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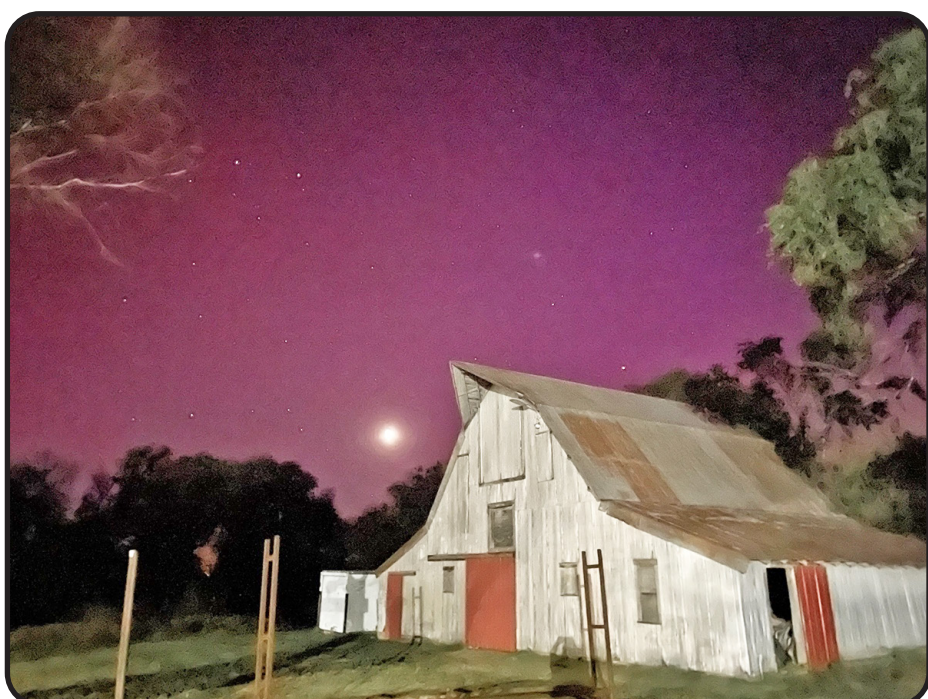
Top of the Class: Taylor Schultz and Luke McGuire



Taylor Schultz, valedictorian of the CHS class of 2024, gives her commencement speech.



Luke McGuire, salutatorian of the CHS class of 2024, addresses his classmates, teachers, and the audience at the Cunningham High School Commencement on Friday, May 10.



This past weekend, Kansans were treated to a rare event: we were able to see The Northern Lights from our front yards and backyards and all points in between. Although many said they couldn't see them very well, their cameras and the photos taken caught the colors and hues of the different lights.

The photo above was taken by Teresa McClendon.

Approved Minutes from March BOE Meeting

The West Kingman County Board of Education meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, April 8, 2024, by President Brent Miller.

Present: President, Brent Miller; Vice-President, Bjorn Halderson; Vicki Oldham, Jason Osner, Abby Bock; Superintendent, Kelly Arnberger; Principal, Cody Dunlap; Clerk, Stacy Webster and Guests, Richard Martin, Bart Ricke, Ingrid Ricke, Kelsey Beat, Kylee Ricke, and Roberta Kobbe

Motion made by Vicki Oldham, seconded by Bjorn Halderson, to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried 5-0.

President Brent Miller welcomed the guests.

Cody recognized Bart Ricke as Athletic Director and teacher for the countless hours he dedicates to athletics and students.

Guests Ingrid Ricke, Kylee Ricke, and Kelsey Beat left the meeting at 7:05 p.m.

Motion made by Bjorn Halderson, seconded by Abby Bock, to approve the minutes of the March 4, 2024 Regular meeting and March 21, 2024 Special meeting. Motion carried 5-0.

Member Travis Thimesch arrived to the meeting at 7:07 p.m.

Motion made by Jason Osner, seconded by Travis Thimesch, to approve the payment of bills and the financial reports as presented. Motion carried 6-0.

Superintendent Arnberger reported on the strategic planning focus group schedule and Legislative updates. He presented a district capacity policy, discussed honor roll students, and Kesa updates. He directed the board to a report from Bart Ricke showing athletic expenditures from the last 3 years. Discussion followed and Bart answered questions. Next Superintendent Arnberger turned the meeting over to Richard Martin who updated the board on the status of the van from Pratt Auto. He also presented a district map with out of district students marked. Board discussed how far out of district we can drive to accommodate students and parents.

Motion made by Jason Osner, seconded by Vicki Oldham, to approve the Superintendent report as presented. Motion carried 6-0.

Principal Dunlap presented a report included in the board packet. He touched on items listed including end of year activities and plans for next year.

Bjorn Halderson reported PBIS rooms at Kingman and Pratt were discussed and voted to be approved. Details such as funding and personnel are still being worked out.

Superintendent Arnberger shared that progress continues on schedule and suggested a walk through at the next board meeting.

President Brent Miller declared a break at 8:37 p.m. until 8:42 p.m.

Guest Richard Martin left the meeting at 8:37 p.m.

Motion made by Bjorn Halderson, seconded by Abby Bock to go into executive session with Superintendent Arnberger, Principal Dunlap, and Bart Ricke at 8:42 p.m. to discuss personnel performance matters under the KOMA non-elected personnel exception and return to the board room at 9:05 p.m. Motion carried 6-0.

President Miller declared the meeting in open session at 9:05 p.m.

Motion made by Bjorn Halderson, seconded by Abby Bock to go into executive session with Superintendent Arnberger, Principal Dunlap, and Bart Ricke at 9:05 p.m. to discuss personnel performance matters under the KOMA non-elected personnel exception and return to the board room at 9:25 p.m. Motion carried 6-0.

Bart Ricke left the executive session and the meeting at 9:13 p.m.

President Miller declared the meeting in open session at 9:25 p.m.

Motion made by Travis Thimesch, seconded by Jason Osner to go into executive session with Superintendent Arnberger and Principal Dunlap, at 9:25 p.m. to discuss personnel performance matters under the KOMA non-elected personnel exception and return to the board room at 9:40 p.m. Motion carried 6-0.

Guest Roberta Kobbe left the meeting at 9:27 p.m.

President Miller declared the meeting in open session at 9:40 p.m.

Motion made by Abby Bock, seconded by Vicki Oldham to go into executive session with Superintendent Arnberger and Principal Dunlap, at 9:40 p.m. to discuss personnel performance matters under the KOMA non-elected personnel exception and return to the board room at 9:45 p.m. Motion carried 6-0.

President Miller declared the meeting in open session at 9:45 p.m.

Motion made by Travis Thimesch, seconded by Jason Osner to go into executive session with the board and administration at 9:45 p.m. to discuss contract negotiations under the exception for employer-employee negotiations under KOMA and return to the board room at 10:05 p.m. Motion carried 6-0.

President Miller declared the meeting in open session at 10:05 p.m.

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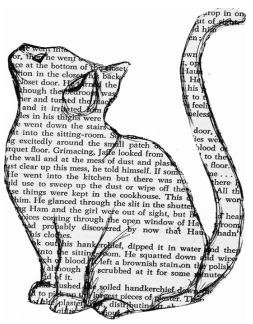
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NATIONAL HOSPITAL WEEK: MAY 12-18

We'd like to take this opportunity to express our sincere appreciation to our patients for entrusting us with their health and wellness needs. Thank You!

~ Kingman Healthcare Center & Family Clinics



Meanderings

Going through old newspapers this week for the 'yesteryear' page, I found this little gem:

"On May 9, the graduating class of Cunningham High School took their annual 'Skip Day.'"

The twenty seniors and sponsors, Eva

Cundiff and Warren Meireis spent an enjoyable day in Wichita, leaving Cunningham about 8:30 a.m. and arriving at the Brunswick Fun Center at 9:30.

For two hours they played miniature golf, pool, and the pinball machines. Most of their time was spent bowling, a game that everyone found easy and enjoyable.

At 11:30, they left and followed their stomachs to Towne East Square, where they split up to find something to eat. Afterward, some went shopping and some just goofed off. The most

popular spot proved to be Le Mans Speedway. The seniors loved the bumper cars. Some didn't stay long due to headaches, neck pain, and other sudden aches and pains they developed. At 4:00 they regretfully piled on to the buss and headed for the zoo, a much milder entertainment, but still fun.

An hour later, after touring the zoo, they realized how hungry they were. Rusty Baber, the bus driver, parked the bus in a parking lot, giving the hungry seniors access to all kinds of places to eat. Everyone picked their favorite res-

taurant and sat down to a leisurely supper. Having an hour and 45 minutes to kill, some time was spent riding shopping center cards and walking around a shopping center parking lot.

The all-time favorite event was the water gun fight they had in the parking lot. Everyone came out of that we but laughing. They concluded the trip with the water fight lasting all the way home, stopping only once to refill their guns.

The seniors would like o thank Mrs. Cundiff and Mr. Meireis for sponsoring them and joining

very enthusiastically in their water fights and fun. They would also like to thank Mr. Baber for driving the bus and putting up with them, which probably wasn't easy.

Reporter Roberta Thimesch"

I noticed I was once again the 'reporter'. I wonder if this was an elected position, or if I was foolish enough to volunteer to do this? Or someone volunteered me? I mean there were certainly others in my class who could write as well and better than me.

Upon much further thought, I decided it was

all 'meant to be' so that I had something, 45 years later, to write about in the newspaper that I had, back in 1979, no idea I would own and write for. There would be this spot I had to fill, and the written piece would fit perfectly in that spot. Isn't karma grand?

Always reading, and currently reading, "The Autobiography of Mrs. Tom Thumb: A Novel" by Melanie Benjamin, Roberta

Tallgrass and Tumbleweeds by Gaille Pike

Dear Readers, Keeping the ducks and chickens locked up was never part of the plan. So I've known opening the gate was coming and I've truly been excited about it. I was so thrilled when a date was set, I gleefully christened it "Free Range Friday" And tried to pretend that my stomach hadn't twisted into

knots. They were undeniably ready but terrifying "what ifs" haunted the forest of my mind.

I've found it is true that ducks take to water if by "take to," one means CAN'T GET ENOUGH of it. Once the Pekins and Rouens find the pond, I'm not sure they'll leave it. I'm not worried about things that go bump in the night if they stay on that acre of water after dark, but I won't be able to prevent them from learning the hard way what a threat looks like. Same goes for the chickens if they

run into the trees behind the dam.

So when the time came, I blinked back tears knowing it could be the last I ever saw of eight ducks and ten chickens and opened the gate.

The chickens ran out first. Those cannibalistic little T-Rexes were itching to get out the second they saw me throwing chicken bones around. The ducks were more reticent to venture out of the run. But once they spotted chickens running with peas and cabbage, they couldn't push and shove

each other fast enough through the open door. "Treats" rarely last more than 30 seconds with this horde and then they usually look at me for more. Not this day, though, because there were worms and bugs and grass, and who-knows-what-else, right under their beaks. I breathed in relief that they seemed content to stay a few feet in front of the run. A few chickens began exploring further but only as far as the side of coop.

Just as I began to relax, Delaney showed up. You may recall that of my

three cats, he's my big lug of a guy. While Momma BatKat has shown NO interest, Delaney and his sister Luca have eyed the ducks and chickens with...let's call it "curiosity" since they arrived. It speaks volumes about both the ducks and Delaney that it was clear on this occasion, he had no intention of messing with THEM. He's used to being the biggest and the loudest but with the ducks around, he no longer holds either of those titles. He might have gone after a chicken if I weren't right there, but he

found my fishing-pole-turned-herding-stick more fun to play with. And the last time we let them out, a chicken got right in Delaney's face so he thinks they are as crazy as the ducks.

Every day we let them out for longer spells and give them more "range." Today the plan is to leave them unsupervised so I'm trying to be brave. Too bad they don't make ruby slippers for poultry, not that I could get them to put them on.

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

A Column by Dorothy Rosby

(Not) Working From Home

A lot of us work from home these days, so I think it's about time to discuss why we're not getting anything done.

I'm an expert on this subject—not getting anything done, I mean. And I can tell you, it's not our fault. It's the distractions we all have in our homes. Family members and pets demand our attention at inconvenient times. So do snack cupboards.

Some people get sidetracked by household chores. They head to

their home office, pass by a pile of clean laundry and can't resist the urge to fold it. I'm proud to say I can usually withstand that temptation.

And then there's technology. On their own, the following are plenty effective at distracting us from our work. They're even better at it when we didn't want to do the work anyway.

Internet rabbit holes: I often go to the internet for research, but I have to be careful or I'll fall down a rabbit hole and forget what I was researching. Let me demonstrate. I'd like another way to say "rabbit hole" because it's a cliché and as a professional writer, I avoid clichés like the plague.

I type "rabbit hole" into my search bar and discover that a play called Rabbit Hole won a Pulitzer Prize for Drama in 2007. Who knew? It was later made into a movie starring Nicole Kidman who, incidentally, self-isolated during the pandemic a few years back with her adorable cavoodle puppy. I've never heard of a cavoodle. It's highlighted so I click on it. The road to hell is paved with hyperlinks.

A cavoodle is a cross between a poodle and a cavalier King Charles spaniel and is one of Australia's most popular breeds. Isn't Nicole Kidman from Australia? Quick search. Why, yes she is, and she's married

to country music star Keith Urban who, hyperlink click, also once lived in Australia. I wonder if that's where they met. And how he feels about the cavoodle. Half an hour has passed and I decide to stick with "rabbit hole" or I'll never finish this column.

Email overload: I get more emails than Santa gets letters and it's my fault. I've signed up for every blog, online newsletter, quote of the day and tip of the week there is for writers. There's so much wisdom in my inbox. Why write when I can just read about writing?

There's also a lot of hooley in there. I'd never get anything done if I didn't turn the sound

down on my computer so it doesn't ding every time Dr. Fungus or the Prize Notification Department emails me, which is ten or fifteen times every day. Clearly they work at home.

Phone notifications: A guest in my home had the most interesting sound effect for her phone notifications. Every time she got a text, her phone barked. Naturally, this got everyone's attention, especially the cat's.

Entertaining as it was, I can't have anything like that. If my phone barked every time I got a message, this column would be late and I'd never see my cat again. I turn off notifications on my phone and set it to vibrate

for phone calls. Sure I miss some calls, but most of them are about my vehicle warranty expiring and I've already been told that several times.

Social media: This is by far the most distracting of all because there is so much fascinating information to be found on Facebook and the rest. Today, a woman I follow on Twitter asked this interesting question: How tall are you? She had hundreds of responses. I'm not making that up. Can't those people see they're wasting valuable time and avoiding actual work? But if you must know, I'm 5 feet 6. Nicole Kidman is 5 feet 11 and Keith Urban is 5 feet 10. I looked it up.

Poetry From Daily Life

edited by David L. Harrison, Missouri's Poet Laureate

Poetry from Daily Life: When stopping for coffee sparks a connection By Marcus Cafagna

This week's guest is Marcus Cafagna, who was born in Michigan and lived in Pennsylvania before moving to the Ozarks to teach poetry writing at Missouri State University. Marcus says he gave up playing the violin when he was 12 to become more serious about writing poems. He has written short stories and book reviews but always returned to poetry. A favorite book to write, "All the Rage in the Afterlife This Season," took 15 years

in the making. Marcus is a film buff and sports fan and quite proud of his son, Diego, college bound in the fall. ~ David L. Harrison

"The poet's job is description"

In mid-December of 2014, I found myself shaking off the cold as I waited in line at the embedded coffee stand located inside the Dillons supermarket on East Sunshine here in Springfield. In the process of grinding coffee beans, juggling boiling water, and frothing milk, my barista told me that, as of Christmas Day, the Dillons chain of supermarkets — including the one there on East Sunshine where he worked — were slated to close.

The Pulitzer Prize-winning poet Ted Kooser writes "the poet's job is description," recording "observed particulars," — sensory images from the minute details of daily living that we might otherwise miss.

Standing in Dillons that winter morning, watching for the last time this man breaking into a sweat as he performed the rituals of making my Americano espresso drink, with room for half-and-half, I witnessed the drama of the dilemma he faced, the impending loss of his job during the holiday season. It reminded me of how unexpectedly we sometimes feel connected to each other.

For the Man about to

Lose His Job at Dillons

The barista turns up his brogue as I wait at the counter for him to pour my Americano with room.

Clouds of steam push up around his rusty mutton chops, coating his worry lines in sweat.

He's getting laid off after Christmas, after he's done tearing down the roaster, the grinder, the espresso machine.

He's been working in the Ozarks for a company in Kansas owned by Kroger's in Ohio.

Because only this one market turns a profit, every store in the chain is closing.

The one that was across the street is now a career center, where folks like my friend will file for unemployment.

Friend. That's what he calls me today after he snaps on the lid and I tip him and turn to go, but I don't

even know his name.

Marcus Cafagna has published his poems in hundreds of literary magazines across the country. He is the author of three books of poetry, "The Broken World," a National Poetry Series selection, "Roman Fever" and "All the Rage in the Afterlife This Season." His first book was selected by Pulitzer Prize-winning poet Yusef Komunyakaa for The National Poetry Series and published in 1996. He recently retired from Missouri State University. "For the Man about to Lose His Job at Dillons" is reprinted from "All the Rage in the Afterlife This Season" (Finishing Line Press, 2023).

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Community Bulletin Board

Thursday, May 16 Last Day of School Early Dismissal	Saturday, May 25 HS State Music
Friday, May 17 Teacher In-Service *** Regional Track Meet at Greensburg	Monday, May 27 Memorial Day
Wednesday, May 22 6:30 T-Ball at Lions Park	Wednesday, May 29 Book Club at Eilene's
Friday, May 24 State Track Meet at WSU	Monday, June 3 7:00 p.m. BOE Meeting



The Community Calendar is sponsored by

Planning & Zoning Special Meeting
Friday, May 17th
6:00 p.m.
City Hall - 119 N Main



Wheat Tour

Join us on Thursday, May 16 at 11am at Conrardy Seeds (7681 SW 80 Ave, Kingman, KS 67068) for our 2024 Kingman County Wheat Plot Tour. This year we have witnessed some very extreme growing conditions in our wheat crop. Kelsey Andersen Onofre, K-State Research and Extension Wheat & Forage Crops Specialist, and Logan Simon, Southwest Area Agronomist, will share what to expect for this crop and future wheat crops. This plot tour will allow producers to see how different wheat varieties have handled the drought conditions we are currently experiencing.

Lunch will be provided for those in attendance. Sponsors for this event are Conrardy Seeds, Farmers Coop Equity, and Scoular Grain.

If you have any questions about this event, please contact Grace Schneider and the Kingman County Extension Office at 620-532-5131 or gschnei@ksu.edu.

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administration at 10:05 p.m. to discuss contract negotiations under the exception for employer-employee negotiations under KOMA and return to the board room at 10:10 p.m. Motion carried 6-0

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

Motion made by Travis Thimesch, seconded by Bjorn Halderson, to accept the resignation of Chari Michael at the end of the 2023-2024 School year Motion carried 6-0

President Miller reported he had been asked why Cheer has tryouts but no other sport does. No action.

Motion made by Travis Thimesch, seconded by Bjorn Halderson, to adjourn the meeting at 10:14 p.m. Motion carried 6-0



2024 Babysitting Clinic

Parents, do you have a child who is at least 10 years old and interested in becoming a babysitter? Register them to join K-State Research and Extension along with community partners to learn about the responsibilities of babysitting.

Youth will gain knowledge in preparing for the role of a babysitter, food safety, nutrition and wellness, basic first aid/CPR, child development, safe practices for infants, and activities for young children. Participants will leave with confidence and skills acquired to care for young children! Resources and handouts will be provided to each participant. Register by May 24th by calling the Kingman County Extension Office at 620-532-5131 or emailing Melissa Thimesch at mthimesch@ksu.edu. There is a \$10 registration fee for this class.



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1919

Postoffice Hints
When you hear a train whistle, rush to the office, storm around there half an hour when you notice the carrier just delivers the mail.
If you are a little "short" ask the postmaster for a small loan: he's always flush and after two months if he wants it, let him dun you for it.
When you call at the office for your mail and the postmaster hands it to you, ask him if that is all.
If you ask ofr the mail andhe tells yiou there is none, tell him there ought to be, then go home and send the rest of the family around at different times throughtout the day.
Don't bring your mail to the office until the mail closes, then abuse the postermaster for not opening the mail bag and putting your letter in.
When you wnat a stamp on your letter, tell the postmaster to put it on; if he won't do it, go for him. In case you put it on yourself soak it in your mouth long enough to remove the mucilage; it will then stick until dry.
Be sure and ask the postmaster to credit you for stamps if he has any accommodation about him he will do it.
If you have a box, stand and drum on it until the postmaster hands out your mail; it makes him feel good especially if he is waiting on someone else.

1934

May 18- A rain that farmers said would add ten bushels per acre to this year's wheat crop fell over the week-end.

J. C. Groves, proprietor of the Cunningham Ice Plant, announced this week that his ice wagon is now making deliveries throughout the community on a regular route.

The Cunningham Dramatic Club presented a three-act mystery play, "Hobgoblin House," to a capacity crowd in the High School Auditorium, Tuesday evening. Members of the cast included Norman Hart, Mrs. Ferd Burnett, Marjorie Anderson, Anna Crow, Grace Sellon, James Luce, Mrs. Harve Manahan, Roman Young, Ralph Hodge, Lucy Ebenkamp, Ora Anderson, and Martin Pelzl. Directors were Mrs. Iris Fitzsimmons and Mrs. Silas Nossaman.

1939

May 19 - Joe Poland, 42, passed away Monday morning at the Veteran's Hospital in Wichita, the sixth person to die as a direct result of the disastrous tornado which struck close to our city on May 1 of last year.

The coveted Reader's Digest Award for Scholastic Achievement has been won by Mary Ann McNamee, Valedictorian of this year's high school graduating class.

Thirty-five grandmothers from the Cunningham community attended a Grandmother's Party last Saturday at the home of Mrs. Frank Miles.

1944

Publication suspended during World War II.

1949

May 20 - Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Lash returned home Wednesday from a ten-day trip to Louisville, Ky., where they visited their son Winton, and family, and attended the 75th running of the Kentucky Derby.

1954

May 20 - A Cunningham boy who has starred in three sports for the full four years of his high school athletic career, climaxed that career last Saturday by winning a Kansas State Track Championship. He is Billy DeWeese, who threw the discus 147 feet, 9 inches, to win the Class B section of that event. Billy's throw also topped the winning heaves of both the Class A and Class AA sections of this event. This is the first time in Cunningham Rural High School's history that they have ever produced a champion at a State Track Meet.

Patrons of Cunningham Rural High School District approved a bond issue, Monday, authorizing the school board to finance construction of the new auditorium-gymnasium and vocational shop addition to the school.

Patrons were in favor of the proposal by a vote of

210 to 165, reversing a similar 229-117 decision on a similar proposal of a year ago.

Location of the auditorium-gymnasium will probably be just east of the present school building. As temporary plans now stand, the school board intends to build a separate building to accommodate the industrial arts and vocational shop training classes.

The new buildings will be the first major project for the high school in thirty-five years.

The annual pre-harvest community-wide picnic, sponsored by the Community Men's Club, will be held Tuesday evening, May 25, at Cooley's Grove, beginning at five o'clock.

Featured on the program will be Don Hoagland and his Orchestra, and several other numbers.

1959

May 21- The Senior Class will leave on their annual educational tour for New Orleans, La., Saturday morning, May 23, at 5:00 o'clock.

Airman Second Class Vernon Wegerer, who has been stationed on Johnson Island in the Pacific Ocean for the past year, has been spending a furlough visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Math Wegerer, and family. He is being transferred to McConnel Air Force Base in Wichita.

The six children of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Stillwell of Cunningham entertained with a surprise dinner at the R. L. Stillwell Jr. home in Penalosa, Sunday, honoring their parents on their 35th wedding anniversary.

All of Mr. and Mrs. Stillwell's children and grandchildren, totaling 35, were present on their 35th wedding anniversary.

Verne Stanley was elected President of the Cunningham Lions Club at the club's regular bi-monthly meeting, Tuesday evening.

A report on the White Elephant Sale and Auction of last Saturday revealed that \$270.85 was raised to further development of the new City Park.

1964

May 21 - The "last day of school" dinner will be held in the high school gym, Friday, May 22, at 12 o'clock noon. Parents and friends of the grade and high school are urged to bring well-filled baskets of food and their own table service.

A general discussion meeting concerning school unification and the proposed two-district plan for Kingman County will be held in the Cunningham Rural High School Gym-Auditorium, Wednesday evening, May 27, at eight o'clock.

This is the last meeting to be held prior to the June 2 election when school patrons will vote on the proposed two-district plan for Kingman County.

Dr. and Mrs. William Mudge of Turon, will hold their annual Home Rose Show at their home in Turon, Sunday afternoon, May 24, from 2:00 to 6:00 o'clock.

They have 120 plants of 78 varieties, including 18 new ones.

1969

May 22 - The bike riders and joggers of the women's recreation program held their second session, Tuesday evening.

The group took a trip to the Ninescah River bridge north of town. Enroute home they visited the iris gardens at the Daffon farm. Mrs. Francis Daffon served tea and cookies, and gave each lady an iris plant of their choice.

Dr. William A. Mudge will hold his annual Rose Show at his home in Turon, Saturday afternoon, May 25, from 2:00 to 6:00 o'clock.

Graduation exercises for 13 Eighth Graders at Willowdale Grade School, were held in the school hall Tuesday evening.

The graduates were Steve Conrardy, Rosella Giefer, Cecil Goetz, Bill Hageman, Richard Hageman, Norman Henning, Randy Henning, Martha Miller, Linda Oeding, Norman Ricke, Bruce Rohlman, Rita Weber, and Terry Youngers.

Graduation exercises for 10 Eighth Graders at St. Leo Grade School were held in the school auditorium last Friday.

The graduates were Bonnie Adelhardt, Gene Depenbusch, John Fischer, Tim Panek, Eddie Reif, Donna Schaller, Eric Schnittker, Terry Schrant, Cathy Simon, and Jim Thome.

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1974

May 16 - A group of forty-two youth and six adults from Cunningham area set out Friday evening at dusk from Cunningham for a fun-filled weekend at Six Flags Over Texas.

The group arrived in Fort Worth Saturday morning at 5:30 to tour the downtown area of the city. From there they drove on into Arlington for a picnic style breakfast at Randol Mills Park. At 8:30 the bus left Arlington for the Fort Worth-Dallas International Airport: The world's largest airport. Braniff Airlines was the only stop made by the group, but they did drive through a large area of the airport. At the Braniff site the group toured the facilities as well as one of Braniff's larger planes, the 747.

The last point of interest on the trip was Six Flags. Arrival time was 10:00 a.m. and departure time was 10:00 p.m. Saturday. Here the members of the group were on their own in pairs or groups to have a good time. This particular day was band day and there were crowds of people and long lines of waiting, however, there were no complaints.

The utter chaos of the departure bus Friday evening was turned in peaceful tranquility on its return Sunday morning.

As a sponsor of the trip I would like to thank everyone who helped to make it possible whether they gave of their time, their money, or their approval. I would also like to especially thank the group that went for being a lot of help and a lot of fun. You were a pleasure to be with. - Debbie Eckoff

YEARS AGO IN
The Cunningham Clipper
Publisher: Charles G. Barnes
Editor: Scott Newton
Reporter: Florine Kampling

1979

May 17- Berry Kevin Bortz has been recognized by Kansas State University of Agriculture and Applied Science as one of the outstanding seniors in mathematics and science in the state of Kansas.

To be eligible for the award, the student must be in the top percentage in both ACT test results and in academic grades He must be active in school activities and come recommended by the school faculty.

Hilltop Happenings: Friday the kindergarten class and their teacher, Dawn Averett, presented a program for our residents. They sang songs and we really enjoyed them We would like to thank them for making our door tags.

In the girls regional track meet, five individuals qualified for state competition. They were Lori Rohr, Shery Schnittker, Donna Beat, Stacy Schnitter, and Rhonda Ruckle.

Lori qualified in 200 yard dash, as a member of the 44 relay and mile relay. Donna in 440 relay, Stacy 440 relay, Rhonda in mile relay, Shery in long jump and 440 and mile relay.

1984

May 17 -- Tuesday morning, May 1, twelve excited Kindergarten children boarded the school bus for a ride to Pratt. For several, the bus ride was a new and delightful experience.

The first stop in Pratt was the Protection Chicken Hatchery where Mrs. Critzen talked to us about hatching little chicks. She told us how they send chicks to Hawaii and Alaska. She showed how to make a little house for a baby chick with our hands, and then took us into the hatchery where there were lots of baby chicks. Everyone got to make about little houses and hold some of the chicks. There were black, brown, and yellow chicks.

In the 1A Regional Tournament held in Greensburg on May 11, the CHS girls placed first and the boys ninth out of 31 teams.

The top three places in each event qualified for the state meet to be held in Wichita on May 18 and 19. Those qualifying were Donna Adelhardt, Terry Alley, Deb Beat, Jeannette Fischer, Kathy Beat, Kerry House, Doug Hageman, and Jim Holcomb.

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What Does it Take to Move Confidently into New Resolutions?

By Henrietta W. Romman

“May God’s blessings surround you each day, As you trust Him and walk in His way,

May His presence within

Guard and keep you from sin,

Go in peace, go in joy, go in love.”

This beautiful chorus by Cliff Barrows can be the most wonderful daily incentive for beginning a new week—a new month—or even a new year.

January is commonly known as an outstanding month succeeding the Christmas festivities.

In our childlike nature, we view it with some considerable apprehension.

“Lord, what will this year hold in store for me” We pray: “If I make different and strange choices as usual, will you not please be with me, dear Lord?”

Certainly God’s reassuring Word says with confirmed proof that He will indeed do that.

At the approach of each New Year, most of us expect that “the resolution bulbs” which we have recently planted in our minds and hearts would start to grow according to our promises to ourselves. We tend to hear the word “resolve” repeated daily. Generally speaking, with a strong determination, the good things can take shape effectively in every per-

son’s life.

Let me first encourage and cheer you with this beneficial advice from my personal experience: The most fulfilling, the most joyful and peaceful place to be is in the center of our God’s will. This is what we need to do each month of every year. We should determine to settle in the complete will of our heavenly Father.

If so, then may this determination be the sincere focus of many.

God’s will may not necessarily appear as the safest place for our life. However, knowing that He is with us makes all the difference in granting us the peace and assurance we need.

Isaiah 43:2 (NIV) says, “When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and when you pass through the riv-

ers, they will not sweep over you. When you walk through the fire, you will not be burned; the flames will not set you ablaze. For I am the Lord, your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior.”

Beloved Friends, our Lord promises us that as we walk daily depending upon Him, we shall be “waterproof and fire-proof Christians”. Does He mean that we shall never be harmed? Indeed no! Our Lord promises that He will remain our defense in our greatest difficulties and dangers. God will definitely cover us completely, so that if the body is affected--the spirit remains in God’s protective hands and arms.

While we walk through a new resolution, let not fear grip and scare our beings.

I recently read the story in the life of Beverley LaHaye. Her husband Tim decided to take flying lessons. Knowing of his resolution, panic for Tim’s presumed dangers ahead, stole her peace completely.

She writes, “As my fear was controlling me, I took my husband’s advice, was open with the Lord, and I prayed, letting God know my fears. I said, I am ready to change, if YOU Lord would have me do so.”

Life is not always calm or pleasant. God gave us spiritual experience of His continuous presence--to strengthen us at such times of hesitating. In our life of faith, we certainly heard this expressed numerous times, “If we have the person of Christ, we have the unshakable

kingdom”....Amen

We need never fear the rising storms as we move into any new resolutions. As our heavenly Father brings you to it, He will graciously see you all through it.

May we all be led to trust God implicitly? We shall then be safe, because He is Lord of all. And He knows all things. Amen

May the great joy of this song inspire us all to take any new step blindly.

“Put your hand in the hands of the Man who stilled the waters?”

Put your hand in the hand of the Man who calmed the sea,

Take a look at yourself, and you will look at others differently,

Put your hand in the hand of the Man from Galilee”

The Legends of Buckeye Annie

By Leola Ogle

“Hey kiddies,” she said, approaching the bench where my four-year-old brother and I sat waiting for our daddy to come out of the auto repair shop. I froze, stifled by the terror that arose in my throat. I swallowed, not sure if I should answer her. I’d never been that close to the legendary Buckeye Annie.

There she stood: old, wrinkled, toothless, disheveled and grinning from ear to ear. She shuf-

fled a little closer and my heart thundered in my chest as my eyes frantically searched for my daddy. Maybe she wanted to eat us like the witch in Hansel and Gretel.

Abruptly she turned, shuffling off in her scuffed saddle oxford shoes. Perhaps she had seen my daddy as he stepped through the door, beckoning us to follow him. I climbed into the car scooting close to Daddy. “Buckeye Annie....she was going to...she scared me,” I whimpered, sniffing.

“Ah, she’s harmless,”

he chuckled.

My friends were amazed. Buckeye Annie had never spoken to any of them. It was the ‘50’s and everyone in our neighborhood knew the legend about her. I’m not even sure her name was Annie. She was called Buckeye Annie because she wandered up and down Buckeye Road all hours of the day and night. Thin, bedraggled, she had a shuffling gait and toothless grin.

Rumor had it that her husband and son had been killed in a car accident on Buckeye Road

and she wandered in search of them. It was also said that she owned the row of dilapidated apartments off Buckeye Road where she lived. The most incongruous part of the legend was that she was rich, hiding all her money under her mattress, and that she acted poor so nobody would steal her money.

As a child, I believed every word of it. I never questioned why she pretended to be poor to keep from being robbed if everyone knew her money was under her mattress. In my eight years, she was the only rich person that I’d ever encountered. In comparison, I thought we must be rich also.

I was eleven when we moved from that area to the southern part of town. Buckeye Annie was still wandering the street, still an object of ridicule and derision. Everyone talked about her riches, the amount of money stashed under her mattress increasing over the years.

I was a teenager when we returned to that area. I started attending a church on Buckeye Road where I had a radical encounter with Jesus Christ that would change my life

forever. I got involved with the youth group and formed friendships that have lasted through the decades.

Buckeye Annie was still wandering the street, her shuffling gait slower than before. She was also wearing scuffed oxfords, perhaps the same pair. The rumors about her hadn’t changed.

She walked past our church often while we teenagers stood out front. Sometimes we snickered, but mostly we ignored her. I wasn’t afraid of her anymore, nor did I feel pity or compassion, I’m ashamed to say.

I had another close encounter with her on a Sunday afternoon. I was staying with the pastor’s daughter, Carolyn, and we decided to walk to a nearby diner. We never went there, mostly because we never had money, and it wasn’t a burger joint with a jukebox, or a malt shop that teenagers liked to hang out at.

We sat at the counter and ordered hamburgers. Buckeye Annie was sitting a few stools over from us. She cackled, flashing that toothless grin when the waitress sat down her plate of roast beef, mashed po-

tatoes with gravy and corn. Our eyes widened, nudging each other when she took her glass of milk and poured it over the plate of food. She stirred everything with her fork, picked up her bread, sopping up the milk in between bites.

Although she pulled a wad of cash from her pocket, placing it on the counter before shuffling out the door, I knew the stories about her being rich weren’t true. That realization came much in the same way as when I understood my family was poor.

I’m not sure when Buckeye Annie ceased her wanderings. I realize now that she was just a poor, dejected soul. We were the rich ones, saturated with our Heavenly Father’s love. We could’ve shared that riches with her, had we only invited her into church.

Such a simple thing, but we never even thought about it.

**true story - 50 years later, I still remember exactly how Buckeye Annie looked.



Catholic Churches

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

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

St. Leo
Saturdays 5:30 p.m.

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

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



Lutheran Churches

St. John, Nashville
620-246-5220
Sunday School & Bible Class
9:15 a.m.
Worship Service
10:30 a.m.

Trinity, Medicine Lodge
620- 886-3397
Sunday School & Bible Class
9:45 a.m.
Worship Service
8:30 a.m.

Pastor vacancy until further notice.



Church of Christ

Penalosa
Sunday 11:00 a.m.



First Christian Church

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

Pastor Mike McGovney 620-298-3201



United Methodist Church

Penalosa
Worship 9:15 a.m.

Cunningham
Worship 10:45 a.m.

Pastor Mathew Ndambuki Musyoki
620-298-2090

Zenda
Worship 9:00 a.m.

Sunday School: Children 8:30 a.m. Adults 10:00 a.m.

Pastor J L Nichols
620-491-0680

Giving Opportunities in our Community

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

West Kingman County Education Foundation

Use your Dillon's Card! (to donte contact Janet DeWeese 620-298-2717)

Hands of Hope (contact any church)

Cunningham Alumni Scholarship Fund

(send checks to the West Kingman County Education Foundation)

Cunningham Community Center (leave donation at the bank)

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

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

Cunningham Public Library (to donate, contact Kerri Steffen)

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

Cunningham Hands of Hope, Inc.

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

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

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

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

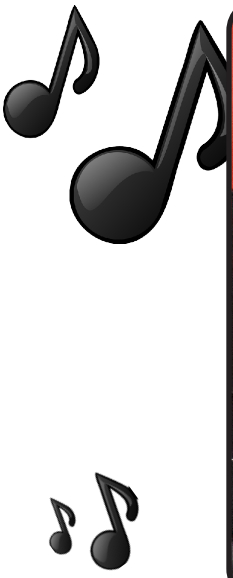
Do you need assistance outside distribution hours?

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.

Grades PreK - 5 Perform in Spring Concert



photos by Melva Oller



Courier photos



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Taylor Schultz Named Governor's Scholar



Governor Laura Kelly and Taylor Schultz

At the invitation of Kansas Governor Laura Kelly, Taylor Swift of Cunningham High School, was selected to attend the 41st Annual Governor's Scholars Awards Program on May 5, 2024 in Topeka.

The recognition ceremony honors the top academic one percent of Kansas high school seniors. Scholars are selected from accredited public and private schools in the state. "These high school seniors have shown dedication in their studies and a commitment to learning. They've earned this honor, and I want to congratulate them on this achievement," Governor Kelly said. "We also should recognize their families, teachers, and mentors for helping these outstanding students achieve their academic goals."

This program is coordinated for the Governor by the Confidence in Kansas Public Education Task Force. The Confidence in Kansas Public Education Task Force was formed 41 years ago to strengthen confidence in public education. The following organizations are member of the Task Force: American Association of University Women, Kansas State Board of Education, Kansas Association of School boards, Kansas Congress of Parents and Teachers, Kansas State Department of Education, Kansas State High School Activities Association, Kansas National Education Association, Kansas League of Women Voters, and United School Administrators of Kansas.

photos submitted by Barb Schultz



As a Governor's Scholar, Taylor chose Mrs. Kayla Fiegel has her most influential teacher. Mrs. Fiegel teaches science classes.



Many Scholarships Presented to Graduates

These presenters gave out scholarships to seniors and alumni of Cunningham High School.

I will see about tracking down the total dollar amount in the next week.

We have some impressive scholarships available to students and some impressive students who deserve the scholarships for their hard work.

NOTE: Scholarships are only available to those who apply. EVERY senior should apply for scholarships. EVERY single one of them.



Marilyn Glenn: WKCEF scholarships



Eric Kerschen: Bob and Jeannette Kerschen Scholarship



Brent Miller: DeWeese Scholarship



Joyce Gridley: Milton and Joy Brooks Scholarship



Eric Meyers: Meyers, Shelman and Gibbens Scholarships



Lance McGuire, Counselor, and Cody Dunlap, Principal



Aaron and Angie Murphy: Class of '94 Scholarship



Brandi Hartley: Farmers Co-op Equity Scholarship



Jason Ruckle: Bradley Scholarship



Emily and Katie Ogg: South Central Community Foundation Scholarship



Dr. Kelly Arnberger, Superintendent of Schools

Courier photos

Congratulations to the Cunningham track and field athletes! The kids had a day off of school and did a great job at the track meet!

Individual results to come shortly.

Congratulations to the junior high seventh and sixth grade girls for their first place finish in the league. They are your league champions!

Congratulations also to the seventh and sixth grade boys for their first place finish in the league. They are your league champions!

Congratulations the eighth grade boys for their first place finish in the league. They are your league champions!

And congratulations to both High School teams for their runner-up finish!

Junior high is done with track and High School will be heading to Greensburg for the regional track meet next Thursday. Hope to see you there.

-Coach Kerschen



The Vernon Filley Art Museum Presents

DON WOODARD
APRIL 27 - JULY 6TH, 2024

This one-man show will feature painter and sculptor Don Woodard's unique high and low relief, 3-dimensional paintings and mixed media artworks. The show will include his Park-House Adventure Collection, artworks from his National Park Art Collection, and other select artworks.





Below: Wilderness Camp - Don Woodard from the Park-House Adventure Collection



Second Graders Meet MORE Community Helpers

submitted by Mrs. Ingrid Ricke



Nachon introduces his parents to his class.

Thank you Esther Ndambuki and Mathew Ndambuki Musyoki for teaching my class about your jobs as Pastors. We learned that you do leadership, worship, pastoral care, shepherding, and ordination. It was interesting to hear how you got started in Kenya and now you both help two different churches in Kansas. We appreciate you coming to teach our class about your service jobs. Thank you both!



Dausin Dent introduces his friend, Wayne Ward to his class.



Thank you to Wayne Ward, Region Area Manager from TC Energy, for teaching my class about your service job. We enjoyed the video explaining how the natural pipeline works and the pictures showing all the pipes and equipment. It was so cool to see and learn how the pipes go through the U.S. and into Canada and Mexico. We appreciate the time you took out of your day to teach us about your service job. We appreciate you!



Rhett Albers introduces his community helper, Scott Tyrell

Thank you, Scott Tyrell, Undersheriff, from the Crawford County Sheriff's office for teaching my class through zoom about your service job. We learned about the schooling required to become an officer as well as the three mandated laws you have to follow: having a jail, protecting the courts, and your serve process for court papers. We appreciate the time you took out of your day to teach us about your job. Thank you for all you do to help protect the people in our state, especially Crawford County!



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**"VINTAGE VIBES FOR
TIMELESS TALES"**



A View of Country Life

Jackie Mundt, Pratt County farmer and rancher

I inherited a love of walking from my mom. As a child, going for a walk was a reason to get out of the house to see what was going on in the world. Now it is a luxury to walk those same roads spending time with my mom and the feeling of nostalgia that comes with reliving a piece of my former home.

Walking is one of the

only ways to exercise that I don't mind, and it has been a fairly constant part of my routine no matter where I've lived. During the pandemic, walking gave me new appreciation for the privilege of wide open spaces only known to those of us who live in the country. Walking was part of the rehab from my back surgery a few years ago that opened my eyes to seeing the patterns of nature happening all around me. Lately, I have been trying to consistently walk a few miles a day for the benefit of body and mind.

There is a place near my home, just beyond the tree line in the middle of the road past the perim-

eter of safety. This place overlooks the horizon in a panoramic as far as the eye can see. It is always a sight to behold sun or storm, rain or cloudless sky, sun rise or sunset. No matter where my mind is at this place pulls me back to the present moment and focuses my mind on the reality of what is happening right in front of me — a sight that refuses to be overlooked or ignored. Seeing that much of the heavens and earth together fills me with a sense of awe. It's a place of humility reminding me how small I am in such a vast universe.

I enjoy having a place that makes both ordi-

nary and extraordinary views worth your time. Recently, I watched the approach of giant angry thunder clouds bringing hail and lightning toward our home. It is where I stood to enjoy the colorful showing of the northern lights.

Nighttime views from this place are the most memorable. On a cloudless night last fall, I glanced up to find every star in the sky shining so brightly it felt like I could be knocked down by the weight and size of the sky. Outside the effects of light pollution, it's amazing to experience the full power of the cosmos.

Walking has been a great reminder of the

blessings of country life. When people from cities or the coast find out I'm from Kansas, I often get asked what there is to do in Kansas. They don't mean to be insulting but there is an unintentional implication that there is nothing worth seeing in Kansas, right?

The best parts of Kansas are some of the things most people will never experience or understand. There isn't much out here, leaving the horizon open to show the beauty of and power of Mother Nature. We don't have neon lights or electronic billboards, we have endless unique, epic light shows that will never be duplicated.

You won't hear the busy sounds of the city but your ears will be filled with the roar of wind, the rumble of thunder and the sounds of nature all around.

Walking is a routine part of my life on the farm. Each day I walk the same path because it is good for my health and even better for my perspective. It helps me to remember every day that I am fortunate to be in this exact place, living a wonderful life.

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News from Kansas Farm Bureau

Drive To Zero Partners Ask Motorists to ReducRisk and Always Buckle Up

TOPEKA — The Kansas Department of Transportation, Kansas Highway Patrol and Kansas Turnpike Authority remind motorists of the importance of wearing seat belts no

matter where they sit in a vehicle.

"Many people wrongly believe they're safe without a seat belt, especially in a larger vehicle like a pickup truck, or if they're traveling on rural roads," said KDOT Secretary Calvin Reed. "Our data shows a significant increase in surviving crashes if a person is buckled up. Do it for your loved ones."

Law enforcement

agencies across Kansas will support this lifesaving focus by participating in the national Click It or Ticket effort, which coincides with the Memorial Day holiday, May 15 to 27. Motorists will also see and hear messaging showing why seat belt use can be a life-or-death decision.

"Using a seat belt every trip is a small act that can make an immense impact in the event of

a crash," said Kansas Highway Patrol Col. Erik Smith. "Being properly buckled is proven to prevent serious injuries and gives each passenger the greatest chance of survival. The Kansas Highway Patrol is dedicated to ensuring travelers make it to their destinations safely."

In 2023, more than half of the people (134) who died in passenger motor vehicle fatality crashes were unrestrained

in Kansas. Also, in 2023, 1,879 people suffered serious injuries in crashes and about 1 in 4 of those people were not belted. Research shows proper seat belt use reduces the risk of fatal injury by 45-60% and serious injury by 50%.

"We know there will be an increase in traffic with warmer weather upon us, and of course, due to the Memorial Day holiday," said Andrew

Booth, KTA Safety Coordinator. "The KTA wants all travelers to reach their destinations safely no matter what time of year by buckling up every trip, every time."

For more information on the Click It or Ticket mobilization, please visit <https://www.trafficsafety-marketing.gov/safety-topics/seat-belt-safety/click-it-or-ticket>.

K-State Recommends Scouting and Addressing Stripe Rust to Prevent Loss of Yield and Quality

The appearance of stripe rust adds insult to injury to this year's wheat crop, but Kansas growers should scout fields and have their management strategy ready for this yield- and quality-limiting disease. Stripe rust has now been detected in 35 Kansas counties, according to Wheat Ag Pest Monitor.

While most of these observations have been at low or trace levels, the K-State Agronomy eUpdate issued on May 2, 2024, noted, "Up until this point, the disease has largely been limited by lack of moisture." Scattered showers across the state over the week-

end and into the start of the week have reduced that limiting factor.

"Since the eUpdate was published on May 2, the risk of severe disease has elevated in north-central and northwest Kansas," said Kelsey Andersen Onofre, K-State assistant professor of plant pathology. "We are keeping a close eye on this part of the state."

Stripe rust develops in cool, humid weather with rapid disease development between 50 and 60 degrees. The disease slows when nighttime temperatures are above 68 degrees or daytime temperatures have highs above 80 degrees for several days.

Stripe rust shows as yellow or orange blister-like lesions arranged in stripes on the plant's leaves. Timing is important as stripe rust has the highest impact on yield and quality when the crop is still in the flowering or early kernel-filling stages

of development. Stripe rust on the upper leaves or flag leaf are of particular concern.

In south and south-central Kansas, the wheat crop has progressed past the optimal window for a fungicide application. According to K-State, the risk of yield loss from stripe rust decreases when the disease is spotted in fields already in the dough stages of grain development. In northwest and north-central Kansas, however, the crop is further behind and more vulnerable.

In addition to limiting yield, Onofre noted that K-State research has seen a three to nine percent decrease in test weight in susceptible varieties under high stripe rust disease pressure, varying between wheat varieties and environments. This impact is important for end-use quality as test weight provides an initial indicator of quality and works as a rough estimate of potential flour yield.

While detrimental to yield and quality, producers can effectively treat stripe rust with foliar fungicides, particularly if applied at earlier growth stages. According to the eUpdate, "K-State research demonstrates that if stripe rust is detected on flag leaves at the heading growth stage, there is a 90% chance your fungicide application will pay off. This is a year when scouting will be critical."

Producers should also pay close attention to labels and information on the pre-harvest intervals for their preferred fungicides. K-State also has resources available on the most common fungicides.

The K-State agronomy eUpdate provides five questions to help producers decide whether or not to apply fungicide at this time to treat stripe rust:

1. What variety is planted? The wheat industry specifically includes stripe rust resistance in public and pri-

vate breeding programs, providing built-in genetic resistance in certain varieties. These specific varieties likely would not benefit from a fungicide application. Check Kansas Wheat Variety Guide 2023 for how your varieties are rated for stripe rust resistance.

2. Has stripe rust been detected in the field? Common sense and science agree that if stripe rust is already established in the field, increased disease levels will follow if the weather is right. Pay close attention if stripe rust is present on flag leaves when the crop is heading.

3. Does the field's yield potential justify a fungicide application? A fungicide can provide a 10 to 15 percent yield boost under moderate to high stripe rust pressure. But, if the disease is not present or the crop is in poor to very poor condition, a fungicide application may not pay off.

4. How much moisture has the field received recently? The eUpdate noted stripe rust shows up in fields about 10 days from when the infection first occurs, so producers should continue scouting fields, especially if they have received rainfall.

5. What is the fusarium head scab risk? If a field has a history of head scab and the current year's crop is approaching flowering, producers may be able to control both stripe rust and head scab with a single application this year.

Keep track of the latest recommendations from K-State for wheat producers at <https://eupdate.agronomy.ksu.edu>.

Written by Julia Debes for Kansas Wheat



Kingman County Sheriff's Report

Sunday, May 5

Traffic Stop	7
Civil Paper Service	3
Disabled Vehicle	W Hwy 54 & N Hwy 11, Kingman
Damage to Property	200 Blk W Central Ave, Nashville
Miscellaneous	120 N Spruce, Kingman
Miscellaneous	120 N Spruce, Kingman

Monday, May 6

Traffic Stop	4
Traffic Complaint	2000 Blk W Hwy 54, Kingman
Miscellaneous	120 N Spruce, Kingman
Traffic Complaint	SE 30 St & S Hwy 14, Kingman
Disturbance	130 N Spruce, Kingman
Miscellaneous	100 Blk W 4th St, Cunningham
Weather Watch	120 N Spruce, Kingman

Tuesday, May 7

Traffic Stop	6
Miscellaneous	300 Blk N Main, Kingman
Fraud	400 Blk S Valley St, Cunningham
Transport Civilian	Kingman to Belmont
Abandoned Vehicle	18000 Blk W Hwy 54, Cunningham
Traffic Complaint	18000 Blk W Hwy 54, Cunningham
Agency Assist	500 Blk N Robbins Rd, Norwich
Non-Injury Accident	8000 Blk W Hwy 54, Cunningham
Traffic Complaint	1100 Blk E Hwy 54, Kingman

Wednesday, May 8

Traffic Stop	2
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Civil Paper Service	7
Disabled Vehicle	3200 E Hwy 54, Kingman

Thursday, May 9

Traffic Stop	7
Civil Paper Service	1
Injury Accident	E Hwy 42 & S Hwy 14, Rago
Animal Complaint	SW 70 St & SW 30 Ave, Spivey
Animal Complaint	E Hwy 54 & NE 150 Ave, Cheney
Disturbance	300 Blk E C Ave, Kingman

Friday, May 10

Traffic Stop	2
Animal Complaint	300 Blk S Douglas, Cunningham
Non-Injury Accident	100 Blk W 4th St, Cunningham
Miscellaneous	600 Blk E B Ave, Kingman
Miscellaneous	100 Blk W 4th St, Cunningham
Animal Complaint	14000 Blk SW 110 St, Nashville
Abandoned Vehicle	2000 Blk NE 150 Ave, Cheney

Saturday, May 11

Traffic Stop	4
Fire / Bruch	16000 Blk SE 110 St, Norwich
Non/Injury Accident	N Cedar & E H Ave, Kingman
Disturbance	300 Blk W C Ave, Kingman
Fire / Structure	17000 Blk SE 150 Ave, Norwich
Disturbance	200 Blk N Sunflower Dr, Kingman
Miscellaneous	120 North Spruce, Kingman
Non/Injury Accident	500 North Main St, Kingman
Traffic Complaint	1000 Blk W D Ave, Kingman
Disturbance	600 Blk W A Ave, Kingman
Miscellaneous	100 Blk N Main St, Cunningham



Cluck Old Hen – Chickens in Springtime

My old hen's a good old hen

She lays eggs for the railroad men

Sometimes eight sometimes ten

That's enough for the railroad men

Cluck old hen cluck and sing

Ain't laid an egg since late last spring

Cluck old hen cluck and squall

Ain't laid an egg since late last fall

Cluck Old Hen – Old-Time banjo & fiddle tune – mid 1800s.

Few things can add more ambience to your

homestead than a flock of chickens. Happy hens, making soft sounds as they forage in your yard or garden, can provide you with an abundance of fresh eggs to enjoy each morning. Springtime is a good time to consider raising some chickens.

Some time ago, a dear friend of ours contacted me for advice on purchasing chickens. She was ordering baby chicks and wondered if I had any thoughts on breeds that were preferable. Being a "chicken person" I did and do. What follows are these same thoughts, now put to paper (if you are new to nurturing poultry, consider visiting YouTube to get an education on chicken raising before ordering chicks or buying full grown birds). Here are my chicken thoughts...

I like the old standard dual-purpose breeds. They tend to be solid egg layers, but can also be put in the pot, if you are so inclined. These breeds

typically lay brown eggs. Think of them as good all-around farm or ranch chickens.

First up we have Barred Rocks (one color variety of the Plymouth Rock breed – showing beautiful dark gray and white barred plumage). Barred Rocks are an all-time popular favorite, described as steady, reliable chickens. Developed in England in the 1800s, they are considered by some to be the ideal American chicken. One of my favorite chickens in years past was an old Barred Rock hen with an injury to her face. I called her Scar-Head Lois.

Next, we have the Black Australorp. Imported into the U.S. from Australia in the 1920s, these chickens are known for their superior heat tolerance. They are one of the very best egg layers. Known to be quiet and gentle, they are wonderful birds.

Another breed known to be heavy layers are

Rhode Island Reds. Developed in Rhode Island in the early 1900s, they are one of the most famous and popular breeds. These birds can be a bit feisty and are sometimes mean to the other chickens, so if you have a mixed flock, it is a good idea to limit the number of Rhode Island Reds for optimal peace in the henhouse.

Buff Orpingtons are another breed worth considering. These golden colored chickens were imported from England in the 1800s. They are large quiet birds and can be quite broody, so make good setters and mothers.

For variety, consider including some Ameraucanas. These chickens, derived from the Araucana breed in the 1970s, lay blue and green tinted eggs. They make a nice addition to any flock.

When ordering baby chicks, I strongly suggest that you order female birds (don't order unsexed or you may

get all males). Also, I would recommend getting chicks vaccinated. You will have the option of requesting that your chicks be vaccinated for Marek's disease (very common in chickens and highly contagious) and Coccidiosis (a common deadly disease caused by a parasitic infection).

You may want to add a rooster to your small flock but consider your neighbors (and yourself) before doing so. Roosters crow a lot at dawn. If you live near grouchy neighbors who like to occasionally sleep in, you might have a problem. With a rooster, you will enjoy fertilized eggs (and if hens are broody, more baby chicks), but without a rooster your eggs will be just as nutritious and tasty. Roosters can be aggressive, so consider this before you buy. I like to order three or four males, and then cull them later, keeping the most amiable rooster and eating the rest.

One more thought. Chickens need good names, and I think vintage old lady names are most appropriate for hens. Here are some good names if you need inspiration: Lois, Mavis, Evelyn, Phoebe, Amelia, Edna, Vera, Ethel, Etta, Fern, Ruby, Eunice, Phyllis, Sadie, Cora, Eleanor, Ida, Hazel, Edith, Ophelia, Vivian, Mabel, Winifred, Opal, Harriet, & Nellie.

Chickens not only add a calming presence to your home and property, but they also provide a bounty of wholesome fresh eggs for your family to enjoy. Get some chickens this spring and make this world a better place. Note – here's a great source for good chickens – Murray McMurray Hatchery (mcmurray-hatchery.com).

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Cinnamon is a little girl who needs a home with a little girl to love her.

She is about 2 months old, has been at the shelter since April 30, 2024, and weighs between one and two pounds.

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Oliver is a Maltese / Chihuahua mix with a long, furry coat. He is a bit over 6 years old and weighs about 7 pounds. His adoption fee is \$250.00

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Minutes from the Kingman County Commission

Chairman Henning called the Board of County Commissioners meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. May 6, 2024, in the County Commissioners room at the Kingman County Courthouse.

Present: Jerry Henning, Chairman; Pat Elpers, Commissioner; Jack Thimesch, Commissioner; Carol Noblit, County Clerk; Brandon Ritcha, County Counselor

Visitors: Larry Landwehr; Bob Morris, Kingman Leader-Courier; Sharon James; Amanda; Chester James; Andrea Polf, Arrowhead West and Julie Lyon.

Online Visitors: Caller 01; User 01

Staff: Amanda Stucky, Field Appraiser/Planning/Zoning; Mary Schwartz, Health Nurse; Sheriff Brent Wood 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 comments.

Larry Landwehr discussed the rain and that it was good to see water standing.

Bob Morris let the Commissioners know that last week Kingman High School had a community service day and did help many people get things done in one day that would take many days.

Commissioners did see that they did a lot of services around.

Sharon James, Core Community discussed that the program just started their sixth class and there have been 46 graduates before this class was started.

Ms. James went over all the services they have provided and the help they have given to all attendees.

Commissioners let Ms. James and Amanda know that they appreciate what Core Communities does for the Community.

Andrea Polf, Arrowhead West was in

to give an update to the County Commissioners.

Ms. Polf let the Commissioners know that their client counts are up 4 children and 1 adult.

Commissioners let Ms. Polf know that they appreciate the quarterly reports they receive and the services they provide.

Chairman Henning let the Board know that the County received sales tax of \$75000.00

Commissioners discussed the NRP program.

Mary Schwartz, Health Nurse was in with a department update.

Ms. Schwartz let the Commissioners know that she is updating the infectious disease manual.

Ms. Schwartz gave the Commissioners information on the Avian influenza virus type A (H5N1) in U.S. dairy cattle.

Ms. Schwartz discussed tinting the windows on the south side of the health building. She submitted a quote from Pratt Glass Enterprises, LLC in the amount of \$2,285.13 and that it will be paid with grant funds.

MOTION: Commissioner Elpers moved to approve a quote from Pratt Glass Enterprises, LLC for tinting of the South side of the Health Department in the amount of \$2,285.13 with State Formula Funds. Commissioner Thimesch seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Amanda Stucky, Field Appraiser/Planning/Zoning director was in with a NRP extension for Daniel Beat.

MOTION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to approve the NRP extension for Daniel Beat. Commissioner Elpers seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Carol Noblit, County Clerk submitted the County Commissioners minutes of April 29, 2024, Commission meeting for approval.

MOTION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to approve the April 29, 2024, Commission meeting minutes. Commissioner Elpers seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Sheriff Brent Wood was in with a monthly report for April.

Sheriff Wood presented pictures of the water damage in the showers and submitted a quoted from Advanced Epoxy in the amount of \$10,175.00 to fix the damages.

MOTION: Commissioner Elpers moved to approve the quote from Advanced Epoxy in the amount of \$10,175.00 to be paid from the County Capital Improvement Fund. Commissioner Thimesch seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Chairman Henning discussed the electrical for the stall barn and that he will be going over what is needing updated at the stall barn with vendors to submit bids.

Charles Arensdorf, Public Works Director was in with the following permits:

Haviland Telephone Co. Inc. DBA Haviland Broadband-Lay Fiber Optic Cable along Sections 1 & 12, Township 30, Range 06W (Canton) and along Sections 6 & 7, Township 30, Range 05W (Bennett).

Durango Midstream-Lay 8" Gas line between Sections 4 & 5, Township 29, Range 6W (Eagle).

Commissioners discussed the Neighborhood Revitalization Program and that they will make a decision at next weeks meeting.

MOTION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to adjourn the regular board meeting at 11:55 a.m. Commissioner Elpers seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.



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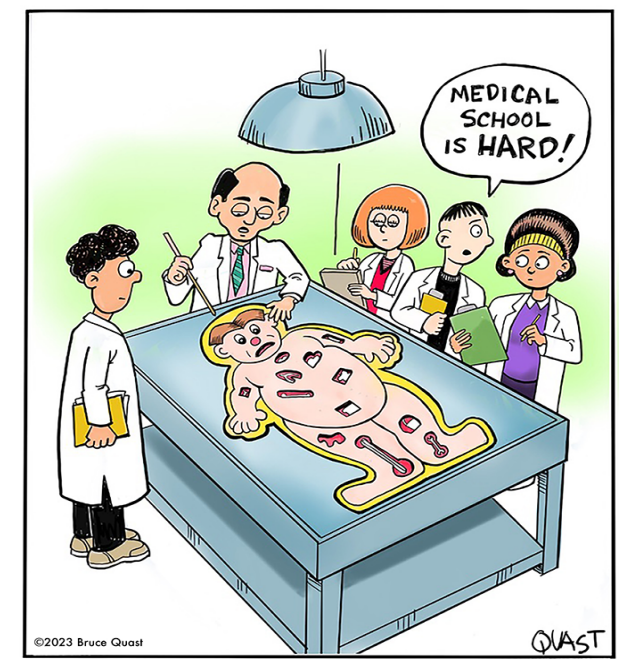
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- *Opposite of good
- *Pre-
- Guesstimate (2 words)
- Sudden impulse
- Group dice game
- Stead
- Naive person
- Fancy necktie
- *Compass point opposites (2 words)
- A pinch between the cheeks
- Earth tremor
- Before skip and a jump
- Constantly worry about something
- More infinitesimal
- Catch a wink
- One weber per square meter, pl.
- *Pre-recorded
- Deed hearings
- Cribbage piece
- Bread spreads
- Plural of focus
- Making the way, in a way
- "I Like ___," 1952 campaign slogan
- Of somber color
- *Like bride's accessories (2 words)
- 60 mins., pl.
- Indiana ball player
- One of Three Bears
- *Day periods (2 words)
- Vernacular
- Part of church

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- Fa follower
- Between Ohio and Ontario
- *Opposite of on land
- Fluffy dessert
- Hillside in Scotland
- Anti-seniors sentiment
- *Opposite of awkward and clumsy
- *Door instruction (2 words)
- Fairy tale opener
- Flat-bottomed boat
- Bambino
- Not like #26 Down
- Popular breakfast item
- MCAT and LSAT, e.g.
- *Hers
- *Switch positions (2 words)
- Louisiana swamp
- Glasses, for short
- Three biblical sages
- A logical connection (2 words)
- Extract a memory, e.g.
- Stretch again
- R&R spots
- Tolstoy's given name, in Russian
- *Irwin Shaw's title opposites

(2 words)

- Checked out
- Pimple fluid
- Marked
- Speak like Pericles
- *Not airtight
- Teacher's pet, e.g.
- Balance sheet entry
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- Muslim honorific
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- Nervous biter's victim
- College assessment test, acr.
- Janitor's tool

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Minutes from Pratt County Commission

The Pratt County commissioners met in regular session Monday, April 29, 2024, at 2:00 p.m. in the commissioner room, 1st floor of the courthouse. The following members were present: Thomas W. Jones III, Rick Shriver, Dwight Adams, Tyson Eisenhauer, county counselor, Lori Voss, county clerk and Mark Graber, IT director.

Heather Morgan, Economic Development/covid consultant, stated the ARPA report was submitted last week. Pratt County is current and up to date in reporting. The state budget was finalized and the city of Sawyer funding was approved, she will assist in finding a way to obtain the funds. The legislatures are considering more funding for motor vehicles at the local level. She will watch for anything concerning Pratt County and the Sawyer funding. Chairman Shriver questioned why the city of Sawyer had to apply for this funding rather than a gas company. She stated the state does not like to award money to private businesses.

Commissioner Adams made a motion to approve the minutes from April 22, 2024. Commissioner Jones seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Adams made a motion to approve the donation to the Miss Kansas Scholarship in the amount of \$1000. Commissioner Jones seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

DJ McMurry, appraiser, presented bids for copier/printer for his office from Bolen Office Supply for a Kyocera at \$3825.00 and Century Business Technologies for a Ricoh at \$2538.71. Commissioner Adams made a motion to approve the purchase of the Ricoh from Century Business Technologies at \$2538.71 for the Appraiser Office. Commissioner Jones seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Jones made a motion to recess into executive session for fifteen minutes at 2:14 p.m. for a legal matter concerning possible litigation with DJ McMurry, appraiser present. Commissioner Adams seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. Commissioner Jones made a motion to return from executive session at 2:29 p.m. with no action taken. Commissioner Adams seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Brandon Rockenbach, Calvin Boyd and Steve Stratford with the livestock pavilion committee are asking for financial support for the Blodgett Livestock Pavilion at the Pratt County Fairgrounds. The total for a turn key project is \$623,000. They now have \$409,500. Brandon asked if there are any ARPA funds that could be used for the project.

Chairman Shriver stated there are only certain things that qualify and a long list of requirements. Commissioner Jones stated he wasn't sure they would qualify. They would like to have it completed by the 2025 fair, but aren't starting until they have the total

amount. Steve suggested the county could up their \$10,000 donation given to the fair each year. Chairman Shriver suggested they present a letter with a requested budget amount.

Commissioner Jones made a motion to recess into executive session at 2:45 p.m. for ten minutes for an attorney/client matter concerning statutes for unclaimed bodies. Commissioner Adams seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. Commissioner Jones made a motion to return from executive session at 2:52 p.m. with no action taken. Commissioner Adams seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Jones made a motion to approve payment to Larrison mortuary for services for an unclaimed body in the amount of \$1300.00. Commissioner Adams seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Tyson stated he had filed the tax foreclosure last week and will give more updates next week.

Chairman Shriver stated he had some questions on overtime pay. Tyson stated he knew nothing about it and did not want to discuss it until he had done some research.

Commissioner Adams stated he had citizens that used public transportation services to go to different venues in the past. They are being told it can't be done. Commissioner Adams will get a copy of the transportation policy from Tara Pagenkopf, RSVP director.

Doug Freund, road/lake, stated the fair board had contacted him to

send the roller to the fairgrounds to prepare for the tractor pull.

Commissioner Jones made a motion to approve the payment vouchers for April 29, 2024. Commissioner Adams seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Chairman Shriver stated OSHA has come out with proposed new guidelines concerning the age of equipment and qualifications for employees. Tyson stated he would discuss it if he had known it was going to be discussed and had time to research.

Commissioner Jones made a motion to adjourn at 3:09 p.m. Commissioner Adams seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Public Notice

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IN THE THIRTIETH JUDICIAL DISTRICT

DISTRICT COURT OF KINGMAN COUNTY, KANSAS

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF:

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CASE NO. KM-2024-PR-19

(Pursuant to K.S.A. Chapter 59)

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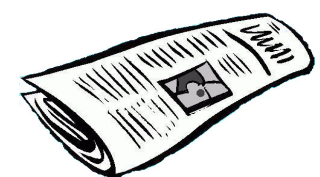
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David Dick

David Henry Dick went to his eternal rest on May 6, 2024, at Newton (KS) Medical Center. David was born March 13, 1951, to Leonard and Dorothy (Rohling) Dick in Nashville, KS, and grew up in the Zenda area. He remained a nearly lifelong resident of Kingman County.



On June 2, 1973, he married Deana Brant in Sawyer. She survives, as do their children, Emily (Aaron) Miller; and Nathan (Susan). He is also survived by four grandchildren; and siblings Carolyn (Gary) Kern, Shirley (David) Gustafson, Elaine Robinson, Ronald (Debbie) Dick, Betty (Blake) Andrews, Dennis (Vicki) Dick, Leon (Cathryn) Dick, Joyce (Edgar) Holiday; brother-in-law Michael Jones; and their families; and numerous extended family. He was preceded in death by his parents, and one sister, Jane Jones.

A graduate of Nashville-Zenda High School, Pratt Community College, and Pittsburg State University, David was a manufacturing engineer for Farrar Corporation in Norwich for 41 years. He was constantly tinkering on engine repair or engineering design projects. He enjoyed helping family and neighbors with their projects, and was often the first to volunteer a truck or trailer to help someone move to a new home, for as long as he was able. He was an active member of the Kingman Christian Church.

David gave the best papa-bear hugs, loved holding grandbabies, and embodied a steady, quiet faith and life of generous acts of service. He will be missed.

A celebration of life service will be 2:00 p.m., on Monday, May 20, 2024 at Kingman Christian Church.

Services will be live streamed at The Kingman Christian Church Facebook page.

Memorial gifts may be offered to the Kingman Healthcare Center with Cancer Center on the memo line.

Bernice Mason

Bernice Ellen (Hirt) Mason, the second daughter of Osie and Amy (Riffey) Hirt, was born at home on July 4, 1929 near Harris, Kansas. She departed this life for her eternal reward on Wednesday, May 8, 2024.

She was baptized at 15 on May 5, 1945 and remained a member of The Old German Baptist Church for the duration of her life.

She was married to Keith Wray Mason at her parents home in Westphalia, Kansas on June 15, 1952. Their marriage was blessed with a total of 6 children, living their entire married life near Sawyer, Kansas.

She loved her husband, children and grandchildren. She enjoyed cooking, gardening, sewing and genealogy. Family was important to her and she organized many family reunions. She always enjoyed celebrations and fixing food for people. In her later years, she pieced quilts for all her children and grandchildren.

She cared for her husband when he was afflicted with Alzheimer's disease. Her life, up to 90 years old, was spent caring for family members other than herself. She had heart surgery in 2010, so she could continue to care for her husband and son. Her youngest daughter and her husband had the honor of taking her home to live with their family for the last several months of her life where she passed with congestive heart failure at 94 years, 10 months and 4 days of age.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Keith; her parents, Osie and Amy Hirt; her sisters, Norma Jane Hirt and Fern Miller; brother in-law, Melvin Miller; sister in-law, Anna May Hirt; and granddaughter, Deborah Jonassen.

She leaves behind her children and their companions, Alice and Martin Jonassen of Gallatin, Missouri.; Ivan and Martha (Holsinger) Mason of Sawyer; Russell and Brenda (Klaassen) Mason of Wichita; Dennis and Ellen Mohler of Sawyer; and Glen Mason of Sawyer; brother and sister in-law, Vernon and Donna (Killingsworth) Hirt of Sawyer; brother, Richard Hirt of Aurburndale, Florida; brother and sister in-law, Kieth and Marilyn (Stever) Hirt of Westphalia, Kansas.; 22 grandchildren, 38 great-grandchildren, and many nieces, nephews and friends.

Funeral service was held Sunday, May 12, 2024 at The Old German Baptist Brethren Church. Burial followed at Pleasant View Cemetery, Sawyer.

Memorials may be made to Interim Hospice in care of Larrison Mortuary, 300 Country Club Road, Pratt.

"To everything there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven: a time to be born and a time to die"... Ecclesiastes 3:1-8 KJV

Vickie Frank

Vickie Lynn Frank, 73, passed away Thursday, May 9, 2024 at Hospice House in Hutchinson. She was born on January 24, 1951 in La Junta, Colorado to Floyd Alvin and Theresa Helen (French) Keller. Vickie married Thomas "Tom" Gerald Frank on April 3, 1971 in Ulysses. They were married for 53 years.



Vickie graduated from Ulysses High School in 1969 and went on to attend Hutchinson Community College. She worked as a secretary for USD 310 Fairfield for almost 20 years. She was a member of Turon Community Church and was a First responder for Turon EMS for several years. She enjoyed sewing, playing board games and card games, doing puzzles and playing softball. She was a very competitive video gamer and an avid bowler who went to several State Tournaments. She was very proud of her children and grandchildren.

She is survived by her husband, Tom; daughters, Heather Frank, Debra (Jason) Evans and Janelle Frank all of Turon; brother, Kenny (Mary) Keller of Ulysses; grandchildren, Jaden (Addie Fountain) Evans, Trent (Daisy Raburn) Evans and Ava Evans all of Turon.

Vickie is preceded in death by her parents; son, Brian Frank; and infant brother, Gregory Keller.

Funeral service was held at 2:00 p.m., Monday, May 13, 2024 at Turon Community Church with Pastor Steve Gill presiding. Burial followed at Turon Cemetery, Turon.

Memorials may be made to Gentiva Hospice or Hospice House of Hutchinson in care of Larrison Mortuary. Online condolences may be made at www.larrisonmortuary.com.

Robert Thieme

Robert Joseph Thieme, age 75, of Ozark, Alabama, peacefully went to be with our Lord on Monday, February 19, 2024, surrounded by his loving wife and cherished family in the comfort of his home. Born on February 28, 1948, in Nashville, Kansas, to Joseph Alfred Thieme and Ida Ann Hrencher Thieme, Robert's life journey was marked by dedication, love, and a commitment to family.



In 1968, he was joined in the sacrament of marriage with Carolyn Marie Dick of Sharon, Kansas. Together, they raised their family in St. Leo, Kansas, on the Thieme family homestead, where they carried on the rich tradition of wheat and cattle farming. Their shared adventure led them to Florida in 1998. In 2014, Robert retired with Carolyn to a farm in Ozark, Alabama, where he continued cultivating his passion for gardening and fishing by sharing it with his grandchildren. During moments of relaxation, he found enjoyment in watching classic Western movies. He was a parishioner of St. John's Catholic Church and a member of the Knights of Columbus.

Robert was preceded in death by his parents, his brother Kenneth, his grandson Conner, and great-grandson Michael. He leaves behind a legacy of love and devotion cherished by his wife of 55 years, Carolyn Dick Thieme, and their children: Cynthia Beat (Eric) of Ozark, Alabama; Julie Smith (James) of Daphne, Alabama; Rebecca Kilgore (David) of Chanute, Kansas; Renee Duncan (Justin) of Lake Placid, Florida; and Scott Thieme (Candice) of Guyton, Georgia. His 23 grandchildren and 6 great-grandchildren were a great of pride and joy.

Those who knew Robert remember him as a faith-filled man, dedicated brother, father, grandfather, and friend. Robert's memory will be honored in St. Leo, Kansas, on May 25, 2024, with a rosary at 10:00 AM and a Mass of Christian Burial at 10:30 AM at St. Leo Catholic Church, followed by his burial in Zenda, Kansas. In lieu of flowers, the family kindly requests donations be made in Robert's honor to the American Kidney Foundation, a cause close to his heart.

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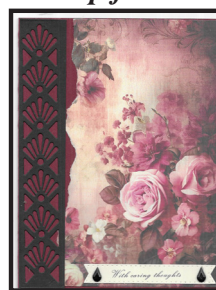
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