams did very well too. Extra points were nearly perfect for Dagim going 7 for 8. We had several Touchbacks on kickoffs by Dagim and Layne.

Overall it was a great performance by the Wildcats, who advance to the sub-state round of the 6-man playoffs against Tescott here under our home lights at 6:00 Friday evening.

-by Lance McGuire



Head Coach: Lance McGuire
Assistant Coach(s): Eric Kerschen
Manager(s): Brody Halderson

#	First & Last Name	Grade	Weight
1	Dagim Reed	11	147
3	Luke Albers	11	156
4	Luke McGuire	12	157
6	Blake Swope	10	149
10	Will Wegerer	11	135
12	Payton King	11	191
13	Dylan Halderson	10	185
15	Skyler Thimesch	10	157
20	Layne Green	9	167
22	Stephen Kerschen	9	174
23	Logan Kinsler	10	134
34	Jack Ruckle	12	200
36	Kollin Fischer	9	140
40	Kendall Rogers	10	139
44	Cole Ruckle	9	159
77	Trenton Schnittker	11	249
81	Andrew Schultz	10	201



Trent Schnittker



Kollin Fischer



Dagim Reed



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Wildcats Get Physical with Colts

For most of recent memory, CJHS has opened the basketball season with Macksville. It's always a rough, physical game; and quite honestly, they have won the opener more than we have. With just 2 weeks of 40-minute practices with our mighty THIRTY players under our belt, the goal is the same as it's always been: be more physical than they are. The Wildcats answered in fine fashion. There was not one possession where the Colts played more

physically, or out hustled the Cats. We owned the boards. Our defense was tough and quick, limiting Macksville to very few shot attempts. In the first half alone the Cats attempted 34 shots to 7 for the Mustangs. That resulted in a 23-6 halftime score. Most of the damage by the Cats was in the paint with only 1 shot coming from outside the lane. Macksville did not make a shot inside the 3 point line in the first half. The second half was very similar. As the game became even more physical, the shooting percentages for both teams dropped with the Cats pounding everything inside 15 feet.

The Wildcats defense was fun to watch all game, turning the Mustangs over repeatedly with 15 steals and 35 rebounds in the game. The result was a 41 to 13 win for the Cats. A great way to start a very promising season. Nathan led the team in rebounding with 10 rebounds. The total is awesome but ALL of them were on the offensive glass! Liam followed up with 7 rebounds. Those two and Brody combined for 18 on the offensive end. Liam led in steals with 8 and Andrew had 4.

by Coach McGuire

Wildcat Scorers

Nathan Ndambuki	12
Liam McGuire	8
Brody Bock	8
Tyler Osner	4
Wesly Preisser	2
Carson Stohl	2
Adam Sterneker	2
Hank Adams	2
Andrew Kerschen	1



Nathan Ndambuki



Brody Halderson

Score	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Final
Cunningham	12	11	10	8	41
Macksville	3	3	5	2	13



Hank Adams



Casyn Miller



Landen Hageman



Wyatt King

CJHS Lady Cats Get Physical with Macksville Colts



Katie Ogg



Morgan Oldham



Lux Thimesch shoots. Ava Neywick gets ready to rebound



Mackley Glenn



Carly McGuire



Keyonna Huffman shooting.

Kourtnei Fischer ready to rebound.



Upcoming Auctions

Sat. November 18, 2023 – 9:30 AM at Hamm Auction Center

For more information and a complete list of auctions, see our website at www.hammauction.com
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Minutes from Kingman County Commission

(con't from front page)

ment. Mr. Leroux let them know that he is has been spraying, cleaning equipment and cleaning the shop.

Stan Goetz, HR/ Planning/Zoning/ Wastewater Director with in with a new hire form for a detention officer.

Mr. Goetz discussed an employee going from full time to part time. Commissioners would like to talk to the department head before deciding.

Mr. Goetz let the Commissioners know that the copier in his office is no longer working.

Mr. Goetz submitted a quote for a used copier from Century Business Technologies for the amount of \$2,945.00.

MOTION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to approve the quote from

Century Business for a used copier in the amount of \$2,945.00. Commissioner Elpers seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Mr. Goetz let the Commissioners know that he talked with Leon Sowers and he discussed that he a few other people are putting together a group against a windfarm being on the Eastern part of the County.

Mr. Goetz and the Commissioners discussed that Mr. Sowers and Mr. Beshore would like to see some zoning regulations to not allow wind turbines on the East side of the County.

Commissioners discussed with Mr. Goetz that they don't want to change the regulations.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to go into executive session with Susan Hubbell, Register of Deeds; Stan Goetz,

HR and Brandon Ritcha, County Counselor at 9:03 a.m. to discuss an individual employee's evaluation pursuant to the exception under the Kansas Open Meetings Act, and they will return to open session in the Board meeting room at 9:18 a.m. Commissioner Elpers seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Returned to regular session at 9:18 a.m.

MOTION: Commissioner Elpers moved to approve changing an employee from Full-time to part-time. Commissioner Thimesch seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Ms. Hubbell went over his department financials.

The County Clerk submitted the October 30, 2023, Commission meeting minutes for

approval. MOTION: Commissioner Elpers moved to approve the October 30, 2023, Commission meeting minutes. Commissioner Thimesch seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Carol Noblit, Election Officer discussed with the Commissioners moving the meeting next week from Monday the 13th to Tuesday the 14th, 2023 so that the County Canvass can be prepared for due to the Holiday on Friday the 10th.

Sheriff Wood was in to introduce a new detention officer Cheyenne Estes.

Sheriff Wood discussed with the County Commissioners how well the tower is working.

Charles Arensdorf, Public Works Director was in with a permit for the following:

SC Telcom-Road Crossing-Fiber Optic

Cable-between sections 5 & 8, Township 28, Range 10W (Rural).

Mr. Arensdorf discussed a letter received from the State on the landfill.

Mr. Arensdorf gave an update on the D.0-6.2 bridge repair East of Cunningham.

Mr. Arensdorf discussed ONYX Seal Coat Applications for 2024.

County Commissioners discussed some possible areas to improve roads.

Mr. Arensdorf left the meeting at 10:30 a.m.

10:30 a.m. LaDawn Stegman, Financial Officer was in at the Commissioners request to discuss the dispatching costs.

Chairman Henning requested Ms. Stegman to get some information and wants actual numbers of what it costs.

Chairman Henning allowed public comment from Jeanne Johnson who was in attendance.

Ms. Johnson discussed that she looked at the census and about 50 % of people live in the City and 50% in the County how does that figure into things.

Commissioner Elpers said the Commissioners represent all county residents whether they are in the city or out in the county.

Commissioners asked Ms. Stegman to get them the EMS figures.

Ms. Stegman left the meeting at 10:58 a.m.

Commissioners discussed properties around the county and the taxes. MOTION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to adjourn the regular board meeting at 11:20 a.m. Commissioner Elpers seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Election Day 2023 -- How We Voted

CUNNINGHAM CITY COUNCIL

- *Jason Ruckle 69
- *Tanner Newell 74
- *Tim Schultz 81
- Joshua Theis Write-In 1
- Taylor Strickland Write-In 1
- Justin Dean Mack Write-In 1
- Bob Stackhouse Write-In 1
- Kathy Albers Write-In 1
- Rogene Jarmer Write-In 1

USD 332 AT-LARGE

- Justin Mack 101
- *Travis Thimesch 164
- *Brent Miller 180
- *Jason Osner 209
- *Abby Bock 177
- Karla Westerman Write-In 1
- Harold Forcum Write-In 0
- Shawn Sterneker Write-In 1
- Bjorn Halderson Write-In 1
- Garrett Beat Write-In 1
- Joshua Thies Write-In 1
- Megan Green Write-In 1
- Ken Kerschen Write-In 1

SPIVEY CITY MAYOR

- Clay Mitchell Write-In 4
- Mike Fortune Write-IN 2
- Robert Cocherell Write-In 1

SPIVEY CITY COUNCIL

- Julia Hoffman Write-In 2
- Debbie Cocherell Write-In 2

- Bob Cocherell Write-In 3
- Lester Holloway Write-In 5
- Michelle Harder Write-In 4
- Michael Buss Write-In 1
- Wayne Olm Write-In 1
- Isaret Nemitz Write-In 3
- Clay Mitchell Write-In 2
- Katthleen Mitchell Write-In 1

PENALOSA MAYOR

- Ron Sallee Write-In 1
- Ben Oak Write-In 1

PENALOSA CITY COUNCIL

- Mattie Webster Write-In 1
- Ben Oak Write-In 1
- Beverly Edmonson Write-In 1
- Ron Sallee Write-In 1
- Trevor Webster Write-In 1
- Larry Pierce Write-In 1

NASHVILLE CITY MAYOR

- Thomas D. Voyles 4
- Donna Clough 12
- Kelvin Shinliver Write-In 0
- Richard Keller Write-In 0

NASHVILLE CITY COUNCIL

- Sandra Lampe 13
- Terry McKennon 10
- Barbara Klausmeyer 18
- Donna Clough Write-In 2
- Reanna Knepp Write-In 2
- Larry Carroll Write-In 4

- Richard Keller Write-In 10
- Brenda Swayden Write-In 11
- Thomas D. Voyles Write-In 2
- Jacob Westerman Write-In 5
- Andrew Westerman Write-In 5
- Austin Mattal Write-In 1
- Wilfred Westerman Write-In 2
- Ron Medlock Write-In 3
- Blank 2
- Kelvin Shinliver Write-In 17
- Nicholas Shelton Write-In 4
- Chester Williams Write-In 0
- John Spencer Write-In 0

ZENDA MAYOR

- Andrew Kostner Write-In 2
- Todd Green Write-In 2
- Todd Allen Write-In 1
- Kayla Westerman Write-In 3
- Jennifer Porsch Write-In 1

ZENDA CITY COUNCIL

- Dan Swope Write-In 1
- Todd Green Write-in 3
- Kevin Miller Write-In 2
- Andrew Kostner Write-In 3
- Bill Suenram Write-In 5
- Rodney Blasi Write-In 2
- Dale Swope Write-In 4
- Jennifer Porsch Write-In 2
- Jacque Blasi Write-In 1
- Kayla Westerman Write-In 2

Kingman County Sheriff's Report

Sunday, November 5

- Traffic Stop 6
- Civil Paper Service 1
- Agency Assist 120 North Spruce, Kingman
- Transport Prisoner 120 North Spruce, Kingman
- Traffic Complaint 4100 Blk N Hwy 14, Pretty Prairie
- Traffic Complaint 4000 Blk E Hwy 54, Kingman

Monday, November 6

- Traffic Stop 6
- Traffic Complaint 8000 Blk W Hwy 54, Cunningham
- Injury Accident 7000 Blk W Hwy 54, Kingman
- Animal Complaint MM 53 Hwy 42, Norwich
- Miscellaneous 120 N Spruce, Kingman
- Transport Prisoner 120 N Spruce, Kingman
- Disturbance 600 Blk E C Ave, Kingman
- Arrest / DUI 6000 E Hwy 54, Kingman

Tuesday, November 7

- Traffic Stop 2
- Suspicious Activity 200 Blk S Elliott, Cunningham
- Non-Injury Accident 8000 Blk W Hwy 54, Cunningham
- Unlock Vehicle 2000 Blk N Marquette St, Kingman
- Disabled Vehicle NW 30 Ave & W Hwy 54, Kingman
- Disabled Vehicle NW 110 AVE & W Hwy 54, Cunningham

Wednesday, November 8

- Traffic Stop 3
- Civil Paper Process
- Disabled Vehicle 1300 Blk W D Ave, Kingman
- Non-Injury Accident S Hwy 14 & E Hwy 42, Rago
- Found Property 200 Blk S Main St, Norwich
- Disabled Vehicle 12000 Blk E Hwy 54, Cheney
- Disabled Vehicle E Hwy 54 & N Hwy 14, Kingman

- Transport Prisoner 120 N Spruce, Kingman
- Traffic Complaint SW 130 St & SW 30 Ave, Spivey
- Suspicious Activity 200 Blk S Elliott St, Cunningham

Thursday, November 9

- Traffic Stop 1
- Civil Paper Process 1
- Miscellaneous 100 Blk W 4th St, Cunningham
- Miscellaneous 200 Blk S Parkway St, Norwich
- Warrant Service 120 N Spruce, Kingman
- Disturbance 300 Blk W C Ave, Kingman
- Non-Injury Accident 12000 Blk E Hwy 54, Cheney

Friday, November 10

- Traffic Stop 3
- Civil Paper Process 2
- Alarm 10000 Blk SE 70 Ave, Kingman
- Suspicious Person E A Ave & N Coronado St, Kingman
- Smoke Investigation SE 20 St & SE 150 Ave, Cheney
- Non-Injury Accident SE 20 St & SE 60 Ave, Murdock
- Traffic Complaint NW 50 St & N Hwy 11, Kingman
- Agency Assist NE 40 Ave & NE 35 Street, Kingman
- Medical 15000 Blk NE Trailridge Rd, Cheney
- Medical 10000 Blk NW 50 St, Cunningham

Saturday, November 11

- Traffic Stop 9
- Disabled Vehicle 3200 Blk E Hwy 54, Kingman
- Abandoned Vehicle NW 10 Ave & W Hwy 54, Kingman
- Fire / Farm Equipment 10000 Blk SW 80 St, Zenda
- Disabled Vehicle 16000 Blk E Hwy 42, Norwich
- Medical / Inmate 120 N Spruce, Kingman
- Medical 400 Blk W 1st St, Cunningham

CPL October Fundraiser Prize Winners

The library enjoyed a wonderful fall fundraiser last month with vintage dish and quilt displays, weekly prize drawings, an open house/book sale, special Sunday hours, raffle prizes and a silent-auction for a quilt by Jane Meyers. Listed below are all the prize winners from the month.

Weekly Prize Drawings October 8th

Cozy's Pizza gift certificate: Sean Crowley
Table runner and center piece (by Jane Meyers): Sean Crowley

October 15th

Mini Goodie Basket by Rogene Jarmer:
Bart Ricke

Cinnamon Rolls (by Rogene Jarmer):
Eileen Crick

South Fork Bar & Grill gift certificate:
Kathy Albers

Concession Stand Bucks:
Megan Osner & Weston Rogers
October 22:

Fresh flower arrangement: Eilene Crick
Love's Gift Card: Bentley Oak

Sheels Gift Card: Cecile Sterneker
Concession Stand Bucks:

Jeanette Kerschen and Cindy Studer
Coasters and Sampler Quilt

book by Marilyn Glenn:
Cindy Houtwed

Raffle Prize Drawings

Cunningham Depot watercolor print
by Darren Parker: Miles Becker

Fall Gift Basket by Rogene
Jarmer: Allison Steffen

Red & White quilt by Jane Meyers: Shelley
Beach

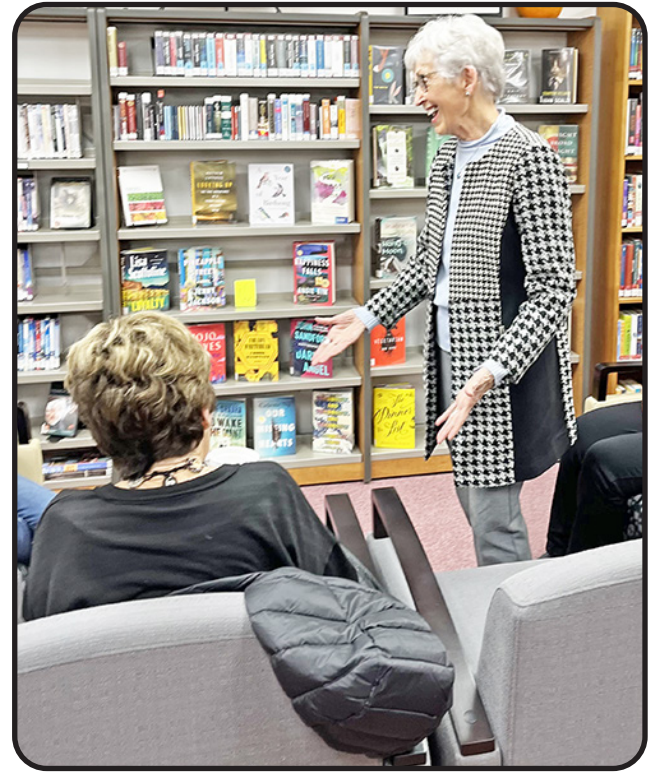
*Silent-Auction for Jane Meyers' quilt,
"The Black-Tie Affair"*

Marilyn Rohlman

Congratulations to all of the winners and thanks for supporting the library.



CPL board member, Mary Stackhouse, opens the sealed bids for Jane's quilt.



Jane Meyers reacts with joy and surprise upon hearing that her niece, Marilyn Rohlman, had the winning bid for her quilt, "The Black-Tie Affair".



Marla Rose draws for the winners of the raffle prizes on Oct. Sunday, Oct. 29. Also pictured (left) Monte Rose and library board member, Cecile Sterneker.

Kingman County Humane Society Pets Ready for Adoption

Alan

Sponsored by Kathy and Alan Albers



Male Border Collie/German Shepherd
About 30 pounds
about 9 months old
\$180.00

Alan has been at the shelter since September 5, 2023

Alan is good with other dogs and is people friendly. HE'S ALL EARS! On a windy day, I suspect he could fly. Might want to try him on the agility course. He's a very friendly little guy, only about 30 lbs. He already knows sit and stay and he walks well on a leash. Gets along great with other dogs but has not been around cats. He came in as a stray and is not yet housetrained but he is still young and shouldn't have any trouble catching on quickly! Very good-looking boy!

Samson

Sponsored by Baker Accounting



Male Domestic Medium hair
6-7 years old
\$40
Samson has been at the shelter since November 10, 2023
He would prefer to be an only cat.



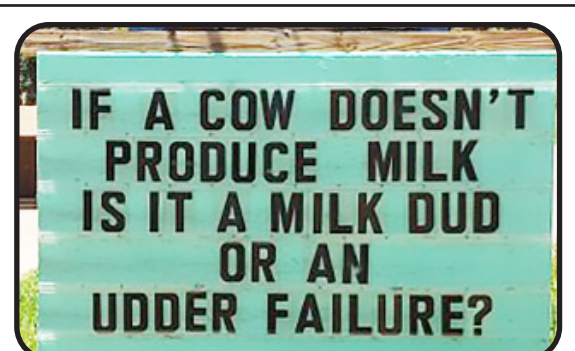
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Please consider volunteering or adopting or fostering or donating to your local Humane Society

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.

Donations Needed for Kingman Humane Society

The pets at Kingman County Humane Society are in need of the following items:	bleach
13-gal. kitchen trash bags	liquid laundry detergent
dry cat and kitten food	poop bag rolls
clumping cat litter	disposable gloves (large)
canned dog food	The items can be brought to KCHS at 811 East C Avenue in Kingman
Purina Puppy Chow	Monetary donations can be sent to KCHS P.O. Box 103 Kingman KS 67068
long-lasting chews	
stainless steel flat-sided water buckets	
paper towels	



Virtual Workshop Series to Cover Tax Basics, Strategies for Midwestern Women in Ag

An upcoming virtual workshop series for Midwestern farm and ranch women will teach the basics of tax planning for agricultural operations. Hosted by

women in agriculture extension programs at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, Kansas State University, and Purdue University, the three-part series will be held from 6:30 to 8 p.m. Central time on Nov. 28, Dec. 5 and Dec. 12.

A comprehensive range of tax topics relevant to agricultural producers in Nebraska, Kansas and Indiana will be covered, including an introduction to in-

come taxes, completing Schedule F forms, claiming deductions, tax strategies to shift income and lower tax bills and compliance requirements.

The first session will focus on tax fundamentals, with an overview of income tax brackets, qualifying as a farm for tax purposes, cash vs accrual accounting, and documentation.

Session two will dig into Schedule F specifics, including choosing an ac-

countant, common farm deductions, and other ways to lower taxable income beyond Schedule F.

The final session will cover advanced tax minimization tactics, such as pre-paying expenses, accelerated depreciation, income averaging, and loan forgiveness. Reporting requirements like 1099s will also be reviewed.

Participants are encouraged to attend each workshop.

“Whether you are new to filing farm taxes or looking to deploy advanced strategies, this virtual workshop will provide actionable information to put more money back in your pocket,” said Robin Reid, Farm Economist with Kansas State University Agricultural Economics.

There is a \$30 fee to register, which is required by Nov. 27. More information and registration can be found at

<https://www.agmanager.info/events/tax-strategies-midwestern-farm-and-ranch-women>. Zoom videoconferencing access and a stable internet connection are required to participate.

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Governor, Agriculture Leaders Discuss Medicaid Expansion During Manhattan Roundtable

MANHATTAN— Today, Governor Laura Kelly traveled to Manhattan to host a Healthy Workers, Healthy Economy tour roundtable focused on how expanding Medicaid expansion would benefit the Kansas agricul-

ture industry. Farmers, ranchers, and legislators joined to share health care issues facing the ag industry – including long wait times and a lack of mental health resources – and discussed how giving thousands more working Kansans access to health insurance could address these challenges.

“Agriculture is the backbone of the Kansas economy, yet our farmers and ranchers often face unnecessary obstacles to accessing essential care,” Governor Laura Kelly said. “Expanding Medicaid would protect rural hospitals and lower healthcare costs for everyone – including

ag businesses – so our agriculture industry and economy can continue to flourish.”

Here's how Medicaid Expansion would benefit rural Kansas communities and the agriculture industry:

The Kansas agriculture industry has the 4th highest percentage of workers who would potentially be eligible for Medicaid if it were expanded.

Of Kansas' 104 rural hospitals, 58% are at risk of closing their doors. When a rural hospital closes, it devastates the local economy. Being in a Medicaid expansion state decreases the likelihood of a rural hospital closing by 62%.

Farmers are more at risk for suicide than any other type of worker in Kansas, and they need hospitals and other mental health care providers to remain open.

“I have long dealt with medical care for our soldiers and veter-

ans. The pressures facing our farmers are the same,” said Kansas State Representative Michael Dodson. “Kansas ranks dead last in mental health. Kansas also has significant issues in rural health care. Although nearly 80% of Kansans want Medicaid expansion, those who oppose it have offered no plans to improve the health care we have. Kansas continues to send money to Washington for the 40 states that have adopted Medicaid Expansion. Meanwhile, Kansas has lost nearly \$7 billion since federal implementation.”

“Access to care in rural areas is crucial to the health and wellbeing of Kansas farmers and ranchers,” said Matt Splitter, Board Member of Kansas Corn. “While they're working hard to propel our economy, surrounding hospitals are struggling to keep their doors open, making access to crucial mental and physical care diffi-

cult for rural communities. Medicaid expansion would give more Kansas farmers and ranchers health insurance while supporting rural hospitals so they can get health care in their own communities.”

According to the Alliance for a Healthy Kansas, more than 2,600 Riley County residents and more than 700 Geary County residents would become eligible for Medicaid if the Kansas legislature were to pass an expansion bill. Additionally, more than 870 new jobs would be created in Riley County and nearly 250 jobs would be created in Geary County under Medicaid expansion. More than \$29 million in new annual health care spending would be generated in the counties combined.

Kansans can call their state legislators and ask them to expand Medicaid at 800-432-3924.

Roundtable partici-

pants included: State Representative Mike Dodson, R-Manhattan

State Representative Kenny Titus, R-Manhattan

Matt Splitter, Board Member, Kansas Corn

Thad Geiger, Chair, Kansas Board of Agriculture

Nick Levendofsky, Executive Director, Kansas Farmers Union

Chrysanne Grund, Project Director, Greeley County Health Services

Scott Thellman, Member, Kansas Board of Agriculture and Former President, Kansas Specialty Crop Association

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Four Questions About Social Security That Can Help You Plan Your Retirement

Social Security benefits are part of the retirement plan of almost every American worker. If you're among the many people covered under Social Security,

you should know what your future benefit may be. Monthly benefit payments will likely be an important part of your retirement income.

We base your benefit payment on how much you earned during your working career. Higher lifetime earnings result in higher benefits. If there were some years you didn't work or had low earnings, your benefit amount may be lower

than if you had worked steadily. If you never worked and did not pay Social Security taxes, you may be eligible for spouse's retirement benefits. You must be at least 62 years old, and your spouse must already be receiving retirement or disability benefits.

Our retirement page at www.ssa.gov/retirement is a great place to start mapping out your retirement plan. For example,

have you considered:

- Which factors may affect your retirement benefits?
- What is the right time for you to start receiving your retirement benefits?



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- Not quite right
- Hawaiian dish
- Directed
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- Denim innovator
- Like salad greens
- Greek R
- Read-only memory device
- Western Samoan money
- Oklahoma athlete
- Tiny guitar
- Relating to dreams
- Like certain Debbie?
- U.S. Marine Corps gift recipient
- Gin mixer
- Title for Turkish leader
- *1929 Best Actor Oscar nominee
- Lallygags
- Medley
- Pineapple producer
- Suggestions

- *Lassie's mark in Hollywood sidewalk
 - Arabian bigwig
 - Banana leftover
 - New York time
 - "Wanted!" state
- DOWN**
- Labels with a name, on Facebook
 - Major or general employer
 - Same as #36 Down, archaically speaking
 - Painter's surface
 - Receipt listings
 - *Corgi's homeland
 - Marvel Comics hammer wielder
 - *Jon Arbuckle, Odie and ____
 - A bit cracked
 - Kind of move, 2 words
 - Bard's before
 - End of rugby match
 - *Cat sound
 - Manicurist's file
 - Neighbor of Ger.
 - *Nome, AK hero
 - Continental divide
 - Like old cracker
 - *Rhodesian Ridgeback's target
 - *Old episodes of Eddie Crane's TV show
 - Call forth
 - Two identical molecules put together
 - Rubber sandal
 - Exclamation of surprise
 - *Fido, in Latin

- More than one crocus
- *Canine command
- Newspaper VIP
- ___ beef
- Meandered
- Leaves at the alter, e.g.
- Uniate church member
- Of the highest quality
- Open-mouthed astonishment
- Thorny gift
- Large book
- Pelvic parts
- Smart but awkward one
- "A stiff upper ____"

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Minutes from the Pratt County Commission

The Pratt County commissioners met in regular session Monday, November 6, 2023, at 2:00 p.m. in the commissioner room, 1st floor of the courthouse. The following members were present: Thomas W. Jones III, Rick Shriver, Dwight Adams, Tyson Eisenhauer, county counselor, Lori Voss, county clerk and Mark Graber, IT director.

Heather Jones, economic development, report the Pratt Area Economic Development will meet this Wednesday. They are reviewing an incentive application for a company wanting to locate in Pratt. NRCS is giving funds for water issues involving quantity and quality. \$85 million from state funds to cities, counties, and other municipalities for water issues across the state. Ninnescah Rural Electric is receiving a \$8.9 million loan from the federal government to expand their services across the state. She reported Brian with EMS, had sent her specs for a new transport van, she is verifying the commissioners are approving getting quotes. The Commissioners stated get quotes per ARPA regulations. Brian will bring quotes back for approval/disapproval. Notices will need to be sent out to vendors to receive quotes and posted in two different places.

Susan Billenger, asked

the commissioners approval to be appointed to the SW Kansas Area of Aging Six board. Commissioner Shriver made a motion to approve Susan Billenger to the SW KS Area of Aging Six board. Commissioner Adams seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

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

Commissioner Adams made a motion to approve a donation to Pratt After Prom Frog Bash in the amount of \$500. Commissioner Shriver seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Bids were presented from Mainstream Roofing, LLC and AR Roofing, LLC for 409 S Main Street, Pratt. AR Roofing bid \$9,772.80 and Mainstream Roofing, LLC bid \$9,201.43. Commissioner Shriver made a motion to approve the bid from Mainstream Roofing, LLC in the amount of \$9,201.43. Commissioner Adams seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Tyson stated he is holding off on the date of the tax foreclosure due to the issues with the court system breach.

Commissioner Adams made a motion to approve the payment vouchers for November 6, 2023. Commissioner Shriver seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Shriver made a motion to approve the invoice from INA Alert in the amount of \$35,197.95 out of arpa

funds. Commissioner Adams seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Richard McDuffett, presented an ordinance from the city of Cullison passed in 2015. He owns a RV camp ground in Cullison. He stated the commissioners are in charge of supervising county property. Tyson stated the ordinance presented is from the city of Cullison and the county cannot enforce. He was reporting an aggressive dog in the city of Cullison. Tyson explained the legal distinction between the city of Pratt, city of Cullison and Pratt County. Commissioner Shriver stated if the dog has attacked a person or other animals the sheriff's department has to investigate. Richard stated two deputies had gone out and the problem has been addressed at this time. Richard was wanting his statement to be on the record. He was advised to attend the city of Cullison meeting being held this evening.

Tara Pagenkopf, RSVP director, presented checks for signatures.

Commissioner Adams made a motion to recess into a five-minute executive session at 2:44 p.m. to discuss non-elected personnel. Commissioner Shriver seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

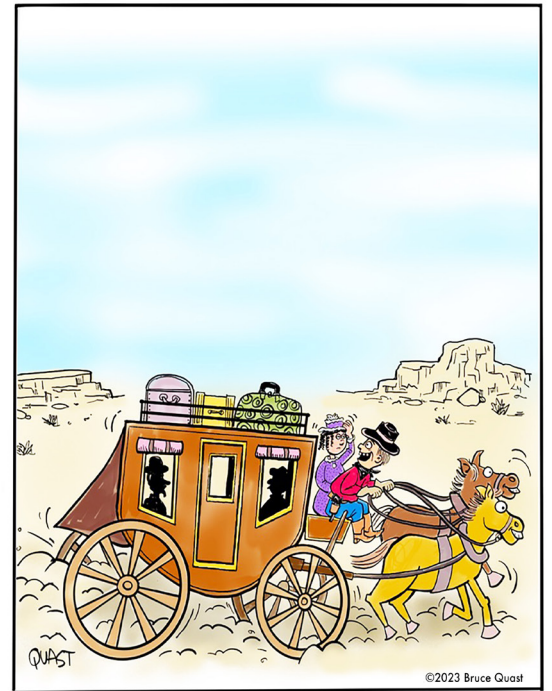
Commissioner Adams made a motion to return from executive session at 2:49 p.m. with no action taken. Commissioner Shriver seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. She was asked if the bus parked at the community center was still running, she said no, it would be turned back into KDOT when her new bus comes in. Commissioner Shriver made a motion to hire Rocky Pierce for a part time RSVP bus driver at \$10.00 per hour. Commissioner Adams seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Adams questioned food purchases on the credit cards.

Commissioner Adams made a motion to adjourn at 2:55 p.m. Commissioner Shriver seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Comfortably Dumb

by Bruce Quast



"Oh, I've dabbled in other careers, but I always come back to my true passion: the stage."

Public Notice

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF KINGMAN COUNTY, KANSAS
CIVIL DEPARTMENT

Finance of America Reverse LLC

Plaintiff,

vs.

The Heirs-at-law of Shirley J. Winter, Deceased; Michael Winter; Mark Winter; Rick Winter; Dennis Winter; American Western Bonding Company, Inc.; Safe Step Tubs of Minnesota, Inc.; United States of America, Commissioner of Housing and Urban Development; Service Finance Company, LLC; John Doe (Tenant/Occupant); Mary Doe (Tenant/Occupant)

Defendants.

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

Pursuant to K.S.A. Chapter 60

Notice Of Sale

Under and by virtue of an Order of Sale issued to me by the Clerk of the District Court of Kingman County, Kansas, the undersigned Sheriff of Kingman County, Kansas, will offer for sale at public auction and sell

to the highest bidder for cash in hand, at the Front Door of the Courthouse at Kingman Kingman County, Kansas, on November 30, 2023, at 10:00 AM, the following real estate:

Lot Eight (8) in Walker Addition, Kingman County, Kansas, as shown by the recorded plat thereof, commonly known as 2439 N Main St, Kingman, KS 67068 (the "Property")

to satisfy the judgment in the above-entitled case. The sale is to be made without appraisal and subject to the redemption period as provided by law, and further subject to the approval of the Court. For more information, visit www.Southlaw.com

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Public Notice

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PUBLIC NOTICE OF HEARING REGARDING ENROLLMENT OF NONRESIDENT STUDENTS POLICY

Notice is hereby given pursuant to K.S.A. 72-3126, of a public hearing to be held on the 4th day of December, 2023, at 6:50 p.m. at 104 W 4th St Cunningham KS regarding the Unified School District No. 332, Kingman County, Kansas proposed policy to determine the number of nonresident students that the school district has the capacity to accept in each grade level for each school of the school district pursuant to K.S.A. 72-3123, and amendments thereto, including clearly specifying the reasons that the board may use to deny continued enrollment of a nonresident student who is not in good standing.

A representative of the board shall present the board's proposal for the policy, and the board shall hear testimony regarding the proposed policy.

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Charles Drake

Charles LaVerne Drake, 77, died Nov. 12, 2023 in Wichita.

He was born July 18, 1946, at Chanute, Kansas the son of Charles L. and H. Lucille Pittser Drake.

A longtime resident of Murdock, he was a former employee of Kraus Implement, the Don Dye Co., Chance Industries and the Goddard school district.

On April 8, 1967, he married Marilyn Taber in Hutchinson; she died Oct. 23, 2016. Survivors include a daughter Joyce Hall; adopted son Charles Frank Oakman; brother Larry; sisters Donna Agoitia and her husband Gary, Pat Bailey and Maggie Groves; and granddaughter Sam Hall. He was also preceded in death by a son LaVerne Drake.

Funeral services will be 1:30 p.m., Friday, Nov. 17, 2023 at the Livingston Funeral Home, Kingman. The family will receive friends from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., Thursday at the funeral home. Burial will be in the Greenwood Cemetery, Belmont.

Memorials may be made with the Kingman County Core Community in care of the funeral home.



Louise Kempton

Julia Louise (Gile) Kempton, 89, passed away Saturday, November 11, 2023 at her son's home in Salina. She was born on March 29, 1934 in Norway, Kansas to Walter LeRoy and Julia Rose (Holgerson) Gile.

Louise married Charles Boyd Kempton on July 20, 1952 in Concordia. To this marriage three children were born, Douglas Eugene, Bruce Allen and Karen Ruth Kempton.

Charles and Louise moved to Pratt in 1966, where they established Kempton Chiropractic. Louise managed the practice and was a member of Pratt First United Methodist Church. She was also a member of Pilot Club, Beta Sigma Phi Laur Chi Sorority Club and the Red Hatters Association. She enjoyed attending auctions and doing TLC sales with Flo Parsons. She loved spending time with her sons, grandchildren, sisters, brothers and many aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces and nephews.

After their retirement, Louise and Chuck were able to do some traveling with family and friends prior to Chuck passing on March 10, 2003.

She is survived by her son, Dr. Douglas Eugene (Esther) Kempton of Salina; daughter in-law, Marilyn Kempton of Wichita; grandchildren, Kelli (Tim) Ferguson, Dr. Chris (Jaime) Miller, Ryan (Candi) Johnson, Jamie (Shaun) Boese and Jocelyn (T.J.) Holmquist; and great-grandchildren, Parker, Thomas, Bailey, Ava, Christopher, Kinsley, Harper, Remi, Nolan and Charley.

Louise is preceded in death by her husband, Charles Boyd Kempton; parents; son, Dr. Bruce Allen Kempton; daughter, Karen Ruth Kempton; grandson, Kyle Kempton; great-grandson, Patrick Eugene Kempton; brothers, Glen Gile and Perry Gile; and sisters, Aileen Denning, Beth Whitney, Phyllis Gould, Jean Heisley and Marie Nelson.

Friends may sign the book Thursday and Friday from 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. at Larrison Mortuary, 300 Country Club Road, Pratt. A funeral service will be held at 11:00 a.m., Saturday, November 18, 2023 at Larrison Mortuary, Pratt with Nicole Schwartz-Eck presiding. Burial will follow at Greenlawn Cemetery, Pratt.

Memorials may be made to Beta Sigma Phi Laur Chi in care of Larrison Mortuary. Online condolences may be made at www.larrisonmortuary.com.



Gregory Odermann

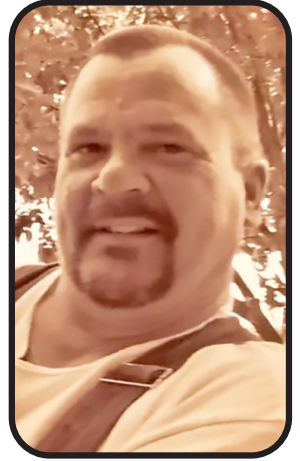
Gregory Theodore Odermann, 65, passed away Wednesday, November 1, 2023 at his home. He was born on November 13, 1957 in Parshall, North Dakota to Theodore F. and Delores Marie (Willenbring) Odermann. Gregory graduated from Parshall High School in 1976. Greg married his first wife, and the mother of his daughters, Barbara (Bieber) in 1981. They were married for 19 years. Gregory married his second wife, Kelly (Wells) Odermann in 2012 in Pratt. They were married for 11 years.

Gregory worked as an Over the Road Truck Driver for the majority of his life, and in his free time, he enjoyed fishing, painting, tinkering in his work shops, and in his later years, cooking, baking, and anything to do with his dog, Foxy. He had an unmatched sense of humor, and a sharp wit to match. Anyone who met him would say he was one-of-a-kind, and he lived life on his own terms. Above all else, Gregory loved his children and grandchildren. He was known for telling others that his girls were "the best thing that has ever happened to me in my life".

He is survived by his wife, Kelly of Preston; daughters, Amber (Ryan) Luckie of Lawrence, Amanda Odermann of Broomfield, Colorado, Adrienne (Josh) Zielke of Overland Park and Ashley Odermann of North Kansas City, Missouri; siblings, Jeanne (Allyn Smith) Odermann of Clarksville, Tennessee, Bonnie (Dave Vasquez) Odermann of West Fargo, North Dakota, Dewey (Robin) Odermann of Dayton, Texas, Colleen (Jesse Medrano) Odermann of Colorado Springs, Colorado and James (Leslie) Odermann of Parshall, North Dakota; and grandchildren, Kian and Katie Luckie, Qynton and Tucker Salyer, and Elliot and Grace Zielke.

Gregory is preceded in death by his parents. Cremation has taken place. A small Celebration of Life was held on Monday, November 13, 2023 at Larrison Mortuary, 300 Country Club Road, Pratt. Inurnment will take place at a later date at his childhood farm outside of Parshall, North Dakota.

Memorials may be made to Kansas Department of Wildlife & Parks or to the Pratt Area Humane Society in care of Larrison Mortuary.



Darlene Voth

Darlene B. Voth, 100, died Nov. 8, 2023 at Wheatlands Healthcare Center, Kingman.

She was born Jan. 13, 1923, at Kingman the daughter of Louis and Hazel Ramsey Fairchild. A longtime resident of Kingman County she worked for many years at the Kingman County Courthouse.

Before her marriage to Virlon, she had fond memories of living in Oregon and attending dances on weekends with friends and servicemen. Activities she loved included playing cards, singing in a large women's group, all of whom were from the Southeast Farm Community, and most of all she loved bowling with her team fondly known as the KVH Kittens and traveling to various states. Darlene fed many hired men over the years, but her greatest passion was being a farm wife.

On Dec. 30, 1951, she married Virlon Voth; he died Nov. 14, 1998. Survivors include sister-in-law Ellen Holman; many nieces and nephews including Nancy Harding, Martha Johnson, Jerry Fairchild, Maxie Fairchild, Gary Voth, Randy Voth, Jeb Voth, Paula Voth, David Voth, De Voth-Nelson, Joe Voth, Jane Fitzler, Mary Read, Candice Holman, Mike Holman, Eric Holman and Doug Holman; and her best friend Dorothy Graham. She was also preceded in death by sisters Opal Krehbiel and Lois Greenwell; and nephews Terry Voth and Jay Voth.

Funeral services were Tuesday, Nov. 14, 2023 at the Livingston Funeral Home, Kingman. Burial was in the Greenwood Cemetery, Belmont.


Memorials may be made with Wheatlands Healthcare Center, Rivercross Hospice or the Nu2u store all in care of the funeral home.




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