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Caroling at the Gazebo Dec. 1st

Deck the Hall, Jingle those Bells, and Fa-la-la-la-low your friends and neighbors to Dafforn Park for the (mostly) annual Caroling at the Gazebo. On the first Sunday after Thanksgiving, the gazebo is the place to be. The event will start at 6:00 p.m. and is sponsored by PRIDE. There will be refreshments served after singing in the warm and cozy library.



Christmas Lighting Contest will be held on Sunday, December 15th.

Please have your lights on by
6:00 p.m. to be in the judging.



Minutes from the Kingman County Commissioners Meeting

Chairman Henning called the Board of County Commissioners meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. November 18, 2024, in the County Commissioners room at the Kingman County Courthouse. Present: Jerry Henning, Chairman; Jack Thimesch, Commissioner -absent; Pat Elpers, Commissioner; Carol Noblit, County Clerk; Brandon Ritcha, County Counselor

Visitors: Bob Morris, Kingman Leader-Courier; Dale Enyart

Online Visitors: Caller 01; Caller 02; AS; iPhone; Heather Kinsler

Staff: Jamie Smith, County Treasurer; LaDawn Stegman, Financial Officer; Charles Arensdorf, Public Works Director and Mendy Frampton, Expo Center Director.

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

Commissioner Elpers requested an executive session be added for attorney privilege.

MOTION: Commissioner Elpers moved to approve the agenda. Chairman Henning seconded the motion. The motion was approved with a majority vote of 2-0. Commissioner Thimesch absent.

Jamie Smith, County Treasurer was in to give a department update.

Ms. Smith requested an executive session for non-elected personnel.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Commissioner Elpers made a motion to go into executive session at 8:36 a.m. with Jamie Smith, County Treasurer and Brandon Ritcha, County Counselor to discuss an individual employee's performance pursuant to the exception under the Kansas Open Meetings Act, and they will return to open session in

the Board Meeting room at 8:41 a.m. Chairman Henning seconded the motion. The motion was passed upon the majority vote of 2-0. Commissioners returned to regular session at 8:41 a.m.

MOTION: Commissioner Elpers moved to approve vacation extension for 90 days for an employee. Chairman Henning seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon a majority vote of 2-0. Commissioner Thimesch was absent.

Ms. Smith presented the Commissioners with documents from REACH IT for backups and Sonicwalls.

Backup storage systems in the amount of \$2,126.00 and Sonicwalls for all departments except the Register of Deeds office for \$12,692.00. The Register of Deeds will get her own equipment.

MOTION: Commissioner Elpers moved to approve the quotes received from REACH IT for Backup storage systems \$2126.00 and Sonicwalls for \$12,692.00. Chairman Henning seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon a majority vote of 2-0. Commissioner Thimesch was absent.

Ms. Smith requested some overtime for employees if needed with tax statements estimated delivery to tax-payers on November 26, 2024. Also, Ms. Smith let the Commissioners know that taxes for 2024 can be paid starting today as they are available.

Ms. Smith will be notifying taxpayers by social media that they can be paid now if they want too.

MOTION: Commissioner Elpers moved to approve overtime for the Treasurer's office for tax season. Chairman Henning seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a majority vote of 2-0. Commissioner Thimesch was absent.

Charles Arensdorf, Public Works Director and Tanner Yost, Kirkham Michael were in to go over the Report on road audit after Kingman Wind Energy 1 wind farm repair report.

Mr. Yost presented a damage assessment report for Kingman Wind Energy I & II STRP Reconstruction Project.

Pre- Construction Page 227-233, Post-Construction Page 282-292, Route SW 50th St, Location- SW 60th Ave to 0.5 mi E of SW 60th Ave (End of Pavement), Damage Description- Wheel path ruts, equipment scarring, map cracking, longitudinal cracking. Proposed Fix- 2" HMA Overlay (22ft pavement width, 0.5 mile section), HMA patching, crack sealing, shouldering (AB3), pavement markings (match existing), milling, tie-ins, and traffic control as necessary. Section 3.4 in the Action Plan discusses damages to SW 50th St. Estimated Cost = \$148,377.

Pre-Construction Page 362-363, Post-Construction Page 311-312, Route SW 40th Ave, Location - At SW 70th St, Damage Description- Equipment Scar, Proposed Fix- HMA patch intersection, shouldering (AB3), pavement markings (match existing), milling, tie-ins, and traffic control as necessary. Estimated Cost = \$20,000.00.

Pre-Construction Page 74-77, Post-Construction Page 78-80, Route SW 90 Ave, Location- US Hwy 54/400 to 0.2 mi S of US Hwy 54/400, Damage Description- Wheel path ruts, additional map cracking, Proposed Fix- 2" HMA Overlay (28ft pavement width, 0.2 mile section), HMA patching, crack sealing, shouldering (AB3), pavement markings (match existing), milling, tie-ins, and traffic control as necessary. Section 3.5 in the Action Plan discusses damages to SW 90 Ave.

Commissioners discussed the report with Mr. Yost.

Mr. Arensdorf gave an update on the North Main paving and that geology work will be forth coming.

Mr. Arensdorf gave the Commissioners the status of the X.6-22.0 bridge placement and would like to do it next year to be paid out by a majority of funding from the Special Bridge Fund with remaining being paid out of .75% sales tax.

MOTION: Commissioner Elpers moved to move forward on the bridge replacement of X.6-22.0. Chairman Henning seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the majority vote of 2-0. Commissioner Thimesch was absent.

Mr. Arensdorf discussed the 2024 Cost Share Program that wasn't picked this round and the 2025 letting date for FAS 989 Hot Mix Overlay possibly being in February 2025.

Mendy Frampton, Expo Center Director was in with a department update for the Commissioners.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Commissioner Elpers made a motion to go into executive session at 10:07 a.m. with Charles Arensdorf, Public Works Director; Misty Jacobs, Office Administrator and Brandon Ritcha, County Counselor to discuss an individual employee's performance pursuant to the exception under the Kansas Open Meetings Act, and they will return to open session in the Board Meeting room at 10:22 a.m. Chairman Henning seconded the motion. The motion was passed upon the majority vote of 2-0.

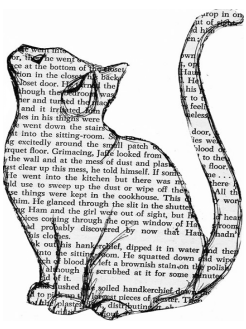
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HAPPY THANKSGIVING

Kingman Healthcare Center sends warm wishes for a joyful and healthy Thanksgiving to our staff, patients, and community. We deeply appreciate the trust our patients place in our care and are thankful for our exceptional staff, who bring comfort to all.

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Meanderings

Apologies to Bjorn Halderson! In last week's paper I didn't proofread very well. When Stacy sends me the minutes, they come in a PDF format, and I have to convert them to a Word document to get them in the paper. Sometimes the fonts don't switch over correctly. Not sure why, but that is the nature of the technological beast. And I really don't know why it read "H" as "H" one time, and all the

other times read "H" as "B". Technology can be somewhat fickle.

Last year at this time, I came down with the illness from hell. I can remember on Monday, I wasn't feeling well, and Tuesday night, I was trying to finish up the paper and get it sent to the printers, while running a temperature of 102. I was holding my head in one hand and typing with the other. I stayed home in bed Thanksgiving Day, and rested all weekend, even cancelled a craft fair at Norwich, but there was also that blizzard.... I went to the doctor, got some antibiotics that didn't help one iota, so ended up going back for additional meds, and a third time for steroids. I

was really sick. I don't go to the doctor every time I feel bad, if I go, I am very sick. And to go three times in a week is unheard of for me. Three weeks later I did attend the Business Open House in Norwich, but still wasn't feeling great. It took me another week or two to really begin to feel like I was recuperating. And here we are again, the flu and cold season staring us in the eyeballs. I dread this time of year

I mentioned last week that I challenge myself to see how far into the fall I can get before I turn on the furnace. The very next evening, I am sitting here

at my desk, placing the mailing labels on the newspapers while watching card-making videos. I'm multi-tasking, so I'm not paying a great deal of attention to the beasts. At some point, I got up to refill my coffee cup, and I noticed the tailless wonder, Eddie Fisher, sitting on the furnace vent, giving me a pitiful look.... Awww...

I checked the thermostat. It was 59 degrees in the house, so I relented. I didn't think it was cold, but Eddie Fisher was not comfortable. I have noticed that even with the furnace on, he's cold. He's constantly sitting on or near the vent. I think I will need to order him one of those little self-heating cat beds.

I think he would be very pleased to have one of those little warming devices.

The Hot and Cold Craft Fair was a success for Cards by Roberta Kobbe. I met some new folks, sold a great many cards, and a few decorative plates that I've been trying my crafty hand at. Don't forget, Sunday will find me in Sharon. A friend has ordered cards for her mother as a Christmas present. I do believe I've mentioned this idea time or two. Some cards, and a book of stamps. Such a lovely idea for shut-ins, or those who don't get around very well. I will then be at the Kingman Craft Fair on December 7th. AND

on the afternoon of December 8th, I will be in Norwich at the Open House for Ye Olde General Store. Many opportunities to buy cards near and far. Be sure to shop locally and support the small businesses in our community and nearby communities.

I hope everyone has a Thanksgiving that is just right for you! Family, friends, soup kitchen server, whatever makes your holiday special, I hope you get to do what you plan and enjoy your time on this American holiday. Always reading and currently reading, "Mothstorm" by Philip Reeve Roberta

Tallgrass and Tumbleweeds by Gaille Pike

Dear Readers, While traversing the great state of Kansas, I always take the back roads, the narrow, winding blue highways with the meandering turns and unexpected intersections and lower speed limits. Don't get me wrong about the speed limits. I've always had a lead foot, as a few state troopers might attest. But I do not feel the need for speed when

going anywhere except the emergency room. The interstates, a marvel of civil engineering brought about by our own Dwight D. Eisenhower, are fine roads when you need to get from A to B in a predetermined amount of time. But if you have a few extra minutes to spare why not motor down the road not taken and discover something new. Because that is what it is all about—discovery. And Kansas is chock full of discoveries. One might think they know their state judging by the historical markers off of I-70, I-35 or the

Turnpike, but these reminders are but the tip of the iceberg. There is not a town in Kansas that cannot boast of something relevant to history or popular culture. And as I skitter down these unknown byways I am amazed about how much I do not know about my state, amazed that virtually everywhere is famous for something or somebody. We all know about Amelia Earhart, John Riggins and Joe Walsh being from Kansas, pioneers in aviation, athletics and music. And you've probably heard that Erin Brockovich and

Kirstie Alley hail from these parts. But it is those little surprises that make me go, "Wow, I didn't know that." Did you know the founder of the Chrysler Motor Company, Walter Chrysler, grew up in Ellis? I didn't till I drove by his boyhood home one day. Talk about modest roots! Did you know that Damon Runyon, a man that so epitomized the New York City underworld in his writings there is a genre of fiction called "Runyonesque," hails from Manhattan? I didn't either. But perhaps my favorite unex-

pected discovery is that America's Dad, Hugh Beaumont, a.k.a. Ward Cleaver, the Beev's dad, is from Lawrence. Who woulda' guessed?! Not I. And it isn't just the people, the writers like William Inge and Gordon Parks, the athletes like Barry Sanders and Jim Ryun, or the hundreds of other Kansans who have contributed to the arts, science, industry, economics, etc. It is the places themselves that blow me away. Those places you stumble across while lost down those blue highways, trying to decipher which is

North or West. There are still wagon ruts made by pioneers heading down the Oregon Trail just outside of Council Grove. There are Salt Mines beneath Hutchinson big as Cathedrals, and so many more these 500 words will not allow me to share with you. So, don't take my word for it. Find out for yourself the next time you head from A to B. Take that road not taken and I guarantee you will be as surprised as I've been. Until next week—keep your eyes on the stars and your back to the wind.

A Column by Dorothy Rosby

Paltry Poultry Most Thanksgivings, you'll find my husband and one of my brothers at our dinner table gnawing on turkey legs like a couple of peasants at a renaissance festival. And he never said so, but I suspected my spouse considered it a silver lining of the pandemic that he'd have both drumsticks to himself on Thanksgiving 2020.

Even though we were going to be alone for the holiday he'd been adamant that we have the whole feast, so I'd selected the smallest turkey I could find. On Thanksgiving morning he began to prepare it as he does every year. I was pondering how quiet our holiday was compared to previous years, when I heard frantic hollering from the kitchen. "There's no legs... no wings...no pop-up thing!" I rushed to the kitchen to discover that someone had indeed stolen our turkey's appendages. It was barbaric!

Maybe not. A glance at the package revealed there'd been no "fowl" play after all. I hadn't purchased a small turkey. I'd brought home a large turkey breast. My husband looked downright betrayed. I was disappointed too. We both think turkeys would be better if they were made up entirely of dark meat. We had none of that and it was my fault. I'd have been sent to my room without dinner if it wasn't my job to make everything else. It's hard to believe it's possible, but things went downhill from there. My

husband assumed that the small bag that came with our turkey contained giblets. It didn't. It was a packet of gravy and it sprayed the kitchen when he tore it open. And he'd been right about there being no pop-up temperature indicator in our turkey breast. Of course, those are pointless if the turkey doesn't cook, but I'm getting ahead of myself. We had to eat something so my normally mild-mannered spouse jammed the turkey breast into the oven unceremoniously and left the kitchen to grieve. I set

about making the potatoes, green beans and stuffing—the boxed kind that doesn't require contact with a turkey. Good thing. We got so hungry we gobbled it up later as an appetizer. I may have been a little preoccupied thinking about our paltry poultry because I didn't notice that something was missing in my kitchen: the aroma of roasting turkey. When I checked the turkey it was as cold as my darling's heart at the moment. It's possible that in the confusion, I'd bumped the switch and turned the

oven off. That's easy to do with our oven. But I prefer to think he forgot to turn it on in the first place because that makes us even. Dorothy Rosby is an author and humor columnist whose work appears regularly in publications in the West and Midwest. You can subscribe to her blog at www.dorothyrosby.com or contact at www.dorothyrosby.com/contact. Copyright © 2024. Dorothy Rosby. All Rights Reserved.

Poetry From Daily Life

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

Poetry from Daily Life: Rekindle creativity by focusing on the mundane

By Traci Brimhall My guest this week on Poetry from Daily Life is Traci Brimhall, who lives in Manhattan, Kansas. When I asked Traci why she began to write, her answer was that writing made her feel less alone. Poetry, especially, fills her need to write, and many are glad it does. Traci is currently the Kansas Poet Laureate. Among her favorite projects, she loved collaborating with a visual artist on a poetry walk with the Johnson County Public Library. "I really love it when art is

a conversation and an immersive experience," she says. "Since I also love writing about the body, I also loved that experiencing the poems meant moving your body." A unique fact about Traci Brimhall is that she was born the day the movie E.T. came out. "My dad," she says, "claimed it stood for 'Extra-special Traci.'" ~ David L. Harrison

Finding sense in the five senses

Like many people, I found the days got fuzzy in 2020. Day in and day out stuck in the same loop in my house, I didn't think as well as I used to, and I couldn't write. One way I tried to hold on to the singular experience of each day was journaling each of my five senses each night — the smell of the fields, the taste of the mint chip ice cream, the feeling of wind slipping through the cracked window, birds and squirrels fighting over seeds from the feeder, the sound of my son singing to himself. Complete sentences weren't important, only sensory impressions. There was no pressure to make meaning or record something momentous. I simply had to reflect back on my day and notice what I experienced — the sink spilling over, the jingle of my dog's collar, the smell of my own breath in my mask. After doing this for several weeks, I started to notice how quickly I became very calm when cooking. I tried to think of adjectives for the color of the peppers in my hand. I leaned over the onions cooking in butter and tried to think of a simile to describe it. I played with the papery skin of garlic in my hand, marveling at how rough and fragile it was, and how slippery and smooth the clove was beneath it. Rather than thinking about my to-do list or my worries, I felt deeply within my own life. When I was able to write poems again, they weren't solely about food. But little images and metaphors

started to season my other lines and complicate their flavors. When I reread those lines, they immediately summon the memory back to me, and I love how our senses can help us remember and also to stay in our present moment.

Diary of Overlooked Pleasures

Finding the lost bobby pin under the dresser. Radiators gasping and whispering like friends at a sleepover. The full moon's refrain. Weight of the dog in your lap. Flannel sheets and bone-white cloud of your breath on a winter night. The gurgle of percolating coffee, fresh cinnamon rolls, blue cats painted on a ceramic vase. Candles. Making every stoplight. Peeling a clementine, admiring its fleshy geometry, its sweetness. The way your fingers smell after. Socks warm from the dryer. A Coke can's crisp pop. Your laugh, your sneeze, your yawn, my name in your mouth. Traci Brimhall is a professor of creative writing and narrative medicine at Kansas State University. She is the author of four collections of poetry, and her next book, "Love Prodigal," will be out in 2024. Her poems have appeared in publications such as The New Yorker, The Nation, The New Republic, Poetry, The New York Times Magazine, and Best American Poetry. She's received fellowships from National Endowment for the Arts, the National Parks Service, and Purdue Library's Special Collections to study the lost poem drafts of Amelia Earhart. She's the current poet laureate for the State of Kansas.

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Community Bulletin Board

Saturday, November 30 HS FB 6-Man State Playoffs in Greensburg	Thursday, December 12 HS BB - Falcon Classic *** JH BB vs Norwich at HOME
Wednesday, December 4 Winter Sports Pictures *** 332 Shop Guild *** 2nd Quarter Site Council Meeting *** FFA Train the Trainer	Friday, December 13 HS BB - Falcon Classic *** FFA Beef Expo
Thursday, December 5 JH BB vs Pretty Prairie at HOME	Monday, December 16 K-12 Health rescreenings *** PK - 12 Christmas Music Program
Friday, December 6 HS BB vs Minneola at HOME	Tuesday, December 17 HS BB at Argonia
Monday, December 9 BOE Meeting	Wednesday, December 18 NHS Blood Drive *** 6:00 332 Shop Guild
Tuesday, December 10 Scholars Bowl at St. John *** HS BB - Falcon Classic	

The Community Calendar is sponsored by



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Cunningham, KS
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We ALWAYS need photos for the paper!!

Libraries

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

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

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


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



Holiday Open House at Ninescah Valley Bank
Friday, December 13th
9:00 - 12:00
1:00 - 3:00
We hope to see you there!

HOSTED BY KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

BENEFIT FOR SHERRI AHLBERG



DECEMBER 7, 6-11 PM **WILLOWDALE HALL**

JOIN US FOR A NIGHT OF DINNER, LIVE MUSIC BY TIME REBELLION, & SILENT AUCTION

ALL PROCEEDS FROM THE BENEFIT ARE TO SUPPORT THE AHLBERG FAMILY DURING SHERRI'S FIGHT WITH CANCER

-WANTED-
Old Photos for *Our Community Album*
Call (620) 298-2659 or email couriernews@yahoo.com or send to 320 North Stadium Street, Cunningham, KS 67035

Museum Hours
Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays
9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.
or contact
Angie Mertens at 620-532-4354 or Alan Albers at 620-298-2725 or Mike McGovney at 620-770-9503
(Volunteers Needed at the museum)

Cards by Roberta Kobbe
Handmade Greeting Cards for sale.
Shop for cards at Cleo's in Kingman and Cheney, Ye Olde General Store in Norwich, and The Little Blue Boutique in Pratt or contact me. Will mail or deliver. Cards and stamps make nice gifts for shut-ins.
620-298-2659




Cunningham 4-H Has Busy Schedule

The Cunningham 4-H club met on November 10th, 6 pm, at the Community Center. Pledges were led by Adam and Leah. Roll call was what is your favorite candy bar. This was answered by 29 members!

This month's 4-H meeting was moved from Nov. 3rd to Nov. 10th due to scheduling conflicts. The club delivered Thank You's to local fire departments and EMTS as part of the 48 hours of service project started in October. The club also packed 20 care boxes for Operation Christmas Child.

The Cunningham 4-H club will participate in the Zenda Christmas Parade on December 7th. The club will also participate in the Cunningham Christmas parade on December 14, along with helping at the community soup meal.

The 4-H Ambassadors will have their Chili and Bingo night fundraiser on January 12th, 2025. The next club meeting will be on December 8th at the Community Center.

Brody Bock
'24-'25 Reporter



SCCF Scholarship Cycle Opens with New Due Date

South Central Community Foundation (SCCF) is excited to announce a new timeline for its annual scholarship cycle! Scholarships will now open December 1st with a due date of March 1st, allowing for students to start applications over Winter Break and submit them before leaving on Spring Break.

Offering over 60 different scholarship opportunities to its seven-county service area, SCCF is overjoyed to help local students in accomplishing their educational goals.

To apply, students will fill out and submit a universal scholarship application that will then populate the scholarships they are eligible to apply for. There may be additional information needed after filling out the universal scholarship application, so SCCF highly encourages that students submit before February 15th to guarantee they have enough time to complete all requirements.

SCCF is a nonprofit organization that serves Barber, Comanche, Kingman, Kiowa, Pratt, Rice, and Stafford Counties. In 2024, SCCF awarded over \$150,000 in scholarships. Please contact SCCF with questions at (620) 672-7929 or email hannah@sccfks.org.



"Try to be a rainbow in someone's cloud."
— Maya Angelou, *Letter to My Daughter*

photo by Josh Theis

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

All Seats are \$3.00 (cash or local check only)
Showtimes:
Wednesday, Friday & Saturday at 7:30
Sunday at 5:30

November 27 & 29 & December 1
Moana 2
Rated PG

Thank YOU for supporting YOUR Kingman Historic Theatre.



Advent Sermon Series: "What will you do when Jesus Comes to You?"

Dear friends, I hope this Thanksgiving Day finds you in good health and high spirits. I was deeply moved by the turnout at the Thanksgiving Community Service, which was held at our Community Centre.

It is always a truly inspiring sight to see us gathering together, putting aside our differences, and coming together as one community. This

sense of unity and shared purpose is what makes Cunningham such a resilient community, and it is a powerful reminder that each and every one of us has a vital role to play. As we move forward, let us strive to maintain this spirit of community and collective purpose, for together we are strong, and together we will accomplish great things.

Looking ahead, Advent is here, and the cold is settling in. I welcome you to my new sermon series, "What will you do when Jesus Comes to You?" Think of it this way: it's snowing and windy, and you're

seated in a recliner in a warm living room enjoying coffee. Then your door bell rings. What will go through your mind? You reach out to open the door, and it's three little kids telling you how cold it is in their home. Their parents can't afford to keep their home warm, and they can't stand the cold anymore.

What will your response be?

During this season and beyond, Jesus will come to us in various forms. While we may be busy decorating, shopping and eagerly waiting for Santa Claus to receive gifts, it's just as important for

us to find ways to care and share for those in the margins. Which begs the question, "What will you do When Jesus Comes to You?" For sure he is already knocking on the door! Will you be like the angel in Luke 2:11, "bringing [taking] the good news" to a neighbor, friend, relative, adversary etc. Indeed, Jesus is standing at the door, knocking not just to come in to dine and fellowship with us but also to teach us how to be better humans.

Desmond Tutu has told us "The gospel [good news] to the hungry is bread" and we can add

to that list- to the cold is warmth, to the lonely is company, to the thirsty is water, to the rejected is acceptance, to the homeless is a home... whatever this may mean in your context that's how Jesus is coming to you during this season and beyond!

You are welcome to join us beginning December 1, either at Penalosa UMC at 9:15 a.m. or at Cunningham UMC at 9:15 am.

Mathew Musyoki, Pastor at Cunningham and Penalosa UMC.



The Idiot's Guide

By Beth LaBuff
As dusk grew over Eagleton,
Jake wrangled with the traffic,
Weary of his function in
The business demographic.

At middle-age he pondered whether
Life might be much better
Distanced from the hoi polloi.
Then he received... THE LETTER.

With trepidation Jake unsealed
The business envelope
From the legal offices
Of Payne, McMann, and Shope.

The notice from within informed
That Uncle Will had passed.
He left Jake the Chevon* Ranch
And all that he'd amassed.

BUT ...Jake must live on Chevon
Ranch
Read the stipulation.
He must run and work the spread
To meet the annotation.

This could be my lucky break --
An exit from this rat-race.
Country life could be the thing
And Chevon Ranch -- the place.

To Jake's befuddlement, the ranch
With locale so remote,
Didn't come complete with cows,
But with a billy goat.

When life gives you lemons --
You make lemonade.
When gifted with a billy goat --
Life throws you a grenade.

From this responsibility
He would not abdicate.
He'd cast his heart, his soul, his lot
In Chevon Ranch estate.

He needed information -- fast
To keep this ranch afloat.
At the town's library he found
"Idiot's Guide to Goats"

Chapter Two -- Don't Turn Your
Back
Goats have been known to butt.
"BUTT" -- I'm SHOCKED they
used that word
This book is filled with smut.

Chapter Seven -- Shearing Goats
Goats must be shaved and sheared.
I'm sure that's probably because
The billy goats have beards.

Chapter Thirteen -- Breeding Goats
For this you need a nanny.
"A NANNY!" -- I don't have a child.
That's crazily uncanny!

Chapter Fifteen -- Raising Goats
... Then soon you'll have a kid.
"A KID!" -- I've yet to find a wife.
Oy vey!... Heaven forbid!

Epilogue
Jake persevered and prospered.
He soon increased his flock.
Met a gal, then married her,
Shhh! There's a NEW KID on the
block.

*chevon -- goat meat.

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

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

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?

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Thanksgiving Service



About sixty folks gathered Sunday evening at the Community Center for the community Thanksgiving service and feast. (photo by Kathy Albers)

Free Groceries at the Cunningham Methodist Church 2 to 5 p.m. on Tuesdays

Check the Blessing Box east of the Methodist Church. Anyone can give or take from the Blessing Box at any time.

Catholic Churches

Sacred Heart, Cunningham
Sunday 10:00 a.m.

St. John, Zenda
Saturday 5:30 p.m.

St. Leo
Saturday 4:00 p.m.

St. Peter Willowdale
Sunday 8:30 a.m.

Father Daryl Befort 316-706-1627 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.
Pastor Mathew Ndambuki Musyoki
Cunningham Worship 10:45 a.m.
620-298-2090



Zenda Methodist Church

Worship 9:00 a.m.
Sunday School: Children 8:30 a.m. Adults 10:00 a.m.

Pastor J L Nichols 620-243-6953



YEARS AGO IN

The Cunningham Clipper

W. A. Bradley / William Bradley

1949

November 28, 1949 - The Cunningham Wildcats dropped a double-header to the Isabel Indians, Tuesday evening, in the basketball season's opener for both teams. Cunningham's first team went down by a 36-30 score, and second-stringers lost their game by a 34-15 score. Members of the first team are James Gagnebin, Jack Watkins, Richard Wells, Dan Kincheloe, Billy Huffman, and Bob Urban. Second team players are Dany Bayer, Jerry Miller, Richard Hazlett, Melville Mefford, Jacke Meyers, and Larry Ball.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Albers announce the birth of a son, Saturday, November 19.

The Stark Grocery and Café are not firmly entrenched in the Ellis Building this week, when the grocery business was moved into its newly remodeled location just west of the café.

Rev. Don Jones, a student pastor from Phillips University at Enid, Okla., is the new minister of the local Christian Church.

Work has begun on the new farm home of Mr. and Mrs. Loren Cooley and daughters, being built on the site of the old Walnut Hill School, two and one-half miles northeast of town.

1954

November 25, 1954 - June Cooley, who attends school at the University of Kansas, spent the weekend visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Loren Cooley, and Johnna.

Mrs. Harold Schreck was notified this week that she had won third place in a recent contest sponsored by the Wichita Sewing Center. Contestants were to guess the correct number of dots in a piece of material. Mrs. Schreck was awarded a \$50.00 merchandise prize.

Cecil Sheldon received the final information last week relative to the large weather balloon he found on his farm east of town last August.

A letter from the Air Force Research Center at Cambridge, Mass., to Mr. Sheldon state the balloon was released the Knobnoster, Mo., Air Force Base on August 9. Observation of the flight by the attached instruments was continued until the flight terminated northeast of Cunningham, about fifty miles west of Cunningham. After that evidently the balloon drifted back this way until it landed on the Sheldon farm.

The Willowdale Oil Field is continuing to set a fantastic record for completions. During the past two weeks four more oil wells have been completed giving the field nineteen producers against one dry hole since the field was discovered this summer.

1959

November 26, 1959 - If you are over 75 years of age and a resident of the Cunningham community, you will be an honored guest at Cunningham's Santa Claus Day, Saturday afternoon, December 12, according to Program Director, Loren Cooley.

Among those from here attending a dinner and meeting of the Kansas Wheat Growers Association in Huchingson last Thursday evening were Mr. and Mrs. Roy Wetherall, Mr. and Mrs. Loren Cooley, Gene Tomes, and Albert Bortz of Cunningham., and Art Baker, Galen Barker, Carter Barker, and Richard Bergner of Cairo. Drew Pearson, noted columnist, was the guest speaker.

Moves during the past month include the Mrs. Rosa Becker family from the Harry Nossaman property to the Everett Hauser property in the west part of town; the Ivan Cain family from the Laverna Bradley property to their new home in the northwest part of town.

Cunningham and Preston High Schools were unanimously voted in as members of the Reno County League at a league meeting last Wednesday evening.

Other members of the league are Alden, Partridge, Sylvia, Arlington, Fairfield North (Plevna) and Fairfield South (Turon).

Cunningham and Partridge with enrollments over 100 students are the largest schools, Fairfield South as 83 students, Fairfield North 63 students, and the rest of the schools have about 60 students each.

Cunningham will not enter the league, athletically, until next year, but will participate in the forensic and music activities of the league during the rest of the year. All schools in the league play eight-man football.

1964

November 26, 1964 - Karen Coombs of Cunningham, and Lieut. Anthony E. Hartle of Fort Benning, Ga., were joined in marriage in a ceremony performed in the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Wilson of Cunningham, Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. Jack Vermillion entertained a group of little folks last Wednesday afternoon, honoring her son,

Greg, on his fifth birthday.

The group played games, and helped Greg open his many gifts, after which birthday cake and ice cream cones were served to Kim, Keva, and Kala Williamson, Mark Crick, Richard Cain, Scott Long, Cherri Mantooth, Ricky and Linda McNerlin, Rodney and Anita Peipmier, Darren Parker of Iuka, and Curtis and Steve Vermillion. Mothers attending were Mrs. Bob Long, Mrs. R. C. McNerlin, Mrs. Dean Mantooth, Mrs. Peipmeier, Mrs. Bill Parker of Iuka, and Mrs. John Vermillion.

Two Cunningham men, Clem Freund and Victor Renner, and a former resident, Hank Ownbey, who now lives at Grand Junction, Colo., were among the list of 36 jurors drawn for duty at the December term of District Court. Judge Charels Stewart of Kingma, is the presiding judge of the 24th Judicial District.



1969

November 27, 1969- A fire, of undetermined origin, completely destroyed a machine shed and equipment at the Allen Ridge farm, eight miles northeast of Cunningham, last Friday evening about 5:00 o'clock.

Burned in the fire was a combine, two tractors with almost new tires, and a wheat truck, together with numerous small farm implements, tires and lumber, and some gasoline.

Mr. Ridge was painfully burned on the arms and hands in attempting to remove some of the machinery before the fire destroyed the building.

Fitzsimmons-Webster Engagement Announced Mr. and Mrs. Paul FitzSimmons of Cunningham, announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Kathy, to Richard Webster, son of Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Webster of Langdon. Miss Fitzsimmons is a graduate of the 1969 Class of Cunningham High School. She is attending Sidney's Hairdressing College in Hutchinson.

Mr. Webster is employed by Kansas Oxygen Company in Hutchinson. They will be married at the Cairo United Methodist Church, December 27.

N-Z Vs. Lucas for State Championship The Nashville-Zenda Thunderbirds earned the right to the finals of the Kansas State Eight-man Football Championship with a smashing 32-14 victory over Ensign in a regional play-off game at the Kingman High School Stadium last Friday night.

Nashville-Zenda's rooters were chanting "We're No. 1" as they entered the stands Friday night; and were still chanting it when they left and will probably cant "We're No. 1" all the way to the Great Bend High School Stadium, Saturday afternoon, Nov. 29, where the Thunderbirds will meet the Lucas Demons for the state's eight-man football championship. Game time is 1:30 o'clock. N-Z struck quickly against the Ensign Wildcats, scoring on their first play following scrimmage following the opening kickoff. Quarterback Mark Danahy passed to End Randy Goetz on a play covering 52 yards. Eddie Vierthaler scored the twopoint conversion, and the Thunderbirds were out in front, 8-0. Ensign countered on Ronnie Herrman's 26-yard gallop to tie the score at 8-8. In the second quarter, N-Z lost the lead for the first time in a game this year, when Ensign Halfback Rod Figger picked up a Thunderbird fumble on his own 40-yard line and raced 60 yards for a Wildcat touchdown. N-Z grabbed the lead right back, however, as Danahy unloaded a 28-yard pass to Goetz in the end zone. Vierthaler scored the twopoint conversion, and the Thunderbirds led 16-14 at half-time.

A scoreless third quarter followed a fine halftime show presented by the Thunderbird bank, under the direction of Eddy Emerson, but the bruising play of the big, brawny Thunderbirds left their mark on Ensign during the final quarter.

N-Z broke the game open with five-yard scoring runs by Vierthaler and 215 lb. Steve Adelhardt. Vierthaler and Adelhardt also crunched over for the two two-point conversions.

The Thunderbird defense was superb during the game, led by Center Jim Hauser, Guards Steve Adelhardt, Bob Knowles, Wayne Schartz, Ends Randy Goetz and Linebacker Gary Goetz, aided by

capable substitutes Dennis Hageman, Steve Goetz, Leroy Blasi, and Terry Bohrer. The 14 points scored by Ensign matches the 14 scored by Sharon as the most points scored against N-Z in any of their nine games this year.

It has been said, "Offense can be taught, but defense is instinct." N-Z rooters believe that their instinct will prevail in their state championship game against Lucas, Saturday afternoon.

YEARS AGO IN

The Cunningham Clipper

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Editor: Rex Zimmerman

Reporter: Marie Ann Mantooth

1974

November 27, 1974 - The Cunningham High School Wildcats could add some surprises to the Great Golden Plains league basketball race this year when they open their season Friday, Dec. 6 at Sharon. The first home game for Cunningham will be Dec. 13 when they host the Skyline Thunderbirds.

Three lettermen, all juniors, are returning for second year head coach Dennis Stephan along with a group of seniors that should give the squad good size and experience in the starting five.

Lettermen returning from last year's team that finished 3-6 in league play and 8-11 overall are Greg DeWeese, Scott Elliot, and Kris Osborn. Other players expected to see a lot of action are Frank Jarmer, Gary Vierthaler, John Steffen and Kirk Huhman.

Zenda News: Mr. and Mrs. Don Green, Sam and Molly and Mrs. Leona Lattimore spent the weekend in Garden City. They visited Mrs. Pauline McVicker.

Mrs. Dorotha Moscript and Mrs. Mary Leslie Spent Sunday afternoon in Arkansas City visiting Mr. and Mrs. Jim Moscript.

Mrs. Lois Becker hosted a birthday party for her daughter, Vickie, for her 6th birthday last Friday afternoon.

Those attending were the birthday honoree, Vickie Becker, Gwen Spade, Heather Strohl, Dana Murphy, Andi Graves, Dawn Alley, Donice Kitson, Beverly Thimesch, Heather Murphy, and Cindy Becker.

YEARS AGO IN

The Cunningham Clipper

Publisher: Charles G. Barnes

Editor: Scott Newton

Reporter: Florine Kampling

1979

November 29, 1979 - the Cunningham Grade and High Schools were privilege to attend a concert given by the Kansas Brass Quintet on Wednesday morning Nov. 21 in the High School Auditorium. The musicians were composed of faculty members from the department of Music Performance of the University of Kansas and featured two trumpets, a trombone, a French horn, and a tuba. The program was part of the lyceums sponsored by Pratt Community College.

The Cunningham 4-H Club met Monday, November 19, 1979, at 7:30 p.m. in the high school study hall. The club decided to have a float in the Christmas Parade. The committee appointed by the president is: Heather Strohl, Jennifer Albers, Debbie Mills, Linda Sterneker, and Dana Murphy.

A discussion was held about having a skating party sometime in January or February. The committee to arrange the party is: Michelle Albers, Vickie Becker, and Tamara Wiesender.

Any veteran's wife who would like to help with the dinner the ladies of the American Legion Auxiliary is preparing for Santa Claus Day would be greatly appreciated.

1984

November 29, 1984 - Helen Long and Jane Meyers presented a list of members for the library board for the (city) council's approval. The members are Walter Rosenbaum, Mary Oller, Linda Kerschen, Lois Becker, Jane Meyers, Judy Almond, and Anna Dafforn; with Jean Washburn as Librarian.

The Cunningham Grocery Wheel of Fortune continues to spin with last week's winner going Imogene Page with ten dollars, Ada Rose, ten dollars, and Mary Ann Ruckle who didn't get into the store to spin. Elizabeth Sheldon this week hit the \$5 slot, Maxine Milsap, \$20 and June Park \$15. The next spinners whose names are drawn will be going for \$325 cash.

Mary Leiter Swick, daughter of the late Rufus and Pauline Allbritten Leiter of Cunningham, received her juris doctorate (summa cum laude) from Creighton University School of Law in May 1984, and has been licensed to practiced law in the state of Nebraska.

Cunningham was well represented on a recent tour to Hawaii. On October 31, these four Cunningham ladies, Rosalyn Thome, Angela Timmons, Rose Spade, Josephine Albers, Marguerite Murphy, and Evelyn FitzSimmons along with Marie Freund from St. Leo and Dorothy Spencer from Wichita, joined a group of fourth mor to fly to Honolulu. This was a seven-hour flight; the difference in time is four hours. When it is noon here it Kansas, it is eight in Hawaii.

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JH Lady Cats defeat Argonia

On Monday, November 18, 2024, the JH Lady Wildcats played host to the Argonia JH Indians and came away with two wins. In the A-team game the Lady Cats used a strong defensive effort to take a 17-2 lead after the first two quarters. The defense would continue to hold Argonia down in the second half as the Lady Cats would cruise to a 32-4 win to improve to 2-0 on the young season. Scoring for the Lady Cats A-team: Carly McGuire 7, Vaughn Preisser 2, Sage Thimesch 4, Alyssa Osner 2, Leah Rogers 15, AnnMarie Kerschen 2. The B-team Lady Cats also dominated their game, defeating the Indians 35-7. Scoring for the Lady Cats B-team: Lux Thimesch 4, Vaughn Preisser 7, Mackley Glenn 5, Leah Rogers 12, AnnMarie Kerschen 7. -Coach Bart Ricke



Lux Thimesch



Sage Thimesch



Katie Ogg



Carly McGuire

Molly Morgan photos

USD 332 Staff Spotlight:
Megan Osner,
**Mental Health Liaison/
Social Worker**

STAFF SPOTLIGHT *Megan Osner*

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ABOUT ME

experience: 10 years, 6 in Cunningham

family: Jason, Zach, Tyler, Alyssa

pets: Ducks, chickens, 3 dogs and way too many cats!

hobbies: Gardening

FAVORITES

food: Filet, twice baked potato with a dinner salad and chocolate sheet cake for dessert

place: Door County, Wisconsin

book: The Fellowship of the Ring

subject: History

Wildcats Outscore Raiders

The Argonia Raiders came to town on November 18 to test the junior high Wildcats in game two of the 24-25 basketball season. The Cats started out with a decent first quarter and held a 3 point lead as the quarter came to a close. The second quarter was all about defense as neither team scored much, but Cunningham played well enough to increase their lead by a point, and took a 12-8 lead into halftime break. In the third quarter the Cats held the Raiders to one

3-point basket and scored 6 points to lengthen the gap. The fourth quarter of the game was more of the same where the Cats outscored the visitors. All in all, the Wildcats outscored their opponent each quarter, but still did most of their damage on defense. On offense, turnovers and missed shots glared as items to improve on as the season progresses. Team defense and rebounding negated both enough to get the win. The goal is to keep the defense and rebounds coming at a

high level and bring the offense along. The Cats are working on chemistry as well, after graduating a big eighth grade class last year, which should minimize turnovers.

Liam led the team in rebounds with 8. Landon Green picked up 5. JP and Carson chipped in 4 a piece. Liam led the team in steals with 3. Carson and Landon both had 2. Liam led with 4 assists.

-Coach McGuire-



Wildcat Scorers

Liam McGuire	12
John Paul Kerschen	6
Carson Strohl	4
Landon Green	2

Score	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Final
Cunningham	8	4	6	6	24
Argonia	5	3	3	4	15



John Paul Kerschen

Molly Morgan photos

"From the beginning, I wanted to be the best. I had a constant craving, a yearning, to improve and be the best. I never needed any external forces to motivate me."

— Kobe Bryant, *The Mamba Mentality: How I Play*

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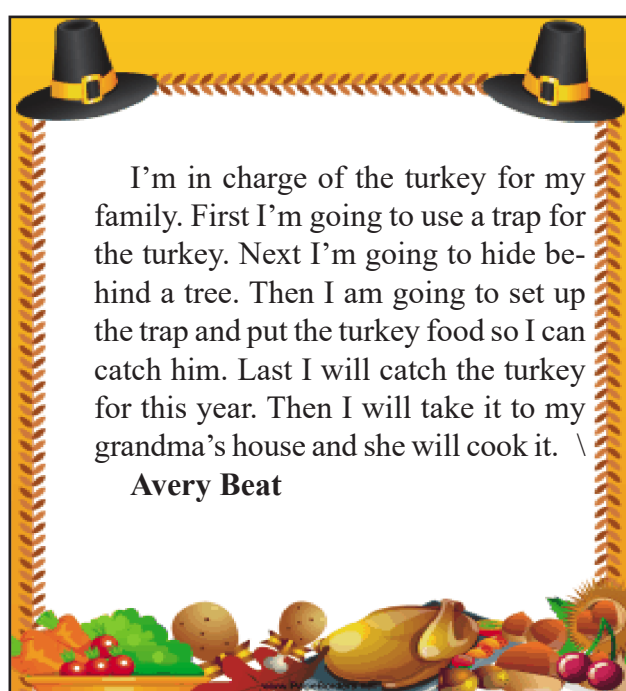
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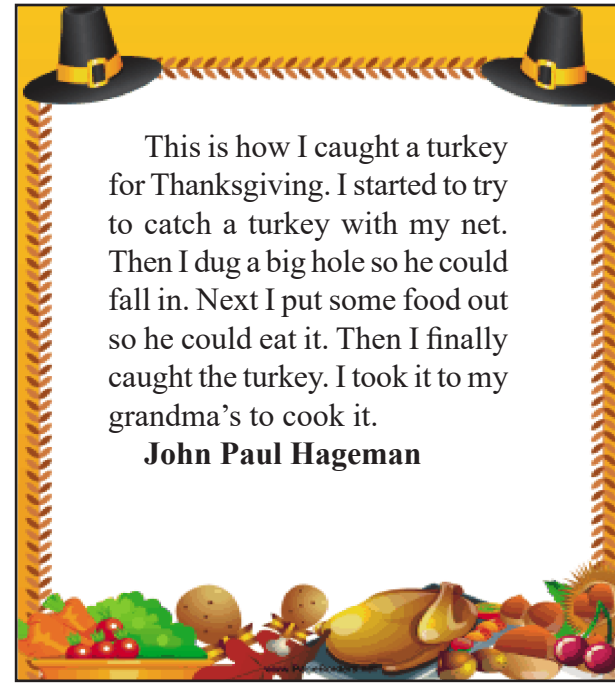
I'm in charge of the turkey for my family. First I'm going to use a trap for the turkey. Next I'm going to hide behind a tree. Then I am going to set up the trap and put the turkey food so I can catch him. Last I will catch the turkey for this year. Then I will take it to my grandma's house and she will cook it.

Avery Beat



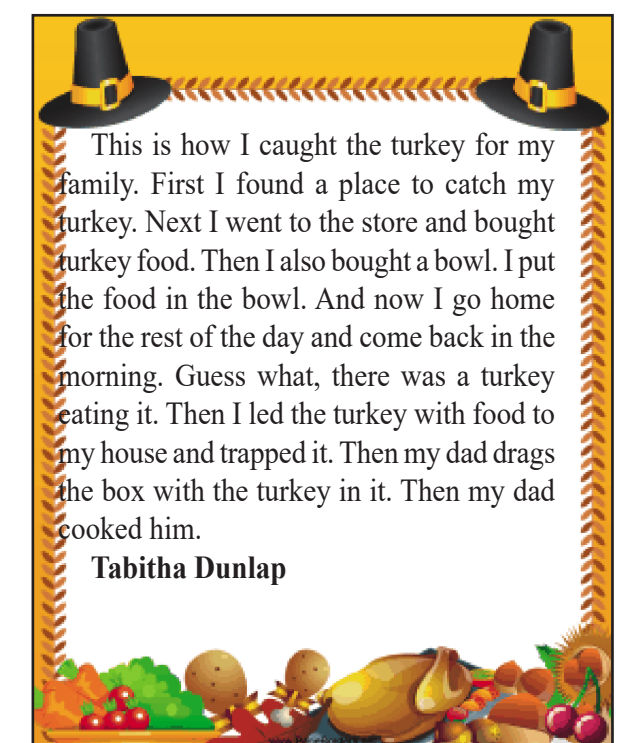
I have to catch a turkey this year for my family with a foodplot. First get a tractor and a planter. Once the plants tall enough I hide in it. Then I put a net on the turkey and put it in the truck. Then I take it go grandma's house.

Jarrett Ford



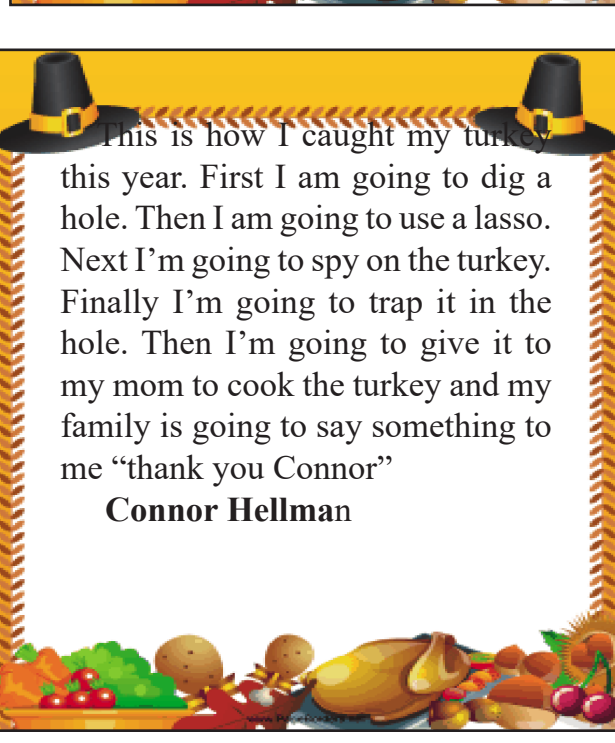
This is how I caught a turkey for Thanksgiving. I started to try to catch a turkey with my net. Then I dug a big hole so he could fall in. Next I put some food out so he could eat it. Then I finally caught the turkey. I took it to my grandma's to cook it.

John Paul Hageman



This is how I caught the turkey for my family. First I found a place to catch my turkey. Next I went to the store and bought turkey food. Then I also bought a bowl. I put the food in the bowl. And now I go home for the rest of the day and come back in the morning. Guess what, there was a turkey eating it. Then I led the turkey with food to my house and trapped it. Then my dad drags the box with the turkey in it. Then my dad cooked him.

Tabitha Dunlap



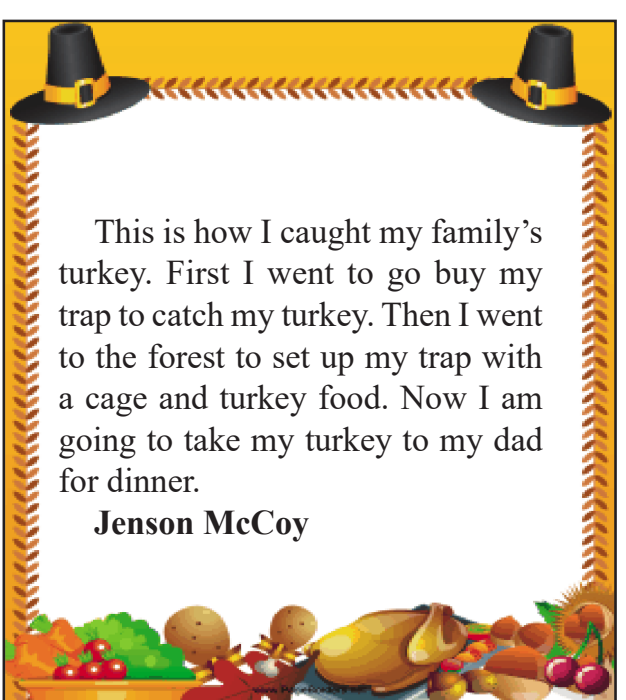
This is how I caught my turkey this year. First I am going to dig a hole. Then I am going to use a lasso. Next I'm going to spy on the turkey. Finally I'm going to trap it in the hole. Then I'm going to give it to my mom to cook the turkey and my family is going to say something to me "thank you Connor"

Connor Hellman



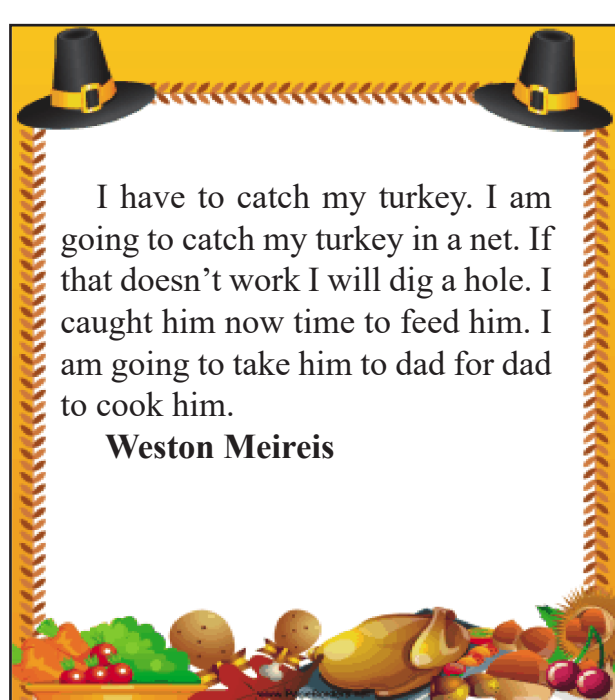
I'm in charge of catching the family turkey. I am going to use a net to catch the turkey. I'm going to buy a net to catch a turkey. Then I'm going to hide behind a bush with my net. Then I'm going to catch him. I'm going to take it to grandma's house. My grandma will cook it.

Kaisleigh Johnson



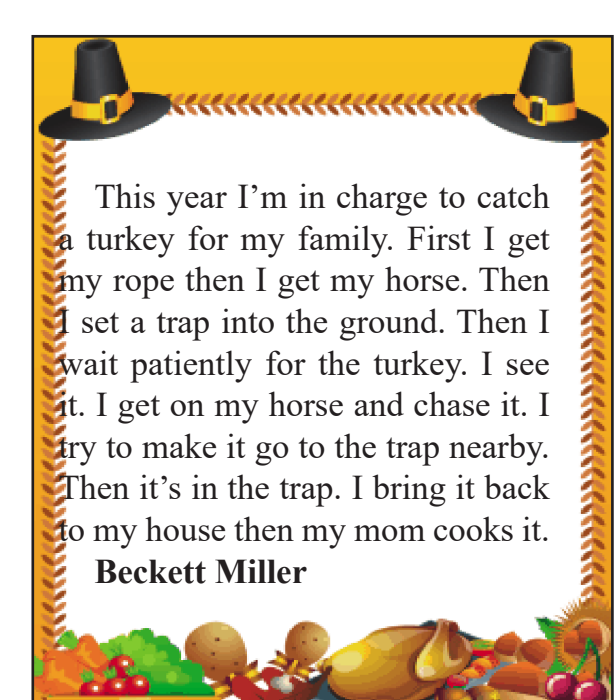
This is how I caught my family's turkey. First I went to go buy my trap to catch my turkey. Then I went to the forest to set up my trap with a cage and turkey food. Now I am going to take my turkey to my dad for dinner.

Jenson McCoy



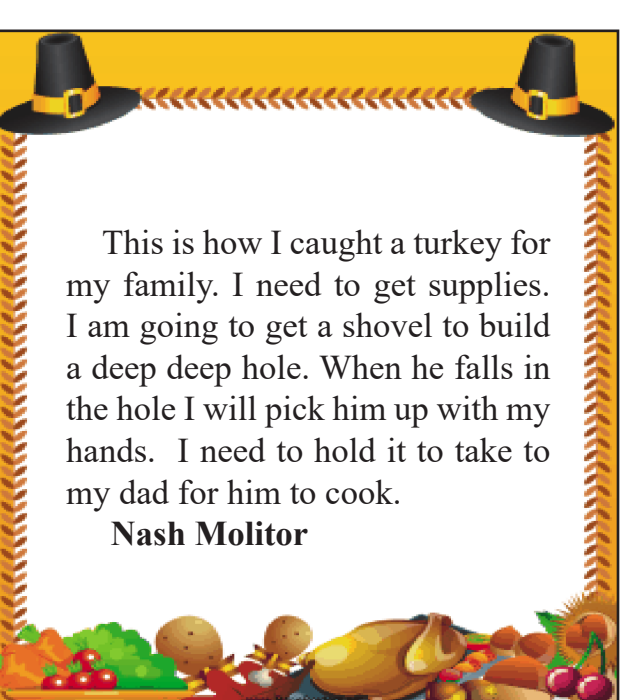
I have to catch my turkey. I am going to catch my turkey in a net. If that doesn't work I will dig a hole. I caught him now time to feed him. I am going to take him to dad for dad to cook him.

Weston Meireis



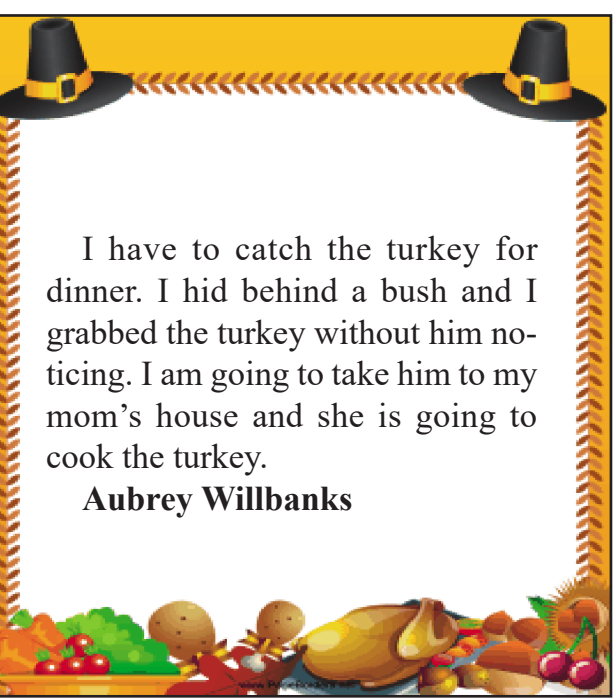
This year I'm in charge to catch a turkey for my family. First I get my rope then I get my horse. Then I set a trap into the ground. Then I wait patiently for the turkey. I see it. I get on my horse and chase it. I try to make it go to the trap nearby. Then it's in the trap. I bring it back to my house then my mom cooks it.

Beckett Miller



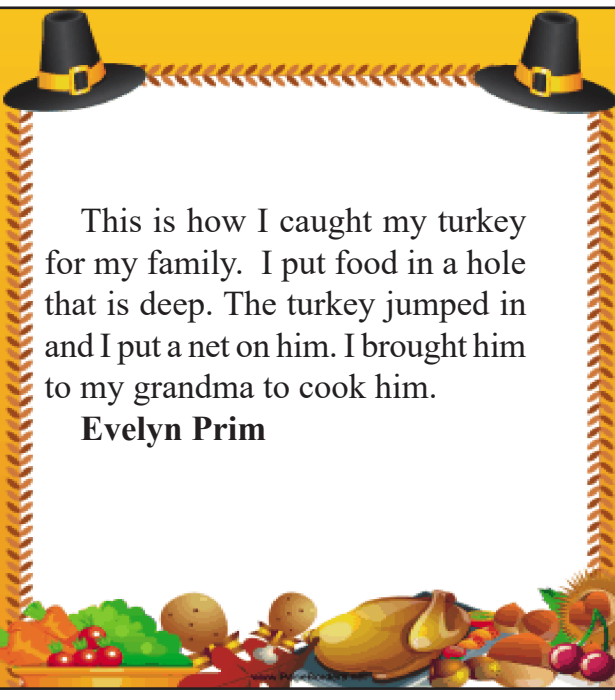
This is how I caught a turkey for my family. I need to get supplies. I am going to get a shovel to build a deep deep hole. When he falls in the hole I will pick him up with my hands. I need to hold it to take to my dad for him to cook.

Nash Molitor



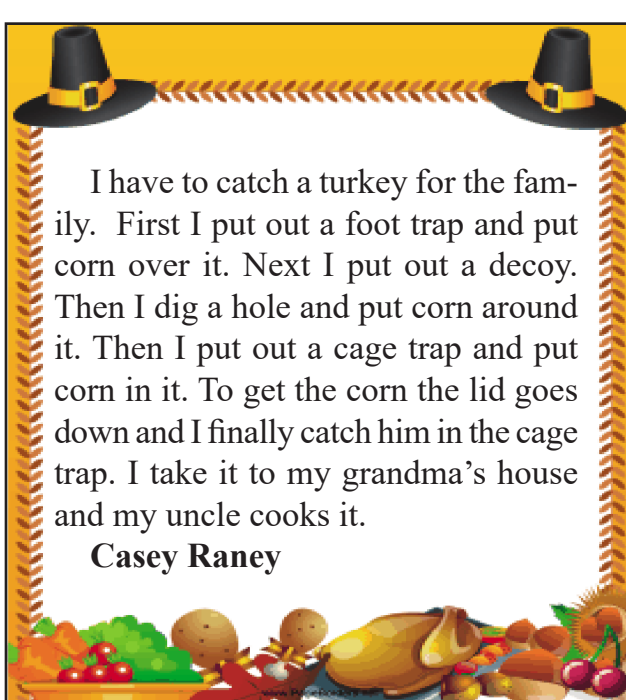
I have to catch the turkey for dinner. I hid behind a bush and I grabbed the turkey without him noticing. I am going to take him to my mom's house and she is going to cook the turkey.

Aubrey Willbanks



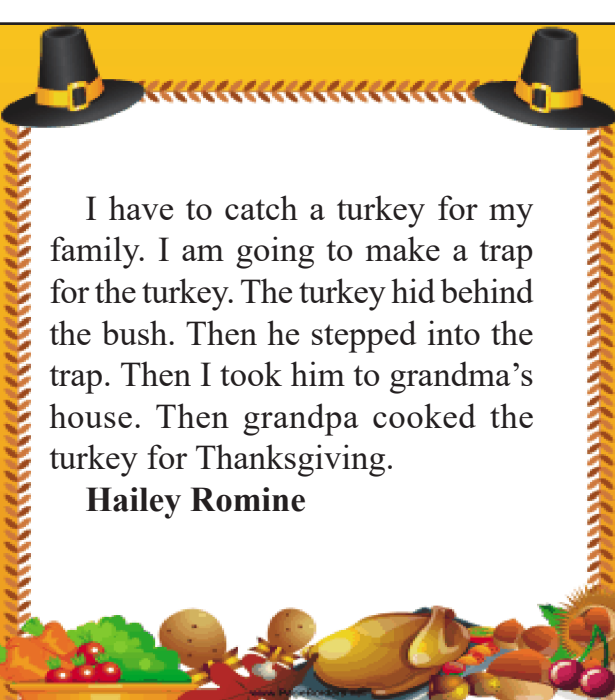
This is how I caught my turkey for my family. I put food in a hole that is deep. The turkey jumped in and I put a net on him. I brought him to my grandma to cook him.

Evelyn Prim



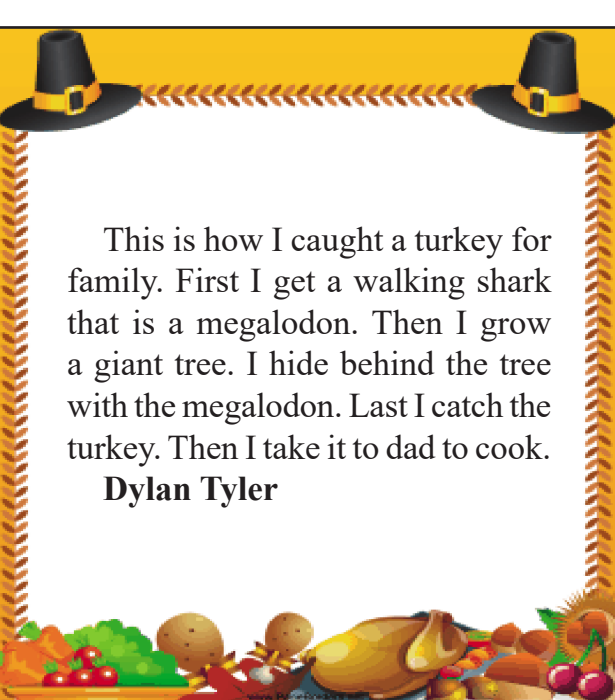
I have to catch a turkey for the family. First I put out a foot trap and put corn over it. Next I put out a decoy. Then I dig a hole and put corn around it. Then I put out a cage trap and put corn in it. To get the corn the lid goes down and I finally catch him in the cage trap. I take it to my grandma's house and my uncle cooks it.

Casey Raney



I have to catch a turkey for my family. I am going to make a trap for the turkey. The turkey hid behind the bush. Then he stepped into the trap. Then I took him to grandma's house. Then grandpa cooked the turkey for Thanksgiving.

Hailey Romine



This is how I caught a turkey for family. First I get a walking shark that is a megalodon. Then I grow a giant tree. I hide behind the tree with the megalodon. Last I catch the turkey. Then I take it to dad to cook.

Dylan Tyler

Kingman County Sheriff's Report



Sunday, November 17

Traffic Stops 1
 Non-Injury Accident SE 150 Ave & E Hwy 2, Norwich
 Follow Up 1900 Blk E Hwy 54, Kingman
 Miscellaneous 120 N Spruce St, Kingman
 Suspicious Activity 16000 Blk W Hwy 42, Nashville
 Traffic Complaint 215 E 1st Ave, Norwich
 Animal Complaint 7000 W Hwy 54, Kingman
 Suspicious Vehicle 200 Blk N Lincoln St, Cunningham
 Miscellaneous 120 N Spruce St, Kingman

Monday, November 18

Traffic Stop 1
 Animal Complaint SW 80 Ave & W Hwy 42, Zenda
 Animal Complaint 1400 Blk E Hwy 54, Kingman
 Transport Prisoner / Court 130 N Spruce St, Kingman
 Traffic Complaint 12000 Blk E Hwy 54, Cheney
 Animal Complaint SW 80 Ave & W Hwy 42, Zenda
 Follow Up 120 N Spruce St, Kingman
 Miscellaneous 4700 Blk SE 150 Ave, Cheney
 Suspicious Person E Hwy 54 & N Hwy 14, Kingman
 Non-Injury Accident 1200 Blk E Hwy 54, Kingman
 Suspicious Activity 200 Blk E H Ave, Kingman

Tuesday, November 19

Transport Prisoner 120 N Spruce St, Kingman
 Animal Complaint SW 80 Ave & W Hwy 42, Zenda
 Traffic Complaint 9000 Blk E Hwy 54, Murdock
 Theft 100 Blk E 3rd St, Cunningham
 Disabled Vehicle 10000 Blk E Hwy 54, Murdock
 Traffic Complaint NE 40 St & N Hwy 14, Pretty Prairie
 Trespassing 1100 Blk N Coronado St, Kingman
 911 Accidental Dial 3700 Blk N Hwy 14, Murdock

Wednesday, November 20

Traffic Stops 3
 Animal Complaint SW 80 Ave & W Hwy 42, Zenda

Suspicious Vehicle 2900 Blk E Bluff St, Kingman
 Transport Prisoner / Court 130 N Spruce St, Kingman
 Agency Assist NE 20 St & N Hwy 14, Murdock
 Transport Prisoner / Reno Co 120 N Spruce St, Kingman
 Traffic Complaint N Main St & NE 20 St, Kingman
 Traffic Complaint 700 Blk W D Ave, Kingman

Thursday, November 21

Traffic Stops 2
 Civil Paper Service 5
 Non-Injury Accident 5000 Blk W Hwy 54, Kingman
 Transport Prisoner 120 N Spruce St, Kingman
 Animal Complaint 700 Blk W A Ave, Kingman
 Damage to Property 62 SE 150 Ave, Cheney
 Suspicious Person 600 Blk W D Ave, Kingman

Friday, November 22

Traffic Stops 22
 Non-Injury Accident SW 170 Ave & SW 30 St, Nashville
 Abandoned Vehicle 400 Blk E D Ave, Kingman
 Fraud 11000 Blk SE 140 ST, Norwich
 Abandoned Vehicle 3200 Blk E Hwy 54, Kingman
 Traffic Complaint 5000 Blk E Hwy 54, Kingman
 Traffic Complaint 900 Blk N Coronado St, Kingman
 Traffic Complaint 18000 Blk W Hwy 54, Cunningham

Saturday, November 23

Traffic Stop 8
 Civil Paper Service 6
 Medical E Hwy 42 & S Hwy 14, Rago
 Traffic Complaint NE 20 St & N Hwy 14, Murdock
 Traffic Complaint N Hwy 11 & W D Ave, Kingman
 Traffic Complaint NW 110 Ave & W Hwy 54, Cunningham
 Check Tag NW 170 Ave & W Hwy 54, Cunningham
 Disturbance 300 Blk E B Ave, Kingman
 Miscellaneous 500 Blk N Chariton St, Kingman
 Trespassing 500 Blk W G Ave, Kingman
 Medical 8700 Blk SE 100 St, Kingman



A Feast of Thanks

Glenn Brunkow, Pottawatomie County farmer and rancher

We are on the eve of Thanksgiving and one of the most iconic meals of the year. Who does not crave the turkey, dressing, mashed potatoes, rolls, cranberries, pumpkin pie, etc. I know my plan is to fall asleep in front of the TV in a turkey induced food coma.

The American Farm Bureau Federation has come out with its annual comparison of the cost of a traditional dinner for 10 and the price has fallen for the second year in a row. The cost is \$58.08, or \$5.80 per person. This is a reduction of 5 percent from 2023 and down from \$64.05 in 2022.

I do not know if anyone else finds this interesting — maybe it is just

my ag econ degree talking — but I like comparing one year to the next. I saw one commentator who disputed whether Thanksgiving dinner could be purchased at that price, but I really think that is irrelevant. The fact is one of the things we must be thankful for is living in a country where we have an affordable, abundant food supply.

I also like to think that Thanksgiving is a time when we should celebrate agriculture and all that we, as an industry, do to make the United States the greatest nation in the world. The foundation of any stable nation is a stable food supply. It is really hard to accomplish great things on an empty stomach.

I know we all take the food choices we have for granted. This past week I went to the grocery store to buy our Thanksgiving turkey, and I was met with a wide selection of brands and weights of turkeys. Driving down

the street I saw restaurant signs offering to prepare the bird. The possibilities presented on the aisles of our grocery stores are endless. Consider the fact that you do not even have to go to the grocery store to buy food and you start to get the idea.

Most of us do not have to worry about where our next meal is coming from, we just must figure out what we want to eat. That is where those of us in agriculture come in. Without the incredible network of farmers and ranchers this safe, abundant food supply is not possible.

We are so good at what we do that most of our consumers take it for granted, and maybe that is why I find the annual comparison from the American Farm Bureau so fascinating. Most of us will go to the grocery store, pick up the necessary items and never give a thought to the cost or how they got on the shelves. We are good at

what we do, but we are not good at tooting our own horn.

Without our incredible production it is not possible to serve a feast to 10 people for less than \$60, and that is something the rest of the world is in awe of. So, this Thanksgiving, stop and take a minute to be proud of being part of what feeds the United States, we are really good at what we do. That is something to be thankful for.

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News Breaks: One-liners by Charles Keller

The two fruit companies merged. They say they make a perfect pair.

The price of duck feathers has increased and now even down is up.

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- Semi
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- Keiko of "Free Willy"
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- Audience's approval
- Tandoori bread
- Ned Stark's daughter, "Game of Thrones"
- Röntgen beams
- *Warning track sport
- Monetary "thank you," pl.
- Indigo dye shrubs
- "Arabian Nights" bird
- Destroyer
- Danced to certain Polish music
- Crematorium container
- One without magic powers in Harry Potter stories
- Largest volcano in Europe
- Do nothing (2 words)
- Singer Yoko
- Be at the helm
- Tropical tuber
- *Player who delivers in a crucial sports moment
- Recipe qty.
- Display proudly (2 words)
- Smells
- Lake, in France
- Clean a spill (2 words)
- #8 Across, pl.
- *Cornerback and direct snap sport
- Russian pancake
- Pasta option
- Go cold turkey

- *Reward for multiple sports championships, pl.
- "Breaking Bad" victim
- The Beehive State
- King Kong, e.g.
- Type of lightbulb, acr.
- Spooky

DOWN

- Boatload
- Riyadh native
- *Collegiate sports grp.
- Topeka native
- Not urban
- Short poems of pastoral life
- *Hockey score
- *Powerful shot in hockey
- 11th letter of Roman alphabet, pl.
- Elvis' "___ Now or Never"
- White and black stork
- Glorify
- *Gully and deep mid wicket sport
- Foe
- Fish eggs
- Corrodes
- Heap of "David Copperfield"
- Preface
- Scheme
- Mr. T's TV show "The ___"
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- *Eagle and mulligan sport
- African migrator
- *Turkey and split sport

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Minutes from the Pratt County Canvassers' Session

The Pratt County commissioners met in special session Monday, November 18, 2024 at 9:00 a.m. in the commissioner room, 1st floor of the courthouse to canvass the November 5, 2024 general election. The following members were present: Thomas W. Jones III, Rick Shriver, Dwight Adams, Lori Voss, county clerk, Cescha Hoffman, deputy clerk and Mark Graber, IT director.

The total number of provisionals was twenty-six. Eighteen did not count after researching following state statute. Eight were determined to be counted and tallied. The totals for affected wards and townships were read and verified. There is a four way tie between Sherry Armstrong, Patsy Aubley, Matthew Flora and Abram Peters for Township 11 treasurer. A name was randomly selected. Matthew Flora was selected. He will be notified.

Commissioner Jones made a motion to adjourn at 9:28 am. Commissioner Adams seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Minutes from the Pratt County Commission

The Pratt County commissioners met in

regular session Monday, November 18, 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 consultant, reported she will make a motion next week to close out the ARPA funds to reimburse for payroll. She talked to Mike Vanrankin, Sawyer mayor on the status of Sawyer project, no response back on the RFP's. The Department of Commerce has a business interested in an airport accessible area. She got with Gina at city of Pratt on aviation infrastructure. Economic indicator projected for inflation to decrease everything else to stay the same. The drought conditions could affect a number of things along with the aviation turbulence in Wichita. The state could spend more money than they will receive. Unemployment is going up across the state. She met with the new owners of Woody's and is assisting them with the HEEL grant. KDOT is discussing how projects are scored. This would impact how decisions are made going forward. PDAC met last week. They reviewed the housing study. WSU FHSU, and vendors that did the state wide housing survey, will get started

right away. They will be looking at all small communities and the city of Pratt and Pratt County as a whole. PDAC reported the business that is north of the tracks has created 6 of the 9 jobs they said they would.

Commissioner Adams made a motion to approve the abstract of votes cast for the November 5, 2024 general election. Commissioner Jones seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Adams made a motion to approve the minutes from November 12, 2024 and the canvass minutes from November 18, 2024. Commissioner Jones seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Adams made a motion to approve hiring Charles Thimesch for the road department at \$17.00 per hour. Commissioner Jones seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Tammy Smith CEO and Alan Waites CFO, PRMC, gave an update on new recruitments. She stated the contract worker numbers are going down. She reported Dr. Pribil is retiring.

They discussed the PRRC building lease agreement. They don't have anything to go into the building at this time, so would not want a lease agreement at this time. Tyson stated he would have to contact bond counsel if it needs to be put back into the deed.

They also gave the financial update through 10-31-24. They are very pleased with the

financials at this time. Commissioner Adams asked an insurance question about an ER visit and billing. Tyson stated there was a deed executed from the PBC so he thinks there will need to be a deed reversing it back.

Billy Hampton, fire/rescue, reported the ladder truck is still at B & B Hydraulics. Rescue 2 is back from Morgan Diesel after repairing oil leaks. He has an outside handle and door key pad on one of the overhead doors on the fire/rescue side that needs to be replaced. He has an estimate from Abba's Lock Service LLC for \$2,890.06. Commissioner Adams made a motion to approve the purchase of the handle and door key pad from Abba's Lock Services LLC for \$2,890.06. Commissioner Jones seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

BJ Hayes, EM/zoning, reported he has talked to Scot Loyd, accountant about the purchase of the 2024 Tahoe. He said the funds could be transferred from EMS to EM special equipment for the price of the 2016 truck EM has now. Commissioner Jones made a motion to purchase the 2024 Tahoe from superior emergency response vehicles for \$66,275.34. Money will be transferred from Ems to Em for the 2016 truck. Commissioner Adams seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

DJ McMurry, appraiser, presented a new hire slip for Caden Carmack. Commissioner Jones

made a motion to hire Caden Carmack at \$15.00 per hour for the appraiser's office. Commissioner Adams seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Jones made a motion to recess into executive session for ten minutes at 2:38 p.m. for nonelected personnel. Commissioner Adams seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Jones made a motion to return from executive session at 2:40 p.m. with no

action taken. Commissioner Adams seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. Commissioner Jones made a motion to recess into executive session at 2:40 p.m. for ten minutes for an attorney/client matter concerning the appraiser's office. Commissioner Adams seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. Commissioner Jones made a motion to return at 2:51 p.m. with no action taken. Commissioner Adams seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Jones made a motion to recess into executive session at 2:51 p.m. for ten minutes to discuss attorney/client matter concerning the appraiser's office. Commissioner Adams seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. Commissioner Jones made a motion to return from executive session at 2:58 p.m. with no action taken. Commissioner Adams seconded.

Commissioner Adams made a motion to approve moving Diana Orona

to deputy appraiser at \$23.00 per hour. Commissioner Jones seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Chairman Shriver stated he had heard back about the disposal pond at the PSB. They want to split the pond in half and any overflow would go into the other half. He will forward the email to the other commissioners to look over. Tyson suggested Kirkham Michael come out and visit with the commissioners on this project. The cost is around \$40,119. He brought up the claim at the LEC concerning the lightning strike. There has not been a claim filed yet. He will contact Nate Humble.

Chairman Shriver asked about giving employees chamber bucks. Commissioner Jones made a motion to give the employees \$250 in chamber bucks to be paid out of the Treasurer special fund. Commissioner Adams seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Adams made a motion to approve the payment vouchers for November 18, 2024. Commissioner Jones seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Jones made a motion to adjourn at 3:08 pm. Commissioner Adams seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.



Minutes from the Kingman County Commissioners Meeting

(Continued from front page)

vidual employee's performance pursuant to the exception under the Kansas Open Meetings Act, and they will return to open session in the Board Meeting room at 10:27 a.m. Chairman Henning seconded the

motion. The motion was passed upon the majority vote of 2-0.

Commissioners returned to regular session at 10:27 a.m. with no decision made.

LaDawn Stegman, Financial Officer was in to go over October Financials.

MOTION: Commissioner Elpers moved to recess the Commission meeting at 11:15 a.m. Chairman Henning seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon a majority vote of 2-0.

Commissioner Thimesch was absent.

Chairman Henning called the meeting to order at 11:16 a.m.

Amber Hartley, Appraiser was in to discuss and NRP question she received.

NRP projects are set with how a property is taxed.

Carol Noblit, County Clerk submitted the November 12, 2024, County Board of Canvassers and Commission meeting minutes for approval.

MOTION: Commissioner Elpers moved to approve November 12, 2024, Commission meeting minutes. Chairman Henning seconded the motion. The motion was approved with a majority vote of 2-0. Commissioner Thimesch was absent.

MOTION: Commissioner Elpers moved to approve November 12, 2024, Board of Canvassers meeting minutes. Chairman Henning seconded the motion. The motion was approved

with a majority vote of 2-0. Commissioner Thimesch was absent.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Commissioner Elpers moved to go into executive session to discuss pending administrative proceedings at 11:44 a.m. with Brandon Ritcha, County Counselor pursuant to the exception under the Kansas Open Meetings Act, and they will return to open session in the Board meeting room at 12:00 p.m. Chairman Henning seconded the motion. The

motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of 2-0. Commissioners returned to regular session at 10:30 a.m. with no decision made.

MOTION: Commissioner Elpers moved to adjourn the regular board meeting at 12:02 p.m. Chairman Henning seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon a majority vote of 2-0. Commissioner Thimesch was absent.



First Graders are Thankful

I am glad because I have a family, water to drink and friends.
Romina Aguayo

I am thankful for friends, family, and Missy and Jesus.
Trey Albers

I am thankful for my brother, turkey, and family.
Kainen Barber

I am thankful for friends, mom, and dad.
Chevy Cluchey

I am thankful for I love my family, I love my Cassie, and my favorite food is hamburger helper.
Tucker Henning

I am thankful for family, friends, and animals.
Aspen Hildreth

I am thankful to play with my friends and to play with other people, and play outside.
Carsyn Johnson

I am thankful for my family, spaghetti, and for my baby brother.
Max Kernohan

I am thankful for my family and Christmas and veterans.
Briar McClain

I like my dog because he likes me when people are in my house, and my cats and my mom.
Austin Mendenhall

I am thankful for my God, animals, and the world.
Mason Osner

I am thankful for my family, Lady, and Trey.
Jett Preisser



I am thankful for family, friends, and the food.
Kimber Rohlman

I am thankful for friends, family, and cousins.
Emma Ruckle

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Kate Thimesch

I am thankful for family, friends, and food.
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IN THE THIRTIETH JUDICIAL DISTRICT
DISTRICT COURT OF KINGMAN COUNTY, KANSAS
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF:
GARY D. SHEAHAN, Deceased.
CASE NO. KM-2024-PR-48
(Pursuant to K.S.A. Chapter 59)
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THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:
You are hereby notified that on November 14, 2024, a Petition for Issuance of Letters of Administration was filed in this Court by Kayla D. Sheahan.
You are required to file your written defenses thereto on or before December 10, 2024, at 10:00 o'clock a.m. in the District Court, Kingman County, Kansas, at which time and place the cause will be heard. Should you fail therein, judgment and decree will be entered in due course upon the petition.
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Al Schoen

Al Schoen, 81, passed away Wednesday, November 20, 2024, at his home in Shawnee, Kansas. He was born on December 24, 1942, in Holton, Kansas to Eldon and Lucille (Emmot) Schoen. Al married Carolyn Elisabeth (Meats) Schoen on December 27, 1965, at First United Methodist Church in Beloit, Kansas. They were married for 55 years.



Al graduated from Beloit High School (Kansas) and earned his Bachelors & Master's Degree in Education from Fort Hays State University. He served in the United States Army National Guard for 6 years. He started his education career in Ellis, Kansas before coming to Pratt USD 382 to work as a teacher and coach for the Greenbacks. Upon retirement, Al continued instructing driving classes for AARP. He enjoyed playing golf, pool, and ping pong. He also enjoyed gardening and watching any sport, especially his Grandkids, K-State, Royals and Chiefs. He enjoyed many summers relaxing at Table Rock Lake.

He is survived by his children, Spence and wife Joan of Kansas City, Missouri, Lance Schoen of Lenexa, Kansas, Shelli Gill and husband Mike of Baytown, Texas; grandchildren, Jacob Schoen of Manhattan, Kansas, Jaxon Schoen of Lenexa, Kansas, and Andrew Gill of Baytown, Texas; sister, Rose Smith of Holton, Kansas, brother-in-law, Bob Meats of Beloit, Kansas, and daughter-in-law, Becca Schoen of Lenexa, Kansas.

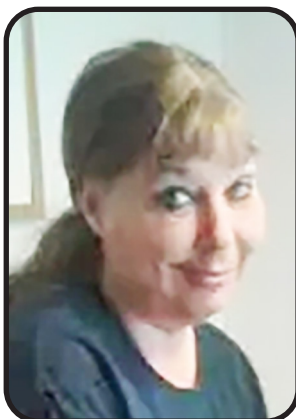
Al is preceded in death by his parents; wife, Carolyn; brother, Gary; and sister-in-law, Vicki Meats.

Cremation has taken place. Memorial Service with military honors was held Tuesday, November 26, 2024, at Larrison Mortuary, Pratt, Kansas with John Hamm presiding.

Memorials may be made to Lemon Park Lights or PHS Greenback Athletics in care of Larrison Mortuary.

Debbie Conrad

Debbie Conrad, 57, passed away Tuesday, November 19, 2024 at her home. She was born on August 12, 1967 in Minden, Nebraska to Doyle Wayne and Carol Irene (Gordon) Conrad.



Debbie graduated from Hanston High School in 1997. She worked as a housekeeper for Holiday Inn. She enjoyed doing jigsaw puzzles, playing Yahtzee and Rummy.

She is survived by her daughters, Rachele Frost of Wichita and Shanda (Andrew) McCrary of Larned; parents, Doyle and Carol Conrad of Pratt; grandchildren, Christian Frost, Aidan Frost, Ella Frost, Matthew Miller, Kaydence Halling, Syllas McCrary and Vanessa McCrary; great-granddaughter, Wrenlee Frost; and brother, Butch (Dana) Conrad of Tonganoxie.

Debbie is preceded in death by her sisters, Angela Ellis and Pamela Conrad; and grandson, S.A McCrary.

Cremation has taken place. A memorial graveside service was held Tuesday, November 26, 2024 at Crown Hill Cemetery, Coldwater.

Memorials may be made to Pratt Area Humane Society in care of Larrison Mortuary, 300 Country Club Road, Pratt..

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Poppy Cress

Donald M. "Poppy" Cress, 82, died Monday, Nov. 18, 2024 at Wheatlands Healthcare Center, Kingman.



Don was born Feb. 3, 1942, at Holton, Kansas the son of Joe and Geneva Christ Cress. A long-time resident of Kingman County, Don farmed near Spivey and was also an aeronautical engineer for both Cessna and Boeing. Don traveled the world fixing airplanes, with stops in Ethiopia, Korea, England, Russia, Switzerland, China, Sweden and all over the U.S. Don was a ten year active duty veteran of the U.S. Navy.

On June 3, 1967, Don married Barbara Berthoff in Spivey, America; she survives. Other survivors include Missy Cress, Corey and his wife Ann, and Laura Cress; 10 grandchildren; and 5 great-grandchildren.

Don was preceded in death by his parents; and two brothers Vernon and Verlon Cress.

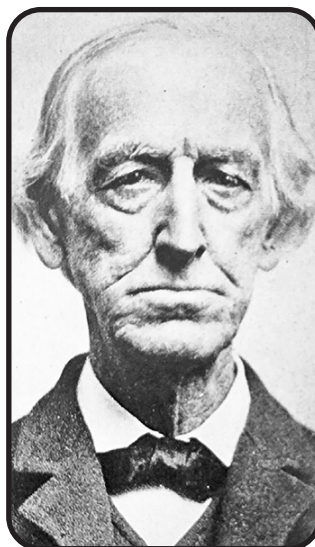
Poppy loved to travel, especially spending time at their summer home in Grand Lake, Colorado. He loved spending time with family, tinkering with old cars, trucks, and tractors, and especially loved his cows.

A private service will be held at a later date. Memorials may be made with the Kingman County Humane Society and Wheatlands Healthcare Center, both in care of Livingston Funeral Home, 1830 N. Main, Kingman, KS 67068.

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2nd Lt. Nathaniel Grigsby
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The Attica Cemetery

I first heard of the unusual tombstone in the Attica Cemetery more than a decade ago. At breakfast with a high school classmate he mentioned that he had heard of a grave marker that showed that politics were always important and controversial. The story he told was a statement placed on an early settler's tombstone in the Attica area. The statement was raging on a political party.

So when I was on a school related trip to Attica while I was teaching Special Education at Sharon, and seeing a sign pointing to the cemetery west of town I thought I would stop and see the grave. The tombstone was easy to find as the oldest ones are near the road.

The name on the tombstone is a family name still common in the Sharon/Attica area, Grigsby. The stone doesn't even show Mr. Grigsby's first name, but it shows a great deal

more. Mr. Grigsby died in 1890, and it shows he was 78 years at his death which I figure had him born in 1812. Mr. Grigsby was a member of the 10th Indiana Cavalry.

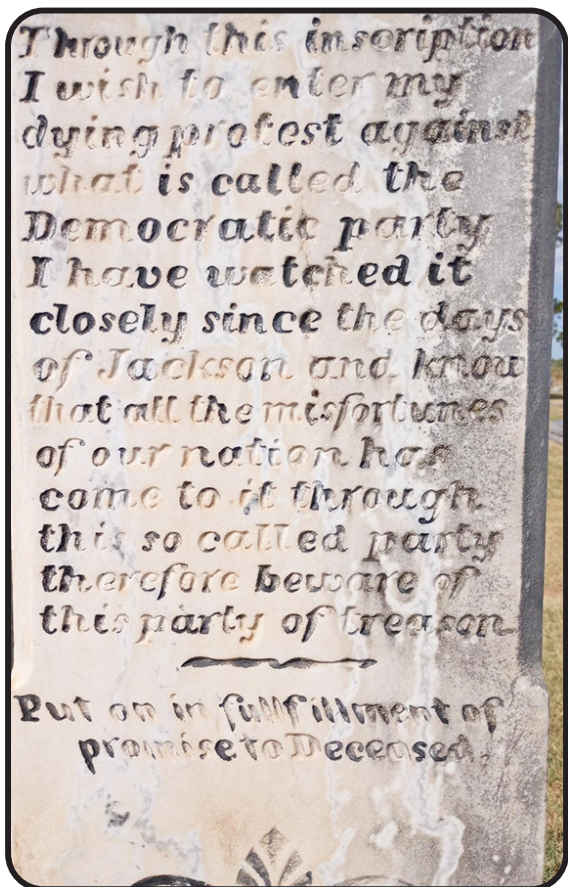
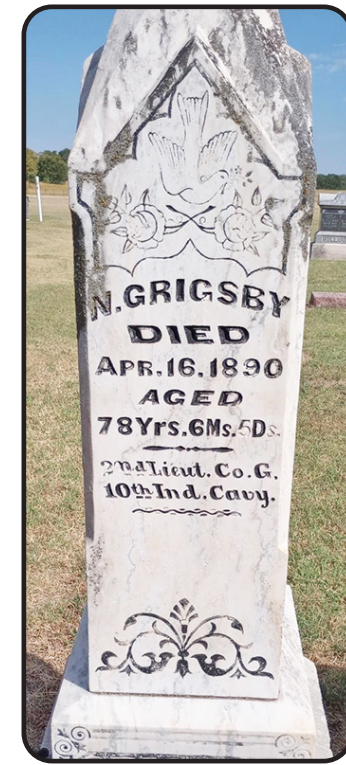
The cavalry officer was a 2nd Lieutenant in the 10th and read as such. "Through this inscription I wish to enter my dying protest against what is called the Democratic Party. I have watched it closely in the days of Jackson and know that all the misfortunes of our nation has come to it through this so-called party of treason."

read "Put on in fulfillment of a promise to the deceased." So this proves that politics were important to some 124 years ago also. The story I was told was that Mr. Grigsby was a soldier ordered to travel with the Cherokee tribe on what came to be known as the "Trail of Tears".

President Andrew Jackson was hell bent on removing what is now known as the 5 civilized Tribes from the southeastern part of the United States. The Cherokee had bought into the idea that the only way to keep their homeland was to

assimilate to the white way. They had invented their own vocabulary and their own written language. They had sent their children to white schools and colleges and had college educated lawyers among their tribes. When Jackson started the process to remove the Cherokee to Oklahoma (Indian Territory) they were ready. The Cherokee lawyers appealed to the Supreme Court of the US to stop the removal.

More about Lt. Grigsby next week.
-Alan Albers-



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